

**Suri Network  
Board of Trustee Teleconference Meeting  
January 10, 2007**

Present: Jim Barker, Toni Cotton, Miriam Donaldson, Mike Murphy and Dick Walker

Others Present: Ken Hobert

- A. Minutes:** Mike Murphy moved to approve the November 25 – 28, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting minutes. Toni Cotton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Toni Cotton & Ken Hobert reviewed the current financials. Jim Barker moved to approve the report. Miriam Donaldson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- C. Marketing:** Mike Murphy discussed the timing of the Herdsire issue. A June 1, 2007 release date could be targeted if all ads are in by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dick Walker moved to send out the solicitation material for the Herdsire issue. Toni Cotton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regarding sale of back and current issues of PurelySuri, the Board agreed that all back issues will be \$1.00 each and the current issue will be \$2.50 plus S&H.

Suri Network marketing folders were discussed. Mike requested that a member(s) is needed to work on the project. Hoberts can format and handle the printing.

The new Website progress was reviewed. It was agreed to use the following tag line on the home page of the website: "Rarest of Breeds – Ultimate Natural Fiber"

The marketing video was discussed and all agreed that it needs to be ready for the 2007 symposium.

- D. Breed Standards:** Dick Walker reported that preparation for a vote on a Suri Network Breed Standard for Suris is nearly ready and should be mailed by the end of the month. Non-Suri Network members will be surveyed as well.
- E. Membership:** Jim Barker reported that the stall banner program is working. He made an order and received them shortly thereafter. A reminder will be mass emailed to the members for the upcoming show season.
- F. Research:** Toni Cotton reported the progress of the fiber study. The luster meter study is progressing.

**G. Symposium:** Toni Cotton reported on the schedule and events for the Symposium, Clinics and Fleece Show. The Board agreed to a Neo-Natal Clinic with Toni Cotton, a Suri Training clinic with Marty McGee-Bennett, and a Fleece Preparation Clinic with Mary Lou Clingan.

Jim Barker requested ideas for a member to head up the Herdsire Auction Committee.

**H. Show:** Miriam Donaldson reported on the changes to AOBA show rules. The AOBA change to allow Judges to show was rescinded and the change to allow a show to be judged under a 60/40 rule vs. 50/50 rule was not changed.

The Board discussed the all Suri JTCC Clinic proposal. The Board agreed that they would offer AOBA that they will cover 50% of the losses up to a maximum of \$5,000 (with AOBA covering the other 50%) of an all Suri JTCC training clinic provided that a Judge receive accreditation for attending the clinic.

**I. Nomination Committee:** Miriam requested that suggestions for 4 Suri Network members to serve on the committee be sent to her. Miriam will Chair the Committee.

**J. Affiliate Congress:** Miriam reported that there will be an AOBA Affiliate Congress meeting in Nashville in January. Dick Walker moved to approve travel expenses for Miriam Donaldson from Ft. Lauderdale to attend the meeting. Jim Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**K. Fiber Committee:** Mary Lou Clingan is nearly ready to send out a fiber survey to all Suri Network members. A mass email will be sent to members alerting them that it will be coming. The Board discussed the possibility of a Spin Off competition for the Summer Symposium.

Post Board meeting actions via email:

1. The Final Draft of the Suri Breed Standard was approved for mailing.
2. Ruth Elvestad was approved as a Fleece Judge for the Fleece Show.
3. Ray Rodriguez was approved to Chair the Herdsire Auction Committee.
4. Request to explore having Kaye Collins judge an AOBA Certified Spin Off competition was approved.
5. A list of possible Nominating Committee members was approved for Miriam Donaldson to contact.
6. Final Draft of the Fiber Committee's Survey was approved for mailing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Barker, Secretary