

Suri Network Board of Trustees and Advisory Committee
Board Meeting ~ August 16, 2009
Estes Park, Colorado ~ Post-Symposium Meeting

Attendees: Mike Murphy – president
Kathleen Cullen – vice president
Eric Mortimer – secretary
Linda Kondris – member-at-large
Jim Barker – advisory committee
Kelly Jarvis – advisory committee
Dick Walker – advisory committee
Ken Hobert – SN office

Meeting called to order at 9:00 by Mike Murphy

No secretary's or treasurer's reports presented since they were presented at the August 12th meeting.

(Meeting notes are presented in committee order although discussion that day was more informal)

Marketing:

Discussed National Alpaca Farm Day Rebate program
Idea offered to give members option of cash rebate or equivalent value (\$25) of marketing material; make offer retroactive to members who have already accepted cash rebate – Kathleen made motion to modify program as described, seconded by Eric, motion passed unanimously

Discussed modifications / additions to marketing folder
Add fiber farm model – data to come from Jack Donaldson, Gary Truitt, Dan Stoerman; possibly work with Brett Kaysen – CSU on model development; Jim and Dick to discuss further at Private Collection Auction
Add section on how to market fiber
Modify seed stock model with disclaimer about price fluctuations

Breed Standard / Classification / EPD:

Want to encourage members to participate in EPD program
Discussion on cost of program; cost per animal to upload fiber data to ARI may be hurdle to many members; possibly approach labs about lowering cost for upload
Suggestion made to prepare a case study for members to see value of program
Suggestion made to highlight on website members who have submitted data to program

Discussion on working with Mark Enns – CSU to develop a classification database to interface with EPD database at Cornell so that additional traits from herd classifications could be added to EPD database later; focus on five traits initially; cost \$1000 to develop initial proposal with total cost of \$5000 – Kathleen made motion to budget \$1000 for initial proposal development and \$5000 total for project, seconded by Linda, motion passed unanimously

Breed Standard / Classification / EPD - continued:

Discussed classification – certified vs. breeder classification, costs of program
Discussed breeder-entered EPD data – how to encourage members to participate, standardization of shearing weights
Discussed issue of mixed parentage – suri/huacaya crosses – and how to flag these animal in registry; Mike will draft letter to ARI
Discussed issue of unregistered animals – need information from them to support fiber EPDs; work out some mechanism with ARI

Education / Conference:

Discussed alternative times and places for future symposiums

Tentative Program for 2010

Fleece Show Judges – Amanda Vandenbosch, Jude Anderson

Spin-Off Judge – Donna Rudd

Two apprentice judges

Thursday Workshops

- Parasitology – Pam Walker
- Neonatal, half day lecture
- Marketing, half day
- Felting – Donna Rudd

Presentations – Friday/Saturday

- Classification
- Nutrition – Ehrbeck?
- Current vet topics – Callan?
- Research results

Next Meeting:

Discussed but still open; follow up by e-mail

Motion to adjourn – Kathleen, seconded by Mike, passed