

The meeting was held at Luekens in Bemidji on 4/21/17
Julie moved to approve minutes, seconded by AK. All in favor.

Treasurers report: SFA has to approve but not heard yet (4/17 was meeting)
\$50 in current account but not set up yet, received receipt.
Minimum of 250 checks/year with Deerwood bank . Discussed how many we write and might match. 125 carbon checks for \$50 with Deluxe.
What to set up as an address? Can't set up a PO Box because of some legal mailings that come back. AK is going to google for cheap checks.
Same report as last time except for \$50 more. We will use AK's address as contact for the checks.

Karen gave the prospective insurance report from Sheep and Lamb Breeder's report. No insurance from them. We will just go with Lindfors Insurance with a Bagley and Fosston office (based on 4 or slightly more events with 300 attendees or less because we need insurance to secure the school in Fosston for the Fiber Festival. Julie moved we go with Lindfors for insurance. AK seconded and all were in favor.

First payment is \$346 plus \$450 and AK is going to pay it and get reimbursed.

Ak reminded us to bring fiber displays for the 4H event because the kids enjoy this.

We discussed how the 4-H is going to work. Simultaneously with the experiences? It was decided to have all going at once as follows:

10-12:30 felting, crochet, weaving, carding, and lamb lead

12:30 to 1:00 lunch

then to Refshaws to tour the farm. No formal rides are set up.

Region II Art Council Grants were investigated by Karen Stormo. She said we have missed this year's deadlines. Midwest Fiber Arts got the Quick Grant last year AK thinks. We will have to have a plan ahead of time for the next applications deadlines and turn it all in on time. Kathy Belt and Karen will look into it for next year and put together a proposal for the board.

Fosston Fiber Festival update: Being held October 7-8. 4 vendors and two workshops proposed so far. Deadline for classes is the end of June. AK will make a decision based on space availability. Four demos listed so far.

Facebook discussion help needed; Zena running behind so we need a person who can administrate and post pictures and info. We need someone to help

her. Discussed various class possibilities. Maybe Mary from the Old Creamery Woolen Mill will do a class on socks. Fancy crocheting, needle felting also. Still divider problem. We could use some. Classes are Saturday and Sunday morning. We will have some demos at the SSFC booth.

Check website for details.like 1, 2, and 3 hour classes. Julie will bring a pickup and trailer to get the tables and chairs from the civic center. Set up is Friday evening. Ute Zeis bringing spinning wheels for demos. Maybe we can also flow it into premaking of batts or rolags where people can then go and spin. Should have a set window of time for this. Lunches? We are hoping that 4-H will set up a feed again.

By Laws finalized. Skip over for now.

We briefly reviewed absentee policy (from board meetings). Bylaws were read by Julie. No more than two absences a calendar year (hardships should be addressed ahead of time) to remain on the board.

SSFC of northern MN Conflict of Interest was handed out by Julie. This is similar to SFA's policy. AK moved that we accept the draft Julie put together as a separate document (and not part of the by-laws). Trudy Seconded. DE made a motion to accept the by laws Draft as it stands. AK seconded. All in favor.

Julie is putting together a spread sheet of everything she has done for 501C. Needs to find cloud storage or something similar. She is leaving the option of leaving for Canada.

Will skip May meeting and meet after the June event in Park Rapids. Julie will email option dates for others to go

Discussed June Beginning Shepherding and order of events. Start with Margo, Julie/Trudy, Alethea. Q&A's will be worked in all along the way. No registrations will be necessary.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Delich, SSFC membership secretary

Post Script 8/15/17 AK paid \$821 for insurance for the FFF planned 10/17 divided \$450 (director's and officer's part) and \$371 balance.