

**Network
Board of Trustees Meetings
April 26, 2006**

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

Others Present: Ken Hobert

- A. Minutes:** After discussion, Mike Murphy moved to approve the March, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting minutes as amended. Jim Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Toni Cotton reviewed the current financial reports. Jim Barker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Toni Cotton seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- C. Marketing:** Mike Murphy reported that the committee is working on an all Suri calendar concept for 2007 and will have ideas for the Board to consider soon.

The Board discussed the timing of the PurelySuri Summer edition and agreed that it should be rescheduled with a print date around October 1st. Dick Walker will write an announcement of this change, which will be mailed to membership. The Board also agreed that the magazine should be split from marketing and to work towards that goal.

- D. Breed Standards:** Dick Walker reported that he is still developing a membership survey on a Suri breed standard and is targeting the first part of June, 2006 to conduct the survey.
- E. Membership Benefits:** The board discussed an idea of Suri Network registration certificate holders/stall hangers that could be used at shows, and agreed to further investigate the idea.
- F. Research:** Toni Cotton updated the Board on the fiber research study. After discussion on who SN should contract with to read the biopsies, Mike Murphy moved to contract with Dr. Evans. Miriam Donaldson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- G. Summer Symposium:** The schedule for the SN Annual Meeting and Summer Symposium were reviewed.
- H. Nominating Committee:** Miriam Donaldson reported that 2 candidates for each Board vacancy have been found. The Nominating Committee (Board of Trustees) unanimously approved the nomination of all six candidates as follows: Ann Hayes, CA; Bill Vonderhaar, OH; Patti Anderson, MD; Miriam Donaldson, OH;

Toni Cotton, CO; and Dick Walker, WA. An announcement of the candidates will be mailed to the membership.

- I. **New Business:** Dick Walker reported that Bill Coleman of the ARI Board has inquired of the Suri Network whether SN would be interested in assisting in fixing past screening errors involving alpacas not registered as Suris. The Board agreed that SN could assist on a case by case basis.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Barker, Secretary