



FINNSHEEP *SHORT TALES*

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Chief Shepherd's message

By Naomi Leith Smith

I wish to thank the members of the Finnsheep Board of Directors for their confidence in electing me to the presidency. I look forward to working with all of you. We accept the resignation of Sandy De Master with regret and trust she will continue her recovery from chemotherapy. I can speak first hand as I experienced breast cancer and chemotherapy most of the year 2000. Sandy, as your strength returns, we would welcome your continued input about Finnsheep matters. A new director on the board is Denny Haugh, a Finnsheep breeder from Red Lion, PA.

Joe and I established House Mountain Finnsheep in 1985 when we purchased four registered Finns from Glen Avon Farm in Ohio. This lambing season we will lamb 95 ewes (only 5 more to go).

I was asked to write an article about the Finnsheep breed for SMALL FARM TODAY for publication in their August issue. My research indicated that the original organizational meeting of the Finnsheep Breeders' Association took place in Hastings, NE on June 29, 1971, making this the 30th anniversary of the FBA.

The booth at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Show seemed to be quite successful and the processed Finnsheep wool products competed with

hundreds of other vendors. We offered dyed handspun, felt, 2-ply and 4-ply yarns, roving and a menagerie of unique animals fashioned from Finn wool. We plan to return in 2002, but have asked for booth space in the show barn.

Carol Winchell exhibited Finnsheep in the parade of breeds with commentary by Elizabeth Luke during the Sunday afternoon program. Following the display many people stopped by the booth to talk about Finnsheep. I am off to the Keystone Sale this weekend and will be at the New England Sale July 14 and 15. I am looking forward to talking Finnsheep with members from those areas.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Finnsheep Breeders' Association Annual General Meeting, May 5, 2001, held at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival opened at 7:30 PM. In Attendance: Naomi Smith, Grant Blackburn, Carol Winchell, Sharon & Rachel Schuster, Phill & Judy Osborn, Denny & Ren Haugh, Dr. Paul Hunter, Elizabeth Luke.

Previous Minutes and Treasury Report were read and accepted.

Election of Officers: Two open positions on the Board of Directors were filled by electing Carol Winchell and Denny Haugh. Continuing members are Naomi Smith, Grant Blackburn, Sandra DeMaster, and Elizabeth Luke.

Old Business:

Health Protocol - Dr. Paul Hunter's voluntary health protocol was reviewed and it was decided that he would co-ordinate his efforts with the Northeast Sheep and Goat Genetic Alliance.

Promotion - It was decided that the FBA will continue both the photo ad in "The Shepherd" magazine and the web page.

New Business:

Logo - Various options for a new logo were discussed. A redesign of a Finnsheep head in profile will be considered.

Fee Schedule - Due to confusion over the term "Lifetime Member", it will be changed to "Initial Member". From now on, individuals wishing to register Finnsheep must be at least initial members to do so. All fees are now payable to the registry in Milo, IA

Editorship "Short Tales" - Those present expressed appreciation for the good work that Grace Hatton has accomplished as editor of the newsletter. She will be asked to continue in that capacity.

Sheep Shows - A discussion on the practice of showing Finnsheep brought forth opposing viewpoints. It was decided that the FBA will neither endorse nor oppose this practice, allowing individual breeders the freedom of choice.

AGI 2002 Location: The next annual meeting will be at the April Sheep Symposium in Wisconsin.

Adjournment 9:30 PM

Minutes Of the FBA Board of Directors Meeting, May 6,2001, held at The Days Inn, 6:30 AM

In Attendance: Naomi Smith, Grant Blackburn, Carol Winchell, Elizabeth Luke

Election of Officers - Naomi Smith, President; Grant Blackburn, Vice President & Treasurer; Elizabeth Luke continues as Secretary.

The Board of Directors supported sentiments expressed at the AGI that Paul Hunter endorse efforts of NESGGA for health protocol. The FBA will pursue grant monies for breed enhancement through artificial insemination. Lonnie Cook and Sandy DeMaster will be asked to continue their efforts to revise the Constitution, assisted by Naomi Smith. The Board endorsed pursuing new logo art work. To encourage the use of the Photo Display, it was decided that the FBA will pay for return transport. Meeting adjourned 7:40 AM
Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Luke, Secretary



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FINNPOWER

Stillmeadow Finnsheep included one headline maker this spring when Snobird had septuplets. Larry and Elizabeth Luke of DeRuyter, NY were thrilled the huge litter. This pure Finn ewe began her career with triplets, then quintuplets, then sextuplets, and now in her fourth annual lambing there are septuplets collectively weighing 34 & 1/2 lbs.

Elizabeth Luke's FINNPHOTO took the big, purple "Best of Show" ribbon for a 20 x 30 poster of the septuplet litter at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival. The photo of Snobird and her lambs appears on the next page.

She entered seven photographs in the competition and got a whole bunch of other ribbons. The competition was open to all photographers, both professional and amateur. She took first, second, third, and fourth in a variety of categories with best of show being the top choice of all entered. There was also a reserve champion of the whole photo show. Her photo of Snobird and the septuplets was in the "stable scene" category. Six of her seven pictures won ribbons, earning \$82 in premiums.

One picture of the seven which got a second place ribbon was taken at Bruce Clement's sheep dairy farm in NH and showed his ewes going up a hill to their field. A portrait of her mother, who resides in an elderly care facility,

shows her with baby Finns on her lap. Another was of her hill meadow with Finns in the autumn, previously used on a cover of "the Shepherd" magazine. Another was taken a couple years ago at the "Empire Spring Classic" show and sale, which showed a small child showing a large Hampshire. A second poster-size photo showed a Finn ewe with quintts lined up in a row at her head.

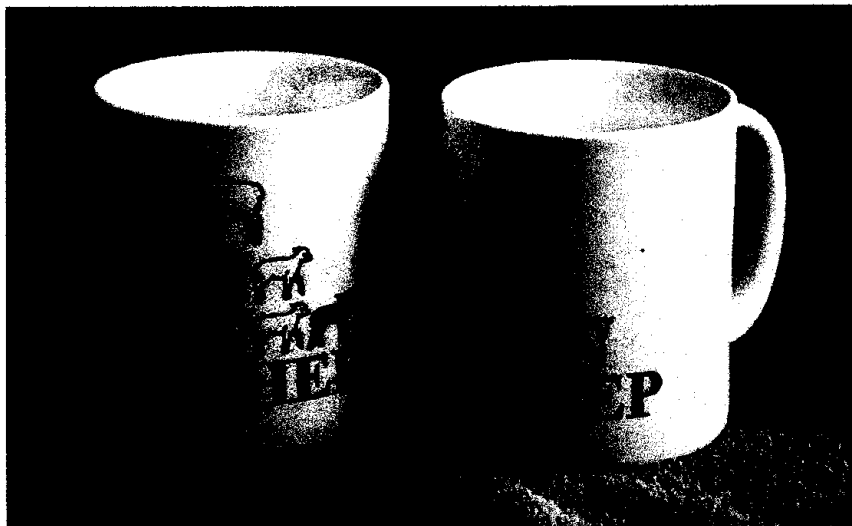


Michael Fey writes, "We just started with Finns here, our first lambing will begin in 2 weeks with 30 ewe lambs, all crossbreed. They look really good, I wish I had started with Finns. They are easier to handle all the way

around! This year I bred all the ewes I had to the rams I bought from Lonnie Cook.

This breed doesn't stress out like the rest, nor do they mind the cold weather, obviously. Those 2 rams have been a really nice investment."

Sandy DeMaster reports that she had very good luck with artificial inseminations using imported semen. She AI'ed 3 ewes using semen from 3 different moorit rams and they all took. She have 8 AI babies on the ground, some black and some white, but all recessive for brown. She also got 3 rams out of the lot, each from a different sire, so she is very happy



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IMPORTANT CHANGES !!

AT THE LAST FBA MEETING THE BOARD DECIDED THAT FROM NOW ON ALL FEES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REGISTRY IN MILO, IA.

IN THE PAST FEES EXCEPT FOR REGISTRATIONS WERE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OR THE TREASURER. NOW ALL FEES (INITIAL MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL DUES, HERD PREFIX) ARE TO BE SENT TO THE REGISTRY IN MILO.

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR INITIAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (FORMERLY CALLED LIFE MEMBERSHIP) YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER FINNSHEEP.

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Signed _____ Date _____
Signed _____ Date _____

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- ❖ 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 industry and abroad**
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- ❖ Disseminates timely information to members on all matters relating to the breed**

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