March 2, 2020

Present	Not Present
B-J Ellis	Wini Labrecque
Alyssa Winterfeld (AOA Staff Liaison)	Elizabeth Taylor
Ruth Fuqua	Elaine Gerber
Karen Ball (Committee Chair & BOD Liaison)	Clarissa Wisner
Eleni Roberts	
Charlene Schmid	

1.0 Natural Fiber Display (Karen) - Alyssa reported that Natalie wants the committee to get the information for display. Wini has spoken with Natalie and has what we need to work on. The quality of the pictures and credits for wording on display need to be adjusted.

2.0 Approve Jan 2020 Minutes Ruth made a motion to approve minutes from February 3, 2020 meetin, seconded by Charlene. All in favor

3.0 NFE 2020 update (Alyssa) – National Show info is up and running. Workshop and seminars are sup and already have people signing up. Have to go to the workshop site because the website when updated crashed. Working on marketing at this time. Question about the speaker we discussed at last meeting Key Note speaker for Artisant Fiber Mill Network seminar. Alyssa reported that we do not have the funds to pay another speaker for this event.

4.0 Fiber Testing (Ruth/Karen) and 9.0 Board Update (Karen) – It has been approved that we go ahead with the testing without a sponsor. Robin is getting agreement with 2 labs then sending in samples for micron testing. The fiber testing is costing $5,000, 2500 each lab. Testing thermos conductivity _____ and felting. The other lab the micron testing.

10.0 Student design competition (Ruth) -15 schools are participating at this time and possibly two more.

10.1 How to get sponsorship up? Indiana gave $500 towards sponsorship. Still working on some other associations. Some discussion about New Jersey and weather they are still an active group. Dee tracks when the money comes in but will not know the total until later. The deadline for the number of student participants is March 15.

10.2 Blog on website (what are previous winners doing now?) Question about previous winners giving motivation to new participants. It was reported that it is difficult to find current information on previous winners and is not of enough value to research to find info.

10.3 How to get affiliates more involved (B-J) - A master list of affiliates is needed. This will be provided this month

11.0 Open Discussion – Marketplace was discussed and whether or not to allow fleeces for sale. After much discussion it was proposed to postpone the possibility for fiber sales in the 2020 show but will look at it again in the future. Seconded and all voted in favor.

Motion to close by Charlene at 4:32, seconded by Elizabeth all in favor

Next meeting: 6 April 2020