Fiber and Fiber Products Minutes
February 7, 2022
7:00pm Eastern, 6:00pm Central, 5:00pm Mountain, 4:00pm Pacific

Present:
Charlene Schmid (Committee Chair)
Dana Rhoades (Secretary)
Alyssa Winterfeld (AOA Staff Liaison)
Elaine Gerber
Brenda Wyler
Linda Bergstrom
Wini Labrecque (BOD Liaison)
Robin Gifford (AOA)

Not Present:
Ruth Fuqua (Student Design Consultant)
Elizabeth Taylor

1.0 Action: Call to order
- *Meeting called to order at 4:05 PST*

2.0 Action: Approve January Meeting Minutes
- *Dana Motioned to Approve, Elaine seconded. All in favor.*

3.0 Update: National Educational & Fleece Conference (NEFC), Alyssa

3.1 Update from Fiber Festival Task Force
- *Auction with fleece present. Similar to Denver Stock Show.*
- *Volunteers needed.*

3.2 Update on affiliate matches for participating colleges
- *No updates. Charlene to follow-up with Ruth.*

4.0 Update: AOA Board Update, Wini
- *Nominating committee formed to support applicants for BOD.*

5.0 Discussion: Establish Alpaca fiber as a commodity, Wini

- *Elaine reached out to Congressional representative, no reply.*
- *Local USDA office near AOA, Robin/Alyssa to stop by.*
- *Charlene contacted USDA sponsored vet students, no luck.*
- *3 Affiliates working on fiber pool have contacted Wini for support (Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia)*
- *Continue outreach efforts for USDA contact*

6.0 Open Discussion:

- *Outreach from an individual on website article about properties of fiber. Wini explained thermal properties of alpaca fiber, recommended where to go to have additional testing conducted to be used in textiles.*
- *Robin requested committees to translate scientific nomenclature is translated correctly to be used in marketing promotions. Brenda and Dana to support.*

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

- *Elaine motioned, Brenda Second 4:51 PST*