



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 14, 2024

### 2024 Board in Attendance:

President/Treasurer: Jeff Jorritsma  
Vice President: Justin McElroy (absent)  
Secretary: Nikki Addicott  
ML: Jean Russell  
ML: Holly Jacobs  
ML: Karen Clark  
ML: Jake Nystrom (absent)

### Welcome & Call to Order @ 7:32p

- July meeting minutes - approved by all

### Treasurers Report:

- Reviewed income, discussed upcoming expenses

### Old Business:

- Social Media & Website - Jenn Powell is currently promoting
  - o Membership drive
  - o Showtacular Save the Date
  - o Symposium Save the Date
- 2024 membership drive update - 51 out of 62 have renewed so far, Nikki to circulate outstanding renewals – everyone, please reach out to those still pending
- EAA promotional item - Holly is getting pricing on a few items and will circulate
- Annual Fiber sort & picnic - a few small outstanding bills to be paid from picnic. Collected ~680# yarn grade fiber

### New Business:

- 2024 BOD elections - Nikki to get Election Committee contact to publish dates for membership nominees of 3 open seats.

### Show Planning:

- 2024 Showtacular- November 15-17
  - o Jeff confirmed dates same location
  - o Confirm we're set for panels - Jeff/Justin
  - o Confirm Hotels - Scott confirmed
  - o Corporate sponsor drive?
  - o Judges - Fauke, Helen Testa and Robin
  - o Auction items needed
  - o Randy auctioneer - Jeff confirmed
  - o Auction Food – Holly will coordinate – plus 1-2 cases beer & wine - Holly beer, Jeff wine.
  - o Coffee vendor - Holly to look into options
  - o Volunteers - Nikki for set-up and break down
  - o Show registration opens September 15
- 2025 Empire Symposium - confirmed January 17-19
  - o Need EAA BOD coordinator - oversee committee organizations to meet agenda.



speakers committed, food, demonstrations hotel.

- Jean volunteered as EAA conference coordinator - to work with Carol Howard
- Need to confirm PAOBA coordinator - oversee some of overall organization
- Jeff will work with Scott on Fleece show coordination
  - Scott/Anne - coordinating fleece show (assume handling all judge and AOA items)
  - Volunteers (set-up fleece show/ take down?) - Jeff to ask scott whats needed?
- Hotel & Conference Space- Justin
  - Food - welcome, dinner, lunches?
- Set-up friday - judging and symposium saturday, wrap up and awards by early afternoon Sunday
- Demonstrations? Do we have the space?
- Speakers - below is a list of recommended speakers and/or topics:
  - Carol - will talk to Lynn & Jason
  - Helen Testa - fiber related topics?
  - Natalie Burger - carding and blending boards - set-up booths
  - Theresa – looms, weaving
  - natural disasters - plan of action, round table?
  - farm divesting - aging out and health issues, what resources are available? regional resources?
  - Pam Walker, Jenn Lutz, Arturo
  - Julia acupuncture

**Fiber Project:** Discussed inventory planning.

- Decision made to order 100 watchmen caps (50 green & 50 fawn) from NEAFP as new EAA product from fiber bank donated to them already. they should have ~600#. Caps will have leather EAA tag. Sold at cost for \$19 & \$20 to donating members.
- Reviewed remainder of inventory –
- Nikki indicated we will need to supplement insole sizes from fiber bank (~160 #'s) with Stramba Mill for fall orders, order to be submitted for review/approval
- Nikki indicated placing an order for 200 dryer balls from AMAF to take delivery before November.
- Nikki indicated additional explorer/survivor socks are needed, will submit order for review/approval
- Nikki indicated yarn inventory low, especially color and 100% alpaca – will need to replenish inventory before November show.

Next Meeting Date: tentative September 5, 2024 @ 7p