

**Suri Network
Board of Trustee Teleconference Meeting
March 12, 2008**

Present: Jim Barker, Toni Cotton, Miriam Donaldson, Kelly Jarvis, and Dick Walker
Others Present: Ken Hobert

- A. Minutes:** Toni Cotton moved to approve the Board of Trustees meeting minutes of February 13, 2008. Kelly Jarvis seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Toni Cotton reported on the current financials. Jim Barker moved to approve the report. Miriam Donaldson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- C. Marketing:** Jim Barker reported that the PurelySuri Herdsire edition is close to being on schedule. The board discussed membership and agreed that some internal marketing was needed to make the membership aware of SN's activities and benefits.
- D. Breed Standards:** Dick Walker reported that soon a letter will be going to the Breed Standard Council updating plans and moving ahead to develop a list of indices that are needed.
- E. Membership:** Kelly Jarvis reported that the SNYP program is going up on the SN Website and an article has been submitted for PurelySuri.
- F. Research:** Toni Cotton updated the Board. Dr. Christopher Lupton has agreed to do an analysis of all the data to date as part of an upcoming future research project. Dr. Lupton and Angus McColl will be sending in a proposal to ARF in early April for further Suri fiber research. The Suri Network will pledge the majority of the remaining research funds to co-fund the proposal with ARF.
- G. Education/Symposium:** Toni Cotton updated the Board on schedule revisions to include a presentation by Mary Lou Clingan on her Peru fiber classification experience. Angelo Ponce was recognized for all the help he provided Mary Lou with her trip to Peru. The Board agreed to the proposed registration rates for the 2008 Summer Symposium.

The Board reviewed ideas for fund raising items at the symposium.
- H. Show:** Updated the Board on possible recommended candidates to serve on AOBA's Suri portion of the Show Rules Committee with timeframes to have candidates submit their qualifications to AOBA.

Jim reminded the Board that there will be an AOBA all Suri Judges Clinic in Findlay, Ohio on June 4-6, 2008.

I. Product Development: Miriam Donaldson updated the Board on the committee's activities of getting booth space in fiber shows to help people learn about suri fiber.

J. Affiliate Congress: Miriam notified the Board that there will be a face to face meeting in Nashville between the Affiliate Congress and the AOBA Board.

K. Governance: The idea of an Advisory Committee was briefly discussed and then tabled for the face to face board meeting in May.

Other Business: The Board agreed to do a blast email of the ARF fund raising item of a suri breeding to be raffled off at the AOBA National Show. The Board discussed ideas about a suri male fiber farm.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Barker, Secretary