Fiber and Fiber Products Committee Minutes

Committee Members attended:

B J Ellis	Alyssa Winterfield (AOA Staff Liaison)
Ruth Fuqua	Karen Ball (Committee Chair & BOD Liaison
Wini Labrecque	Elizabeth Taylor
Eleni Roberts	Charlene Schmid
Clarissa Wisner	

Absent Elaine Gerber

Meeting:

Conference Call – 3 Feb 2020

7:00 PM Eastern, 6:00 Central, 5:00 Mountain, 4:00 Pacific

1.0 Approve Minutes from January 6, 2020 Accept minutes motions from Ruth, seconded by BJ
2.0 Announce new Secretary Eleni Roberts
3.0 National Fiber Display. Robin was not able to be on call to discuss display. We are missing some photos for posters. BJ gave information on each picture and credits previously. Need to find out which photos we still need. Winnie will talk to Natalie to see what she needs to finish display. Discussed the display that was at the Vermont Sheep & Fiber Festival. Discussion on trying to get the display for the extravaganza. The person who had the display in Vermont has since sold it. Everyone agreed that it would be good to have it at the fiber show and we need to find out the cost and steps needed to have it for the fiber show. If there is a cost attached AOA should contact them.
4.0 Why Alpaca Poster. Final approval from committee last meeting. Sent to AOA office. Need to speak to Natalie about doing an email blast
5.0 AFE 2020 Everything is moving along nicely. There are 41 workshops and 20 seminars scheduled. Workshop registration should open next week. Key Note speaker interview went well working on putting the notes together and added some other interviews before sending out.
6.0 Fiber Testing. Robin has a better understanding of what has been done. Will defer to next meeting.
7.0 Board Update. Mostly discussed fiber testing.
8.0 Student design Competition
9.0 Student design affiliate involvement. These two points discussed together. BJ working on contacting affliates for donations. She is working on a shorter message to leave on phones but she has it worked out. Tennessee has already donated, Karen will speak to CALPaca and Eleni will speak

to Impaca. Asking for a 5 student donation which would be $500. We need $12,000 for competition, classes and prize money for winners of competition. Winnie has fiber samples for students for this year. Need to speak to other mills for donations in the future but not necessary at this time.

10.0 Open discussion. Winnie brought up Key Note speaker for Artisan Fiber Mill Network seminar which is the week before the extravaganza. Should we try to get her to speak at our event? Need more discussion with her to see what the cost would be. Would be beneficial to have her speak if possible. Ruth brought up selling fleeces at the Market Place. We need to decide how to organize this if we want to proceed. It was suggested that we just sale awarded fleeces. More thought and discussion is needed on this subject so deferred to next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by BJ, seconded by Charlene
Next meeting will be March 2, 2020