

Suri Network
Face to Face Board of Trustees Meetings
November 25th-November 28th, 2006

November 25th: Present: Miriam Donaldson, Dick Walker, Jim Barker (quorum present)
Absent: Toni Cotton & Mike Murphy

President Dick Walker called the meeting to order.

- A. Minutes: Miriam moved to approve the October 11, 2006 Board of trustees meeting minutes. Jim seconded. Motion passed.
- B. OABA donation: Jim moved to donate \$500.00 to The Ohio Alpaca Breeders Association in the name of Dave Gronauer. Miriam seconded. Motion passed. OABA did not bill Suri Network for our ad, which ran in the show book. \$500.00 was the cost of the ad space.
- C. Herd sire Auction: A discussion was held concerning a request for a Suri Herd sire Auction at the Buckeye Show in May of 2007. It was decided to pass on this idea and instead put the effort into our own Herd sire Auction at the Suri Symposium in August, 2007. Jim will form a committee and act as liaison to the Board. Dick proposed a motion for the above and Miriam seconded. Motion passed.
- D. Membership benefits: Jim reported that the Banner project and All Suri Rug project were almost ready to be placed on the website.
- E. Show Committee: Miriam informed the Board that AOBA will not pay for the JTCC All Suri Judges Clinic. Last year's budget will be requested from Bill Coleman as well as a guarantee that those attending will receive judging credit from AOBA. Then a final determination will be made as to what funds the Suri Network will commit towards the clinic.
- F. Affiliate Congress: Miriam reported that while many items have been presented to the AOBA Board from the Affiliate Congress, little feedback has come back from the AOBA Board.
- G. Fiber Committee: Gini Barker gave a brief report on the first Fiber Committee teleconference. The Board decided that more direction needs to be given to this committee, that a mission statement is needed, and that at least one Board member needs to be involved. Both Dick and Miriam agreed to be on the next call.
- H. Breed Standard: Dick reported that less than 60 breeders were present in Reno for the conference. The Suri Network Breed Standard (working version) was used by AOBA in an attempt to get the Huacaya Breeders up to speed. No vote was taken. A discussion was held

concerning what percentage of Suri network members need to vote for passage of the Breed standard.

November 26th: Present: Miriam Donaldson, Toni Cotton, Dick Walker, and Jim Barker
Absent: Mike Murphy

- A. Breed Standard: Jim proposed that for a valid vote regarding the adoption of a Suri Alpaca Breed Standard, such vote will require a vote by a minimum of 30% of all eligible Suri Network Members and a simple majority of that 30% voting is required for passage. Toni seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Dick to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Toni. Motion passed.
- C. Suri Network Research Project: Miriam reported to the board on the SN Research Project that took place in Columbus, Ohio on November 11th, 2006. Fleeces were sorted by lock style and then given a luster ranking. AOBA judges Amanda Vandenbosch and Tim Lavan evaluated the fleeces and will once again evaluate these same fleece samples once they have been washed. This will take place in Bend Oregon on December 10th. Mary Lou Clingan and Bill Vonderhaar ran the project. According to Mary Lou, "we blew them (the judges) away. It was awesome."
- D. Suri Symposium: Toni discussed speakers that are already lined up for next year and asked for recommendations for additional speakers.
- E. Research: Toni reported that she is still working on getting Dr. Thompson lined up as a coordinator for this project.
- F. Marketing: Considerable discussion was given to Ken Hobert's marketing ideas that were presented to the Board prior to this meeting. Suri Network Marketing Seminars, Suri farm days held at various locations throughout the country, and website updates were all discussed. It was decided that a sub committee of marketing needs to be formed. Branding for the Suri Network was discussed where ideas such as "Suri Alpaca-Ultimate Natural Fiber" were presented.

November 27th, 2006: Present: Miriam Donaldson, Toni Cotton, Dick Walker, and Jim Barker
Absent: Mike Murphy

Breed Standards: work commenced on reviewing the working version of the Suri Breed standard. Positive and Negative traits were listed in order of importance to our members. 3 ½ hours were spent on reviewing the Breed Standard.

November 28th, 2006: Present: Miriam Donaldson, Toni Cotton, Dick Walker,
and Jim Barker

Absent: Mike Murphy

Breed Standards: 2 ½ hours were spent in the morning and another 2 hours were spent in the afternoon reviewing the Suri Breed Standard, preparing for its presentation to our membership for a vote. It was decided to add a glossary to the back of the presentation to help members understand the terminology.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Barker, Secretary.