

**Suri Network  
Board of Trustee Meeting  
April 14, 2009**

Present: Jim Barker, Kathleen Cullen, Kelly Jarvis, Eric Mortimer & Mike Murphy  
Others Present: Marsha & Ken Hobert

- A. Minutes:** Mike Murphy moved to approve the Board of Trustee meeting minutes of March 10, 2009 as corrected. Jim Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** The current financial reports were reviewed. Eric Mortimer moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mike Murphy seconded motion. Motion passed.
- C. Marketing:** Mike Murphy reported that the Herdsire issue of PurelySuri will be mailed next week. The marketing idea project is nearly complete and will be included in the next SNN.

The Board discussed at length the contents of the Suri Network News.

- D. Breed Standards:** Kathleen Cullen reported that ARI is still working on their project but nothing to report at this time. It was noted that there has been some concern that the US EPD methods match up with Australia for better comparative data but that there are different testing methods used with fiber.
- E. Membership:** Jim Barker noted that membership is down about 9%, mostly due to the economy. Several new members have been added recently and we need to keep the exposure going.
- E. Research:** Toni Cotton joined the meeting at this time. Toni provided the Board with a complete overview of the fiber research project going back to 2006 including a financial report to date. Toni reported on the need to continue the luster study with at least an additional 100 colored fiber samples. This phase of the study is co-funded between ARF and SN. ARF has paid for the first portion. SN's share plus ARF's committed balance, plus fees paid will nearly cover the next requested 100 samples with SN potentially picking up to an additional \$5,000 in cost not originally budgeted.

After discussion, Jim Barker moved to continue the study, while noted the potential additional cost to SN. Kelly Jarvis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board agreed to announce the continuation of the study through the Suri Network News and blast emails, and agreed to have a complete review of the research projects to date included in the Suri Network News.

- F. AYA:** Kelly Jarvis updated the Board on AOBA's youth association. Although there is nothing on-line yet, the committee is working on priorities. Education is number one. AYA is producing a DVD for which it has funding.
- G. Summer Symposium:** Kathleen updated the Board on scheduling and planning. The Board made a few adjustments to the symposium schedule. Ray Rodriguez is working on the Herdsires for the live auction.
- H. Show:** There will be no all Suri Judges Clinic this year. This clinic is now planned for every other year.
- I. SNPDC:** Eric Morti reported that the fiber seminars will probably run slightly over budget based upon 15 attendees. The committee will try to expand this to 18 attendees. The committee is working hard the formal program so that all presentations are the same.

Liz Vahlkamp attended the fiber symposium in Belmont North Carolina. She has raised questions for possible future studies – 1. What lock styles, if any, do fiber mills prefer? If there is a preference should the breed standard and show ring reflect this preference? 2. Is there a relationship between lock styles and density?

- J. Nominations.** Mike Murphy reported that the Nominating Committee has chosen their candidates as follows: Jack Hanna, Linda Kondris, Joyce White and Gretchen Nygaard. Ballots should be mailed the week of May 4, 2009.

Other business: Jim Barker encouraged the Board Members to review the Strategic Plan and begin considering working on these plans.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 6:00pm eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Morti, Secretary