

**Suri Network
Board of Trustees Meetings
March 8, 15, 18 & 30, 2006**

Present: Jim Barker, Toni Cotton, Miriam Donaldson, and Mike Murphy
Absent: Dick Walker
Others Present: Ken Hobert

- A. Minutes:** Jim Barker moved approve the February 15, 2006 meeting minutes. Mike Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Toni Cotton reviewed the current financial statements. Mike Murphy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim Barker seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- C. Show:** Miriam Donaldson reported that AOBA's JTCC declined to use the Donaldson's facility for a Suri training facility, but accepted the Findlay, Ohio fairgrounds as the site. The JTCC has asked Suri Network for financial assistance to help pay for the facility. After review of the expenses, Jim Barker moved to allocate up to \$1,500.00 to pay for the Findlay, Ohio fairgrounds facility expenses for the JTCC Suri training session. Toni Cotton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board discussed upcoming Futurity Show (an AOBA certified show) with regard to the change in Judges for Suris and Huacayas and the potential impact on the opportunity for Suri breeders to show under that Judge as it stated in the AOBA show rules. The Board agreed that a letter should be sent to the AOBA Show Rules Committee, The AOBA President, and Tim Vincent of Celebrity Sales addressing the concerns. The Board approved the letter by email and it was sent March 14, 2006.

- D. Marketing:** Mike Murphy reported that the PurelySuri Herdsire edition will be printed soon after fixing some color problems. Also the committee is looking into a 2006 calendar.

After review, Jim Barker moved to approve the 2006 Summer PurelySuri advertising rates including a lottery for the back cover. Mike Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- E. Breed Standard:** Although not in attendance, Dick Walker passed on a message that the Denver, Colorado Type Conference hosted by the Alpaca Breeders of the Rockies had a very low attendance because of two other events happening on that weekend.
- F. Research:** Toni Cotton reported on the status of the fiber/skin biopsy research project and that they now had 80 Suris lined up.

G. Education & Symposium: The Board reviewed the tentative schedule for the Summer Symposium and Annual Meeting and approved the fleece show entry fee.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting continued on March 15, 2006 with all in attendance.

A. Breed Standard: Dick Walker reviewed the Denver, Colorado Meeting and noted there will be a Type Conference meeting in Washington in June and California in July.

B. Symposium & Fleece Show: The Board discussed Sponsorships and agreed upon a \$300 sponsorship fee which will include recognition in PurelySuri, Suri Network News, Conference Notebook, name tag ribbon, and Website.

Fleece show participants will receive recognition in the next PurelySuri Herdsire issue to include 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in addition to Color Champion and Reserve Color Champion; name tag recognition, A listing of all farms participating, a farm shall receive a coupon worth \$100 towards their next PurelySuri advertisement for each 5 fleeces entered in the show.

Toni Cotton reviewed the tentative schedule for the Symposium and Annual Meeting.

The Board agreed on a Silent Auction for breedings. The Marketing Committee will recommend the rules and procedures for Board approval.

C. Nominating: Potential candidates for the Board were discussed by the Nominating Committee and 6 candidates were approved thereby fulfilling that bylaw requirement.

Meeting adjourned.

Meeting March 18, 2006 with all in attendance.

The Board discussed the response they received from Connie Alexander, Show Administrator for AOBA, to the March 14, 2006 letter they sent to the Show Rules Committee. The Board agreed to send via email to the Suri Network membership the letter sent to the AOBA Show Rules Committee with a cover memo of explanation.

Meeting adjourned.

[Via email the Board approved sending the reply from Connie Alexander to the Suri Network membership. After receiving permission from Connie Alexander to send her

reply to the Suri Network membership, the reply was emailed to the membership March 27, 2006 with a cover letter of explanation.]
Meeting March 30, 2006 with all in attendance.

The Board briefly discussed whether any further action at this time concerning the AOBA Show Rules and the Futurity judging matter was warranted. At this time, no further action was determined.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Barker, Secretary