Fiber & Fiber Products Committee (FiberCom)

Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2015

Meeting: Conference Call—June 1, 2015, 8:00 p.m. EDT

Members: Stacy Heydt, Chair
Launda Soper, Secretary
Stacie Chavez (absent)
B-J Ellis
Ruth Fuqua
Chris Reachard

Board Liaison: Dianna Jordan (absent)

Staff Representative: Andrea Harrington

1.0 Meeting Opening: Meeting began at 8:03 p.m. EDT.

1.1 Approval of Minutes: Ruth motioned to approve the May 4, 2015, minutes, B-J seconded, motion passed.

2.0 Old Business:

2.1 National Fleece Conference Update: June 26–28, 2015, Denver, Colorado

Stacy informed us that we've gotten 107 spin-off entries but that we're sadly lacking in fiber arts and skeins entries. Andrea asked if there would be someone available at the show to receive late entries that were being hand-carried instead of shipped and Stacy said she will be there on Thursday should any late entries come in.

We discussed sending out an e-blast focusing on fiber arts deadlines.

Wini will only be available at certain times to judge the fiber arts and skeins entries as she will be busy judging fleece entries. It was decided to have her judge the fiber arts sometime Saturday and have them put out for display. Andrea said there will be a space ready for them to be laid out.

Stacy asked Andrea what the outcome was pertaining to having the Judge's Choice in all categories be eligible for a free entry in our next fiber show and Andrea said she would get with Darby after the Board meeting tonight and see if that topic had been presented to the Board for their approval and she would let us know.

Andrea also let us know there would be space for two people to do demos on Sunday during the show and the ABR is willing to loan us their grid display for the show.

2.2 Student Design Competition (SDC):

Ruth told us that all eight of the finalists will be attending the show and that she has never had all of the finalists participate before. She still needs more funds to cover all of the expenses involved and would like to see PAOBA and Empire step up especially as their area is heavily represented in the competition.

Ruth will be working on a blog post to send to Darby pertaining to the SDC. Media releases will be going out to the local media for the SDC finalists.

The Keynote Speaker at the show will be Timo Weiland. Mr. Weiland will also spend a few minutes with each of the SDC students and judge their boards for Judge's Choice. The students will meet on Friday, attend the Meet and Greet, watch some of the fleece judging, visit a local alpaca farm, and perhaps tour a mill, time permitting.

2.3 Fiber to Fashion Brochure Update:

Andrea assures us that the Brochure is well under way and will be ready in plenty of time to be distributed at the show. She will also mail copies to those on the committee unable to attend. Stacy will be creating a document to be submitted as soon as possible ensuring the credit for the creation of the original brochure is given to the committee who wrote it.

3.0 New Business: During the upcoming July meeting we will put together a proposal to put before the Board to create a brochure for Fiber as a Business.

4.0 Meeting Wrap:

4.1 Next Meeting: Monday, July 6, 2015, 8:00 p.m. EDT.

4.2 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Chris and seconded by Launda. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. EDT.