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BOARD AGENDA

1 July 2020 7 pm MTN Time

Attendance

Approval of previous minutes

Treasurer's report

Registry update

Membership Update

OLD BUSINESS

Director Position –

Conformation Judges NWSS 2021 – where do we stand, training for them as discussed?

"USYAKS Certified Yak Meat" update

Website rebuild-need info

Request for photos and yak related information for the improved website library AND for NWSS social media

Database Estimate from Inikus LLC (expires July 30)

NEW BUSINESS

Kat Tylee: Proposal to submit fiber samples for professional evaluation. She proposes to begin the process of evaluating environmental and hereditary effects on quality and quantity of fiber production.

Una Taylor: The following email was received from Una Taylor on behalf of the fiber committee on the topic of NWSS 2021 fiber show.

Regarding the Fiber Show, the fiber committee and I have discussed some ideas that I hope would begin to address the need for the fiber show to become self-sustaining, delineated below:

1. Sponsors: I'd like to create the opportunity for businesses to become sponsors in ways that are not merely donating money (but money would be welcome!). Sponsors could be not only individuals, but they could also be yarn stores, craft

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stores, ranch/feed stores (Bomgaars, for ex.). Besides donating money, a sponsor might do any of the following:

- Donate prizes for top ribbon winners (a skein of yarn, fiber arts tools, etc.). A yarn store might appreciate the PR.
 - Pay for the ribbons for a particular class.
 - Pay for the pen for the fiber show.
 - Pay for a judge for one day.
 - Maybe someone would want to do something special for the masquerade!
 - Other ideas?
2. Entry fees: In light of making the fiber show a "centerpiece" at the stock show, the fiber committee is proposing a fee structure in which entries would be \$5 for people who bring yaks and \$15 for fiber arts entries from individuals who do not bring animals. It will be important to get the word out and encourage people to enter their fiber products.
 3. Sales: We (the fiber committee) discussed creating an exhibit in which fiber arts products could be displayed and sold, and a portion (maybe 5%) of the sales would go to support the fiber show.
 4. Pen fees: My understanding, in terms of how the stock show is funded, is that each show - fiber, halter, and pen - ideally, should support itself, which is through the collection of fees. If I'm not mistaken, I think the pen fees constitute the bulk of the income for the stock show. Does the entire pen fee go towards the pen show only? Or is it distributed among the three shows, since all yaks have to be in a pen?
 5. Other ideas?

Regarding sponsors - it would be nice if we could offer them some kind of recognition for their donation. I was thinking we could create a program with a schedule of what's going on during the USYAKS show, with events, times, and information. On that program, we could list the sponsors and what they contributed. It doesn't have to say an amount of money (although, I suppose it could), but might say that such and such shop donated some yarn or fiber art of some kind, or that so-and-so sponsored all the ribbons for yaks under a year old fiber-on-the-animal class. This program could be advertised in advance so people would know when everything is taking place.

If, indeed, this is to be a professional fiber show, I feel strongly that we need to enlist the help of experts - experts who not only know their fiber, but understand fully, and in detail, how to run a fiber show. I also feel strongly that we should cultivate fiber judges who judge *yak fiber*, especially so as to ensure that we have judges who feel willing and comfortable judging yak fiber! I would like to invite both Karen Kinyon and Kat Tylee to judge the fiber show again in 2021.

Kat Tylee, of Little Hawk Yarns, has just been invaluable to me in helping me put together everything I've done so far with planning the fiber show. She is amazing and, in fact, has a strong desire to "write the book" on yak fiber. I've asked her to present a



proposal she has put together to do a comprehensive study on yak fiber at the next USYAKS meeting.

Karen Kinyon also proved herself invaluable to us last year given her long experience either judging or participating in fiber shows. Since Kat and Karen seemed to work well together, they are now more experienced regarding yak fiber, and they have a wealth of experience in other fibers and doing fiber shows, I believe we should take advantage of their expertise to help us make this show into a real professional event.

OTHER BUSINESS

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