Fiber and Fiber Products Committee Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2022

Present:
Alyssa Winterfeld (AOA Staff Liaison)
Wini Labrecque (BOD Liaison)
Michele Armour (Committee Chair)
Dana Rhoades (Secretary)
Elizabeth Taylor
Elaine Gerber
Brenda Wyler
Linda Bergstrom
Jessie Monson
Susan Cosner
Marcus Skildum
Rowan Kelty

Not Present:
Ruth Fuqua (Student Design Consultant)
Robin Gifford (AOA)

1.0 Action: Call to order
  1.1 Michele Armour – introductions
    - *Called to order 5:01 PM MST*

2.0 Wini – intro to Rules

3.0 Intro from each new Committee member
  3.1 Jessie Monson
  3.2 Susan Cosner
  3.3 Marcus Skildum
  3.4 Rowan Kelty

    - *Roundtable introducing all members*

4.0 Action: Approve September Meeting Minutes
    - *Elaine motioned, Elizabeth seconded*
    - *September Meeting Minutes approved*
5.0 Discussion
  5.1 Cottage & Commercial (the 2 C's)

- *Focus for the future*

5.2 National Alpaca Sock
- *2024, 10th Anniversary launch*
- *Fiber pools from different regions with donations*
- *Developing a pool for the project could lead to more commercialization*
- *It could be socks, or other projects*
- *Farms to donate a percentage of fiber*
- *Collection site volunteers, big and small, nationwide*
- *Production logistics of fiber through commercial/artisan mills*
- *How to stimulate smaller farms to contribute*
- *The biggest challenges relate to consistency, quantity, grades, and lengths.*
    - *Fibers to be used for alternative products after first run such as dryer balls, insoles, etc.*
- *Short timeline*
    - *2-3 months washing*
    - *8-12 weeks spinning*
    - *6-8 weeks knit, package*
    - *Summer 2024 completion*
- *Advertisement for US Alpaca Fiber and AOA*
- *Lightweight vs. heavyweight sock*
- *Financing*

5.3 National Pool
- *Successful*

5.4 Alpactober
- *Going well.*
- *Participate as much as possible*
- *Considerations for next year*

5.5 Topics for NEFC & Workshops
- *Subcommittee dedicated to NEFC to support topics*
- *Brenda, Michele, Rowan and Elizabeth volunteered*
- *Task force to help support 2022 vision*
- *Education was well received*
- *Mark your calendars. Plan to attend 2023. Worth it.*

5.6 IFA Sale
- *Fleece Auction*
- *Innovative Fleece Assessment - After judging of fleeces, be available for sale at a set price per grade. Determine if*

it should be a component, and be available for sale. Logistics of making

6.0 Update: AOA Board Update, Wini

6.1 Establish Alpaca fiber as a commodity, Wini

- *Contact Wini for history and progress to-date*

7.0 Open Discussion: (Time Permitting)

- *Next Meeting, November 7, 2022. See meeting invite for details.*
- *Elaine motioned, Rowan seconded 6:06 pm MST*