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

Attending:
B-J Ellis
Stacy Chavez
Laurel Shouvlin
Margie Ault, AOA Staff Liaison
~~Bud Synhorst, AOA Executive Director~~
Norm Johnson
Wini Labreque
Ruth Fuqua
B-J Ellis
Angela Nosal, AOA Event Coordinator
~~Clarissa Wisner~~

Absent: Bud, Clarissa

Meeting Opening: Approve Minutes of May 2018 Meeting
Motion to approve the minutes of the APR 2018 minutes was made by Ruth and seconded by BJ; Minutes approved.

Old Business:

Student Design Competition
Ruth provided an update on the process;

78 Entries are prepared to be judged starting on 8 May 2018; Finalists will be invited to the Fiber Extravaganza;

Some sponsors have been acquired but there is the ongoing need for financial support.

2018 Natural Fiber Extravaganza
The AOA Website is being updated with the event schedule and other pertinent information.

The AOA Market Place details are set and registration is open.

Lydia Piper from Gurdy Run Woolen Mill will be our key note speaker.

A history of spinning exhibit will be on display. This has proven to be a significant attraction at the TN State Fair.

Advertising is being arranged with Interweave Magazines and their websites.

Save the date cards are available; It was recommend to send some of these cards to the registered vendors.

Laurel suggested that if we are attending fiber conferences, that we possibly create an email list of the vendors at the conference and send them information on the extravaganza in addition to handing out save the date cards.

Registration process will be opening by 15 May 2018;

New Committee Members

In our Feb Meeting, we had discussed a list of potential new committee members. Everyone on the list was asked to submit a disclosure statement. Norm will work with Angela and De to see if any disclosures have been submitted. – Post meeting; Disclosures were sent for committee review.

New Project: Why Alpaca?

> The goal of this effort is to link benefits of alpaca fiber, to actual studies that have been completed and to potentially identify new studies that need to be completed.

A list benefits related to Alpaca fiber was reviewed, discussed and modified.

We agreed to look defining tests and getting an estimate for the test to determine the R-Factor Rating of Alpaca fiber and to determine if Alpaca is antimicrobial.

Testing facility information can be found at https://alpacafibercouncil.org .

Board Update:
Laurel had no specific update.

Meeting Closure

Motion to adjourn was made by Wini, seconded by B-J, approved by all. adjourned 8:05 EST.

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