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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING BY TELECONFERENCE

Sunday, October 26, 2014, 8 pm EST

Stillmeadow Finnsheep

Chief Shepherd's Message

Dear Finnsheep Breeders Association Members;

Are you deep into transferring your sold lambs? Have you tried our new online registration? If you are an active Finnsheep Breeders Association member you can do just about anything you need online. The system is so easy, it even provides a predictive text; half typed in and a list of your sires or ewes drops down; you just click! This saves you from looking up the age of your ewe. I spend more time each year doing that simple research.

Have you heard that our registration company is moving their offices to Kansas? We have been assured there will be no major problems; they are expecting a smooth transition. Let's give them the support and the patience they are going to need.

So, how is everyone holding up to this sudden summer? If you are like us in the Midwest, we thought summer was going to pass us by. Mid-August and we still have pasture; almost unheard of! Now that the steamy heat has sauntered in I thought things would dry up, but it has brought plenty of thunderstorms, continuing to keep things green. Amen... the longer I don't need to supplement with hay the better.

O yes, I am going to bring up the "P" word. How's everyone holding up to parasites this year? Here around our farm it has been the healthiest year. I believe the solid weeks of well below freezing last winter helped a lot. Whenever I tired of the cold and the snow I would take a hike to the barn and tell my girls they would have the best summer ever!

Back to business: We have a few items to discuss at our annual meeting and would like all members to join in and have their say. One of my goals for my term during the next year is better communication between the members and the board. How can we communicate better? The yahoo group? Facebook? how about for those without a computer? Let's talk about it! This is a group, all with the same goal, the betterment of our beloved Finns. So, please mark the date in your calendar, make that phone call and join in.

Fran Smith

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Guest Editor's Note:

We are sorry that Callie Welch has had to step down from the Secretary position due to personal reasons. Thank you, Callie for all that you have done for the FBA as secretary and director.

Thank you to Mary Tucker, current Director who has graciously taken on the responsibilities of secretary in the interim.

Meanwhile, I am "pinch hitting" for our experienced Short Tales editor, Mary Tucker. It has been fun and challenging to learn how to use Microsoft Publisher and realize all that goes in to putting out the newsletter. Please forgive any mistakes you might find, and...well....short comings in this issue of Short Tales!!

Mary O'Malley

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Agenda for the Finnsheep Breeders Association 2014 Annual Business Meeting

Opening and Welcome

Roll call of Members

Secretary Report

Treasury Report

Nominations and Vote for Board of Directors

Old Business: On-line Data base, updated website: impressions, comments, questions

Venue suggestions for 2015 Annual Business Meeting

New Business : Website changes: Interactive Forms with On-line Payment

Improving communication among members: yahoo group, Facebook, other ideas

Open Floor: Any ideas, thoughts, or concerns you would like to bring up for discussion

FBA' s Annual Business Meeting—2014

This year's Annual Business Meeting will be a teleconference to be held Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 8 pm EST, (7 pm CT,6 pm MT,5 PM PT)

The call-in procedure for phone or cell phone will be as follows:

Dial: 1-800-582-3014

After the prompt enter the Participant Pass Code: 031097008#

Be sure to add the # sign or you will not be added. You will hear a tone as you are added to the teleconference.

Please be considerate of listeners and try to keep background noise minimal.

Member Notice: Absentee Ballot

Any FBA member in good standing (current and up to date on Annual Activity Fees), knowing that they will be unavailable to attend the Finnsheep Breeder's Association annual business meeting in person or via teleconference ability may request an absentee ballot.

This request must be in writing to the FBA Secretary via email: FBAsecretary@finnsheep.org or by postal mail: FBA Secretary PO Box 85, West Clarksville, NY 14786

As noted in the FBA Constitution, Article IV, Membership, Section 3, Absentee Voting :
<http://finnsheep.org/CONSTITUTION.pdf> :

*Section 3. Absentee Voting: Any member who wishes to vote at any regular or special meeting on any predetermined issue or for any individual running for an elective office may do so by requesting an absentee ballot in writing. This ballot, properly witnessed, signed, and returned to the board secretary in a **timely fashion** shall carry the full weight of a vote cast in person at the meeting.*

REMINDER:

Please check to see if your FBA Membership is current and up to date. IF you find that it has not been sent in please use the FBA Membership Form on page 9. IF your payment has not yet cleared, please contact the FBA Registry Office in Milo at 641.942.6402 to aid you. You may also register via the website: www.Finnsheep.org/membership-information-forms

Your FBA membership in good standing is crucial to accessing your FBA member privileges .

FBA Board of Director Nominations

Hi, my name is Terrie Godfrey of Eldorado Finn Sheep, and I am running for the position of director. Here is a bit of information about me.

I am located in Northern Ohio on a 38 acre farm. I own a pasture raised flock of Pure bred only Finn Sheep. I started in the Finn Sheep back in 2006. With a small started flock of 12. It was a very thought out decision to get into this particular breed. I was attracted to its many attributes, and being a stay at home farmer, I was up for its challenges. 8 years, 50 adults in my flock and 400 plus lambs later I have learned "Challenges" was an understatement. But, as they say we learn from our mistakes and work to be a better shepherd.

That being said, I feel my vast experience, both good and bad would be an asset to this organization. Not only do I raise Finn Sheep. I am also an AKC breeder of Merit. I have been breeding and showing top AKC champions since 1994. My knowledge of animals has been a lifelong ambition. I have spent countless hours studying, researching, talking, pestering people, reading, reading, and more reading. I look at my animals carefully. I look at the world through their eyes. This seems to give me a better understanding. I feel you need to know the animal to help it.

I am also a very organized and take charge type of person. This Organization is designed to not only help the breed but also the breeder (shepherd). Being a director, I would be available to help lead in the right direction. Give suggestions. Help others. In order for this Breed to withstand the test of time. We need a solid foundation in its working core. That's us!!

Please consider me for the director position. I can be that building block, for a prosperous future of the breed.

Thank You

Terrie Godfrey
Eldorado Finns, Berlin Heights, Ohio

To my fellow FBA Members

My name is Deborah Kirsch. I am presently serving as a member of the FBA Board of Directors . I would like to serve you and our breed for a second term .

I have had various breeds of sheep since the mid. 1970's . My first Finnsheep were acquired in 1989 or 1990 and become the gold standard by which I built my commercial flock. A divorce resulted in the dispersal of my flock in 1993. In 1995 I was offered a flock of bred Shetland ewes. I brought them home and once again felt complete . I realized I enjoyed raising fine woolled, colored sheep . Much easier on my heart to sell registered breeding animals and fiber pets than selling all my babies to a meat buyer. Somewhere between 2009 and 2010 I was asked to evaluate some fleece, including Finn fleece. It was then I realized how much I missed my wonderful Finnsheep . My Shetlands were placed with friends and I acquired. the beginnings of my current flock of Finns. I believe they offer every trait I value in sheep production .

It is for this reason I would like to continue as part of the Board of Directors. As breeders and owners of Finn-sheep, we know the strengths and weaknesses of our breed . The current economy has made it necessary for most of us that our flocks at least pay for themselves. Some dedicated shepherds still aspire to earn a living from their sheep. To these ends, as Finnsheep breeders we need to compete within the commercial market while not "selling out " the historical Finnsheep . The FBA has undertaken the goal of meeting these criteria . It has not always been an easy task. I believe I can offer an open minded approach to necessary advances as well as the wisdom to maintain the intrinsic value of our pure heritage Finnsheep .

Please allow me to continue to meet these needs as part if the BOD .

Sincerely,

Deb. Kirsch

The Meadows Gate Finnsheep, Andover, New York

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

June Aploks - Starshire Ranch, Ellensburg, WA
Kristen Lutz - BerryPatch, Athol, ID
Eunice Bench - Annandale, NJ
Carol Gray - Coarsegold, CA
Stormy Thomas - Locust Creek Farms, Browning, MO
Siri (Youth) Jeff & Deanna Swanson - Orwell, VT
Hanna & Amy Monsen - Dirty Boots Ranch, Chattaroy, WA
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YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST PROGRAM 2014

The goal of the Youth Conservationist Program is to provide young people an opportunity to experience the joys and responsibilities of owning a heritage breed sheep. First established in 1998 with the gift of a registered Karakul by Richard and Donna Larson, the program has grown to include many heritage breed sheep including our beloved Finnsheep. This year's winner, Siri Swanson, received her registered Finn yearling ewe from Mary and John O'Malley of Honeysuckle Farm at the 2014 MD Sheep and Wool Festival. Siri's enthusiasm for Finnsheep was evident in her application essay.

One of the requirements for a YCP recipient is that they exhibit their sheep at least twice during the year that they receive the sheep. Here Siri and Lily take honors at the 2014 North East Youth Sheep Show, where Lily was Reserve Grand Champion Ewe and Siri won a first for showmanship. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

If you are interested in learning more about the Youth Conservationist Program contact Elaine Ashcraft at 740-622-1573 or email her at tankewe_cr58@yahoo.com

You may also visit the blogspot at <http://youthconservationistprogram.blogspot.com/>



Siri shares some of her enthusiasm for sheep here with us:

I own and operate a small sheep farm in the green hills of Vermont. I started up my farm in the fall of 2012 with some cross-bred ewes and a ram. After one lambing season I started looking for a purebred, registered breed to incorporate into my flock. With some research I came across Finns. My initial intentions with my flock were for show - Finns of all breeds are not ideal for this. However, I found something in the breed that caught my attention and that was that. At this point in time, my flock has grown steadily and that in part is thanks to the Youth Conservationist Program.

The Youth Conservationist Program is a one-of-a-kind organization that is making strides in supporting the future generation of shepherds. Being a recipient, I know very well what kind of impact it can have on a flock. The program is open to youth interested in supporting a heritage breed of sheep. If you make it through the application process, you must attend the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival where you receive a yearling ewe of the breed you apply for. You then agree to breed that ewe to a registered ram that season and show her at various fairs and such. The YCP makes such a crucial connection for us young shepherds; I can't imagine being without the advantages it has provided me.

I chose Finns for several reasons. While I can appreciate the beauty in a tall Hampshire, a long Southdown, or a lustrous Border Leicester, I find something special in the Finnsheep. They don't stand naturally in the show ring however I am finding their place while still holding onto the desired, heritage qualities in these animals. Their fleeces are unique with less lanolin than others but still holding a soft, gorgeous crimp. I am finding a market in selling halves and whole carcasses at just a slight bit more mature meat, being that they aren't as large. And in this lambing season they proved themselves to me with ease of lambing and strong mothering instincts.

I am proud to say, while it is hard to compete in the larger show rings I recently made some impressive steps in this matter. The Northeast Youth Sheep Show is without a doubt the best youth show in this part of the country. A lot of nice animals come into that show ring and this year, as the Southdown flock which I manage part-time and show was unable to travel, I brought five of my Finns. Since there are no other Finns they are entered into an All Other Breeds class. In this class my yearling ram took home Champion Ram, my ram lamb Reserve Champion Ram, and one of my yearling ewes Reserve Champion Ewe. While the judge wasn't quite sure at first of their breed, she was impressed nonetheless. I am even more proud about my showmanship class. This again is broken up by breed and then a Supreme showman drive is worked. I can say with some pride I am a decent showman and won my breed class easily, showing my flashy yearling ewe. Entering the Supreme drive was something of itself. After a long time of being worked in all the angles by a very thorough judge, I was feeling good just to be in the ring. He went through all twenty or so showman and pulled out his top lineup. This included an impressive showing of a Katahdin, Oxford, Southdown, and Hampshire. All large meat animals with proven showman. I then locked eyes with the judge and watched as he motioned for me to step up into this line up. At that moment I was not proud of myself for showing with all my heart to get to this incredible placing. I was proud of my beautiful Lily and what the two of us could prove to everyone there standing tall in the top five string. I didn't care that the Supreme title went to the girl on the Southdown because just making it to that level was such a motion for me and my Finns.

I put a lot of time and work into my flock and my Finns are definitely paying off. Financially and more importantly emotionally they are a joy to raise and I am proud to be a breeder.

QUARTERLY QUESTIONS

In the last issue we invited you, the membership to share your experiences and ideas in a new sections entitled Quarterly Questions. We have so much to learn from each other.

This issue features the responses of Elizabeth Kinne Gossner who shares her experiences from Stillmeadow Farm:

How many breeding ewes? Rams?

At Stillmeadow, we currently have 16 breeding ewes and 5 rams. All are purebred Finns with bloodlines developed here since 1994 by using a core group of ewes and introducing outcross rams as needed. I became aware of this breed in 1977 when I acquired some Finn crosses. The temperament, fleece type, and meat quality combined to fulfill all needs for our family

Marketing

Having initially managed our flock for year round lamb production based upon the Cornell University STAR System (5 lambings among 3 separate sub-flocks per year), we quickly realized both the strengths and weaknesses present in our original sheep. That system was designed to provide fresh lamb meats during all seasons to enhance profitability for the national sheep industry. The learning experience during those early years motivated me to reconsider my flock goals.

My preference has been to keep a small flock of registered Finns selected for maternal strength, calm temperament and quality fleece. My best market is for breeding stock due to my high health standard and the color variety I have developed. Advertising has been successful through the FBA Breeder Directory, my farm website, and FaceBook participation. However, good reputations are not built from advertising. Most important is being a mentor to others. Many years ago when I began writing about personal challenges and solutions within my flock I found this honesty well received.

Having a background in hand weaving, spinning, design and photography enables an ability to appeal to fiber artisans. I enjoy participating in several fiber festivals annually where I offer fleece, carded batts, yarns, woven items and handmade pottery from my farm studio. A huge reward is noting the growth of our breed here in the northeast.

Feeding and Challenges

With ample grassy pastures for our central NY flock during the summer months, feeding needs are simplified. From November through April we provide free choice 2nd cut hay with minerals and fresh water daily. Six weeks prior to annual April lambing we begin graining the ewes, first with whole corn, then gradually adding in hand mixed soybean meal for a total of 2lbs mixed grain per ewe each day fed in AM and PM. The grain is continued for 6 weeks of lactation at which time there is enough grass for nutrition needed. Lambs do not receive grain and are weaned at approximately 60 days of age since most will leave with new owners by early July. My biggest challenge lately with this flock is to keep it at a personally manageable size. Those lambs are way too enticing!

No, I do not coat my flock.

THANK YOU ELIZABETH!!!!

What about you? Please consider sharing your experience. Send your responses to any or all of the "quarterly questions" listed above to Mary O'Malley at johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com and they will appear in the next newsletter.

Getting to know Our Webpage

by Mary O'Malley

Have you visited the FBA website at www.finnsheep.org? There are many interesting and helpful features that have been added.

Locate your fellow Finnsheep breeders by state on the Breeders Directory found on the tab bar of the home page. This listing, which costs \$30 per year in addition to the membership fee, allows you to post a brief description of your farm and products.

On the Finnsheep Pedigree page you can search for a sheep by breeder or owner as well as by registration number and tag number. Also linked on the pedigree page is a breeders directory which lists all the current members of the Finnsheep Breeders Association. This is a different directory than the Breeders Directory on the tab bar of the home page which requires a fee for listing.

Want to learn more about caring for Finnsheep? The Finnsheep in Print page has several resources for you. In addition, you'll find links to articles about Finnsheep. Past issues of Short Tales can be found through the website and often these have articles of interest.

The Colors and Markings Guide takes you to several lovely photographs to help you identify the unique colors and markings that you may find in your flock.

The Finnsheep in Finland tab takes you to a study done in Finland in 1973. I admit, I haven't read it yet, but I think I should!

Want to register your sheep at the click of a mouse? The Registration Information and Forms page explains how to do it and has the necessary links for you to proceed. Prefer using paper and pen? You can print forms instead.

Thank you to Gail VonBargen, former FBA Board of Director, and Doug Meyer, our webmaster, for their hard work and for going over things with a "fine tooth comb" to catch any typos or misprints.

Continuing Education for Shepherds

The Cornell University Sheep and Goat Symposium will be held at Cornell University in Ithaca New York on October 3 and 4, 2014. You can attend either or both days. Reservations by September 12, 2014.

For more information go to : <http://sheep.cornell.edu/calendar/sgsymposium/announcement.html>

OPP EXPERIENCE

The following is a reprint, with permission from the great folks at THE SHEPHERD magazine ; Volume 59, Number 7, July 2014; Letters to the Editor.

Thank you to Tom and Marilyn Schwebach of Egan, South Dakota for sharing their experience and allowing us to reprint their letter.

We are writing this letter in response to a number of comments in recent publications of "Pipestone Veterinary Services Sheep & Goat News" implying that ovine progressive pneumonia (OPP) is not a concern to the sheep industry. In particular, we would like to address one quote written by Dr. Kennedy in the January 2014 issue where he stated, "[OPP] is not an economic factor in commercial sheep production." Following is a description of what we have experienced first-hand in our sheep operation with regards to OPP. Read and then decide for yourselves if OPP is an economic factor.

Since 1982, we had endured 12 frustrating years of raising an excessive number of bottle lambs, dealing with ewes having poor milk and hard bags, ewes falling out of condition when they should have been entering the prime of their productive years (3-4 years old), and overall poor flock health. We had numerous veterinary visits from two different veterinarians to the farm to try and determine the cause of the poor flock health, but they could not identify a cause. We even depopulated and completely started over with a new flock of all yearling ewes, only to encounter the same problems one lambing season after another. At the advice of a veterinarian, we even consulted with a nutritionist and tried different feed rations and supplements; however, this also failed to solve the problems.

Finally in 1994, almost at the point of being ready to completely get out of the sheep business, we had a third veterinarian come out to the farm. He suggested that we test our flock for OPP as that was likely the cause of our problems. Even though we had been told by both of the previous veterinarians that OPP definitely was NOT the cause of our flock health issues, we felt at this point that we had nothing to lose by testing. A random sampling of our flock showed an 85% OPP infection rate. With this high of an infection rate, we again decided to depopulate. After a great deal of searching, we found a flock with a high standard of health that had the genetics we wanted in our operation, as well as a low incidence of OPP when a random sampling was tested. We purchased 220 yearling ewes and once more started over. However, this time we began testing for OPP using the AGID test and culled all ewes that tested positive. What a difference! Ewes now had plenty of milk to raise their own lambs. We were amazed by how easy and simple lambing could be without the extra time and effort required to care for bottle lambs.

The second year of testing resulted in 38 positives out of 360 ewes. Feeling the financial crunch of purchasing ewes at replacement cost and then reselling them at cull price (along with the cost of testing), we decided to retain them. We also thought this would tell us if the health issues were really caused by OPP or if we just happened to get ewes with better genetics. Keeping them completely isolated from the negative flock, we lambed them out. Our experience with those 38 positive ewes (all yearlings and 2-year-olds) was a real eye opener and completely persuaded us about the negative effects of OPP. From that group of 38 ewes, we had 22 bottle lambs, 1 down ewe, 2 prolapses, hard bags, poor milk, and slow-growing lambs.

In contrast, that same year the OPP negative group of 322 ewes had only 9 bottle lambs (from triplets), no down ewes, no prolapses, and no hard bags. The lambing percentage was relatively the same for both groups; however, the milking ability of the OPP-negative group was remarkably better. This confirmed that we had finally found the cause of the hard bags, poor milk, and poor flock health.

We continued annually testing our flock and culling all positives. By 2000, we had achieved a flock with a 100% negative status. We have maintained this status since that time, and plan to continue to do whole-flock testing every five years to remain negative for OPP. Following are a few of the flock health improvements that we experienced as a result of eradicating our flock of the OPP virus.

Experienced with 85% infected OPP flock:

1. 500 ewes with 140% lamb crop
2. Average 150-180 bottle lambs year after year
3. Lambs lethargic due to lack of colostrum
4. Slow rate of gain due to lack of milk
5. Numerous down ewes
6. Ewes dead or extremely thin by age 5

Experienced with OPP-tested negative flock:

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1. 800 ewes with > 185% lamb crop
2. Average 20-30 bottle lambs (last year only 14)
3. Lambs vigorous, up & nursing on their own
4. Healthy good growing lambs
5. An old ewe heavy with multiples may go down
6. Ewes culled at age 10 (most in good condition)

Regarding economic impact, we would like to draw attention to the number of bottle lambs experienced with the two flocks and put the difference between the two into perspective. In our operation, we use one bag of milk replacer per bottle lamb, at a cost this year of \$42.45 per bag.

OPP-Infected Flock

- 500 ewes x 14Q"/o = 700 lambs; of these 700 lambs 150 were bottle lambs, or 21% of total lambs
- 150 bottle lambs x \$42.45 per bag of milk replacer = \$6,367.50
- \$6,367.50/500 ewes = cost of \$12.741 ewe

OPP Negative Flock

- 800 ewes x 185% = 1,480 lambs; of these 1,480 lambs 30 were bottle lambs, or 2% of total lambs
- 30 bottle lambs x \$42.45 per bag of milk replacer = \$1,273.50
- \$1,273.50/800 ewes = cost of \$1.59/ ewe

Additional cost of OPP-positive ewe versus OPP-negative ewe: $\$12.74 - \$1.59 = \$11.15/\text{ewe}$

Now, we ask the question, "Is the cost of \$11.15 per ewe plus the extra labor and equipment needed to handle bottle lambs, slower growing lambs in the feedlot, and the cost of retaining and/or purchasing additional replacement ewes an economic factor in your sheep operation?" After talking with OPP researchers, our understanding is that stress is a factor in how OPP affects the animal. Our ewes are probably under more stress than sheep in some other operations since we lamb our entire flock of 800 ewes at one time during January and February. The majority of our ewes have their lambs within a three-week period, which causes crowded conditions in the drop area and the need to process pairs very quickly through the lambing jugs. If one of the goals of the sheep industry is to increase sheep numbers and attract new producers, we need to do all we can to make their first involvement with sheep a positive experience by giving them the facts of sheep diseases frequently encountered, including OPP. I am amazed by how many people say they would never raise sheep again, after a bad experience from their first group of ewes. We need to be open to any and all possibilities that would improve sheep health and promote ease of management so that producers can enjoy raising sheep, as well as earn a well-deserved profit.

Tom & Marilyn Schwebach

For more information on OPP, please contact the OPP society at www.OPPsociety.org or 952-955-2596

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SFCEP Enrolled status since 2005
Purebred Finnsheep, Crossbred
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Space is available for your Finnsheep Breeder Directory Listing

The cost of this listing is \$30 per year.

A directory listing is also placed on the FBA Website; <http://www.finnsheep.org/>

Click Breeders Directory on the left side of the home page

All FBA members can be found on the FBA Online Database. Click Finnsheep Pedigrees on the left side of the FBA home page, then click Breeders Directory on the top of the page.



Finnsheep Breeders' Association

Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, Complete and mail this form and your payment to:

Finnsheep Breeders Association

PO Box 231 305 Lincoln, Wamego, KS 66547

PH: 785-456-8500

effective 9/29/14

Fax: 785-456-8599

Name: _____

Farm Name: _____

Street Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Please Check All That Apply:

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Scrapie Flock ID (if participant): _____ () Export () Select () Pending () Enrolled () Certified

The FBA encourages breeders to participate in the program; however, participation is not required to become a FBA Member.

Short Tale Newsletter FREE to FBA Members via Email

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Breeder Directory Listing (\$ 30.00) FBA Members Only:

() Purebred Finnsheep () Commercial Breeder () Cross-Bred Finnsheep – List crosses _____

() Wool or Other Value Added Products – list _____

Breeder Directory Listing – Include a brief description of 20 words or less. There is an additional fee of \$ 1.00 /line (5 words = 1 line) for listings containing over 20 words.

Flock Prefix: (\$ 10.00/letter): _____

The Flock Prefix enables Exclusive use of your name, flock, or farm on registrations and is a One Time fee. The Flock Prefix fits best if 10 letters or less...this gives space for the entire animal ID to fit in the space provided on the Certificate of Registry.

Total Amount Due: \$ _____ (Make check to: Finnsheep Breeders' Association)

Membership/Annual Activity Fees are due on or before January 7th of each year. Members receive a free yearly subscription to "Short Tales" newsletter via email (unless requested in hard-copy format), Access to the Finnsheep_Breeders chat group on Yahoo for encouragement or help in your endeavor, A copy of meeting minutes, and an annual report. Members will receive copies of other pertinent mailings and/or emails.

I/we agree to be governed by the rules, regulations, constitution and by-laws of the Association as amended from time to time, and to keep written records of breeding, exact birth dates and litter sizes of Finnsheep, and further, that I/we will furnish promptly any information concerning same at any time when requested to do so by the Association.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Ethnic Holiday Calendar

Ethnic holidays factor significantly in the demand for sheep meat and to a lesser extent for goat (chevon). The type (size, sex, and condition) of lamb (or goat) desired by particular people at particular holidays varies. The following table gives the dates of various ethnic holidays for the next five years (2014-2018).

Holiday	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Eid ul-Adha Festival of the Sacrifice	Oct 4-7	Sept 23-26	Sept 11-14	Sept 1-4	Aug 22-25
Muharramm / Hajra Islamic New Year	Oct 25	Oct 14	Oct 2	Sept 21-22	Sept 12
Mawlid al-Nabi Prophet's birthday	Jan 13	Dec 23	Dec 14	Dec 1	Nov 21
Start of Ramadan Month of fasting	Jun 28	Jun 18	Jun 6	May 27	May 16
Eid ul-Fitr Festival of fast breaking	Jul 29-31	Jul 18-21	Jul 7-9	Jun 26-28	Jun 15-16
Pesch (Passover)	Mar 15-22	Apr 4-11	Apr 23-30	Apr 11-18	Mar 31-Apr 7
Rosh Hashanah	Sept 24-25	Sept 4-5	Oct 3-4	Sept 21-22	Sept 10-11
Chanukkah	Dec 17-24	Dec 7-14	Dec 25-Jan 1	Dec 13-20	Dec 3-10
Western (Roman) Easter	Apr 20	Apr 5	Mar 27	April 16	April 1
Eastern Orthodox Easter	Apr 20	Apr 12	May 1	April 16	April 8
Christmas (Western)	Dec 25	Dec 25	Dec 25	Dec 25	Dec 25
Chinese New Year	Jan 31	Feb 19	Feb 8	Jan 28	Feb 16

source: [Interfaith Calendar](http://www.interfaithcalendar.com); reprinted with permission from <http://www.sheepandgoat.com/articles/ethniccalendar.html>

Lamb Kebobs (or meatballs) and Pomegranate Molasses adapted from recipes found on Foodnetwork.com

1/2 bunch fresh parsley, leaves picked (~2 cups)	4 sprigs fresh mint, leaves picked (~1 cup)
1 shallot, roughly chopped;	zest and juice of 1 lemon
2 cloves garlic	1 lb ground lamb
1 tsp baking soda	kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 Tbsp pomegranate molasses	1 tsp stone-ground mustard

Finely mince parsley, mint, shallot, lemon zest and garlic (pulse in food processor if you have one)

Add the mixture to a bowl with ground lamb, baking soda and lots of salt and pepper to taste. Knead until the mixture turns sticky and holds its shape. Pull off a small ball of meat and shape into a flat cylinder. Thread a skewer through the middle lengthwise and smooth meat down the skewer til its even all the way down (or shape into a small meatball); repeat! Put kebabs or meatball on an oiled baking sheet and drizzle with a little more olive oil. Combine pomegranate molasses, lemon juice and mustard in a small bowl. Set aside. Arrange kebobs on hot grill, turning every 2-3 minutes, generously brushing with pomegranate mixture. Cook til browned ~6 minutes. Or broil meatballs, also brushing generously with pomegranate mixture.

Pomegranate Molasses: 2 cups pomegranate juice 1/4 cup sugar 1/8 cup lemon juice

Combine ingredients, cook on medium high heat til sugar dissolves and then reduce heat to maintain simmer. Cook til syrupy. You can store this in a jar in the fridge if you don't use it all.

MILO IS MOVING!!!

The AHSA Board of Directors would like to announce that since the current office lease in Milo, IA expires in the fall of 2014 that a decision has been made to relocate the office to Wamego, KS. Plans are in place to move the computers and office equipment the last week of September. The Iowa office will remain open through September 26th. The move will occur over the weekend of September 27th and 28th. The plan is to have the registry program up and running on September 29th in Wamego. New staff is being hired and will go to Iowa to learn prior to the relocation of the office. We expect little to no interruption of service as we transition the office to Kansas. As much as possible about the registry program

Please note the address for the Kansas office is PO Box 231, 305 Lincoln, Wamego, KS 66547. The phone number is 785-456-8500. The fax number is 785-456-8599. Continue to mail your registry work to the Milo, Iowa office prior to September 23rd. All rush work can be emailed or faxed to the Iowa office through September 26th. If you have any questions about this transition please call Jeff Ebert, AHSA Executive Secretary at 785-458-9174.

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You are welcome to give breeders an email or

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Share your Finnsheep and wool photos,

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Mission Statement

The American Finnsheep Breeders' Association:

- *Provides a national pedigree breed recording system for Finnsheep
- * Maintains the Finnsheep breed standard for the USA. Promotes animal health within the breed and nationally
- *Fosters and promotes the proliferation and marketing of Finnsheep within the national sheep industry and abroad
- *Is a national focal point for Finnsheep Breeders
- *Disseminates timely information to members on all matters relating to the breed



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