Fiber & Fiber Products Committee Minutes
8 Oct 2018 – Conference Call 7pm EDT

Attending:

B-J Ellis
Elizabeth Taylor
Stacie Chavez
Karen Ball
Margie Ault, AOA Staff Liaison
Bud Synhorst, AOA Executive Director
Charlene Schmid
Denise Coonley
Wini Labreque
Norm Johnson
Ruth Fuqua
B-J Ellis
Angela Nosal, AOA Event Coordinator
Clarissa Wisner

Absent: Stacie; Wini; Denise; Bud

Meeting Opening: Approve Minutes of Sept 2018 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the Sept 2018 minutes was made by Charlene and seconded by Ruth.

Old Business.

New Project: Why Alpaca?

Clarissa provided an update on the effort to create a why Alpaca poster. Stacy Heydt has been enlisted to help with the artwork. Topics for consideration: colors, micron size, handle, flammability, thermal conductivity, moisture retention, and wear ability; Comfort, soft/not itchy, ECO Friendly, Durability / longevity are additional topics for consideration. A draft should be available before our November meeting.

Fiber Testing

Norm has secured a tester for the anti-microbial test and is in the process of securing fiber. He will continue to search of a facility that can test the R-Factor rating of alpaca fiber. North Carolinas State Testing labs were recommended by Ruth.

Natural Fiber Extravaganza;

2019

- Rebecca Burgess is being secured as the keynote speaker; Details are being finalized and communication will be sent when this is finalized ;
- Post cards for save the date are being printed and will be mailed.
- The work for a call for instructors is being finalized and will be communicated when complete.

- If committee members have instructors in mind, please submit them to the office;
- A list of instructors from many fiber festivals is being created and will be used to solicit potential instructors.
- Margie will be at SAFF; Many committee members will be in attendance as well.
- Keep promoting this event

New Project

Natural Fiber Display;

- The committee agreed that we need to continue to build on the natural fiber display that was started in 2018;
- Elizabeth sent a video to everyone to show an example of one that had been put together; Bud is also checking to see if this display could be rented;
- Norm to create a list of Natural fiber sources and we will all volunteer to help gather the information for each fiber.
- Suggestions for each fiber: Raw / washed state; Top/roving state; Spun yarn samples; a knitted swatch (time consuming effort); This display will be built over time

During the discussion of the display, there were discussions related to having a display of different grades of alpaca fiber; possibly the good and the ugly(the grade one histogram to grade 4/5/6 blanket due to hair or VM); There was also the discussion of having a mapping of grade to product concepts.

Board Update:
Nothing to report from the Board.

Meeting Closure

Adjourned 7:50 pm EST.

Next meeting to be held by conference call **on 5 Nov 2018**. 7PM EST; 6pm CST; 5pm MST; 4pm PST;