Dear FBA Members,

Yes, the Finnsheep Breeders Association is alive and well. I would like to apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter to you. Despite the delay in its publication I want you to know that the board has been actively communicating via a list serve over the past year.

The biggest news is that this year’s annual meeting will be held via teleconference thanks to Cindy Smith’s efforts. With fuel prices elevated and everyone’s time becoming more valuable the board decided it would be better to hold a teleconference on August 24 at 7:00 PM Eastern time. Details for participation are included later in the newsletter. I would like to encourage all members to participate. In order to keep things organized you will find an agenda listed in the newsletter. When participating please state your name and keep your comments brief so we can move things along. The directors meeting will follow the general meeting.

Please check out the financial report Grant was kind enough to put together. As you can see registrations and transfers are doing well. Our funds are in good shape allowing us to continue an aggressive advertising campaign.

We all need to give Tracy a heartfelt thanks for keeping the web site up and going and putting this newsletter together on short notice.

It looks as if I am once again the Short Tales editor, at least for the moment. Former editor, Terrie Godfrey, gave notice on June 10th that because of her work commitments she was no longer going to have time to edit the newsletter. Thanks to Terrie for serving as editor in 2007!

I told the board that I would put something together after I returned from my trip to Finland in mid-July. (I will write up a report on my trip to Finland for an upcoming Short Tales.) At that time, we decided that we should wait until we got the details on the conference call for the annual meeting finalized. Then we could send all the information out at once.

Because it was compiled quickly, this newsletter will be rather brief. Sincere thanks to Grace Hatton for putting together an article on very short notice about their 23 years raising Finnsheep.
Finnsheep Breeders Association
2008 Annual Meeting
Conference Call – August 24th

This year’s annual Meetings – both the General Meeting and the Board Meeting will be a conference call. The General Meeting will be first, followed by the board meeting. All FBA members are encouraged to participate. All you need is a (touch tone) telephone. Best of all, it won’t cost you anything! The small fee involved will be paid by the association. Here’s how it works…

1. On Sunday, August 24th at 7 PM Eastern Time (that’s 6 PM Central, 5 PM Mountain, and 4 PM Pacific) -- Call: 1-866-657-2552.

2. You will be asked for your conference code. Dial in: 5194140#. (The # symbol is located just to the right of the zero on your phone.)

3. You will be asked to state your name. Say your name and hit #.

4. You will enter the conference call.

If you have any questions about how this works, please call FBA Secretary Cindy Smith ahead of time. Her number is: 918-519-4140. She will not be able to answer your call once the conference call starts.

The following is a preliminary meeting agenda. If have additional items which should be added to the agenda, please call or email FBA Secretary Cindy Smith at Cindyusmith@yahoo.com or 918-519-4140.

Preliminary Agenda:

- due to lack of 3 newsletters, do we make concessions to those that paid for ads or breeders directories?
- budget considerations
- advertising venues
- flock donation contest
- read and approve of minutes
- read and approve of financials
- comments on Milo report
- nominations and voting for two new directors
- next year teleconference or face to face meeting, if so where
- FBA Announce-only list on Yahoo-groups to supplement mailings
- “Musings from the old country”
Hatton Finnsheep: Looking Back
Fred and Grace Hatton
Hawley, Pennsylvania

My husband and I have raised Finnsheep in Northeast Pennsylvania since 1985. We got off to a bad start with a registered two year old ewe that had OPP. Her single lamb was removed at birth and raised artificially and she went to slaughter. After that we got healthy Finnsheep from Brian Magee. Finnsheep have continued to amaze us with their wonderful qualities, from wool to litters of lambs.

Over the years we have never had a large flock, but usually averaged about 5 ewes.

For many years we bred them to lamb twice a year and in our best year for productivity were able to produce 26 lambs from our small flock of six that included on yearling. This was largely due to Hannah, born in 03, who had quints in the spring and five more lambs in the fall of that year! We don't know what the record is for Finnsheep production in one year, but this has got to be close.

Prior to that our most productive ewe was Martha, born in 1991 - offspring of two Magee Finns, who had trips as a yearling and then two more lambs that fall. She had quads the following year and was not bred for fall lambing. At three years old she had quads in the spring and triplets in the fall. She lost a litter of premature quintus the following spring, but had healthy twins in the fall. At the age of five she had quintus in the spring and then four more lambs that same fall - - so nine lambs in one year.

During the two plus decades we have raised Finnsheep, we have been particularly pleased with the influence of Stillmeadow rams we have purchased. Stillmeadow is owned by Elisabeth Kinne of DeRuyter, NY. Our first Stillmeadow ram, #391, dramatically improved feet and size. He was a handsome fellow who went on to another flock from ours and his new owner was just as pleased with him as we had been.

Since we had kept so many of his handsome daughters, we needed another ram and went back to Stillmeadow for #NY69-0017. While the next ram didn't have the looks of his predecessor and wasn't sufficiently appreciated while we had him, it turned out he had brought us more milk, more correct udders, super temperament and probably even spots.
His three year old daughter now in our flock, Anneliese, has easily raised two sets of triplets without any supplemental bottles although the lambs did have creep feed.

More recently, we have succumbed to the siren song of colored Finnsheep. We bought the black Witt-bred Stillmeadow ram NY69-1025 who has several crosses in his pedigree to the brown ram, Vennti, via the imported semen. His color was a warm black that quickly became grey. Folks more knowledgeable than I tell me he could be carrying one copy of the gene for brown along with the modified gene.

His ewe lambs out of Anneliese this year are just beautiful. There is one white one, one grey (shaela), and one black with a lot of white on her face including a panda eyespot.

I had kept Anneliese's white son by him last year along with a grey great-grandson of our old Martha. We are looking forward to seeing what colors happen next when we stir up the genetic pot and tease out what colors and patterns may have been hiding all along under the wonderful white fleeces.

Through the years I have enjoyed having a glorious supply of Finnsheep wool to dye, spin, knit or weave. It has been a tremendous pleasure to have owned such lovely animals.

A note from the webmaster:

PLEASE look at your listing in the Breeders' Directory and check its accuracy.

There is a copy in this newsletter and also one on the website at www.finnsheep.org/direcory.htm

In the past, I have tried to use some of the email addresses or phone numbers only to find out they were wrong or outdated.

If you find an error please inform the Milo office: 641-942-6402 and/or contact me: tracy@fireflyfields.com or Tracy Sengupta, 4110 W. Plymouth Church Road, Beloit, WI 53511

If I can't find you, then your prospective buyers can't either!!

Triplet Ram Lambs – Firefly Fields
### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

- **Annual Dues**
  - 2007: 125.00
  - 2008: 625.00
  - Total Annual Dues: 750.00

- **Breeders Directory Income**
  - 2008: 660.00
  - Total Breeders Directory Income: 660.00

- **Flock Prefix Income**
  - 290.00

- **Income (other- dup certs etc)**
  - 218.45

- **Membership Income**
  - 490.00

- **Miscellaneous Income**
  - 1,531.05

- **Registrations**
  - **Finn Pedigrees**
    - 1,818.00
  - **Non-purebred**
    - 100.00
  - **Pedigree o/12mth**
    - 792.00
  - **Transfers**
    - 760.00

  - Total Registrations: 3,470.00

- **Total Income**: 7,409.50

#### Expense

- **Advertising**
  - Web-page: 81.27
  - Advertising - Other: 1,681.00
  - Total Advertising: 1,762.27

- **Contract Labor**: 1,708.54

- **Miscellaneous**: 1,00

- **Postage and Delivery**: 84.99

- **Reconciliation Discrepancies**: 5.00

- **Stipend**: 245.00

- **Subscriptions**: 25.00

- **Supplies**
  - Office: 117.15

  - Total Supplies: 117.15

- **Total Expense**: 3,948.95

- **Net Ordinary Income**: 3,460.55

- **Other Income/Expense**
  - **Other Expense**
    - 29.00

  - **Total Other Expense**: 29.00

  - **Net Other Income -29.00**

  - **Net Income**: 3,431.55
FINNSHEEP BREEDERS DIRECTORY

California
Zeneta Mary Crawford
The Crawford Sheep Ranch
P.O. Box 1314
Yreka, CA 96097
530-905-3005
csheepranch@clancrawford.us
www.clancrawford.us/crawfordsheepranch

Purebred Finnsheep, Finn x Columbia, Finn x Romney
Flock Prefix: CSR
SFCP Enrolled Status since 2005; Flock# CA 14231.
At the Crawford Sheep Ranch, we raise quality Finns and sell fleeces and lambs.

Colorado
Janet Herman
Rock Ridge Ranch (est. 1874)
7054 S.Hwy. 83
Franktown, CO 80116
303-688-6812
cfherman@juno.com

Purebred Finnsheep and Crossbred Finn/Dorset
Commercially processed batts. Spinning fleeces, both black & white
Specializing in out of season lambing.

Indiana
David & Pam Hoover
Rooster's Run Farm
5197 SW Washington Sch Rd
Salem, IN 47167
812-896-1223
pamco@blueriver.net
www.rrfiberfarm.com

Purebred Finnsheep, Finn x Shetland
Flock Prefix: RRF
Enrolled Status; Mandatory Scrapie Program since 2002; Flock# IN 88035.

Breeding Stock, Finn Shetland Crosses, Yarn Rovings & Fleeces, Angora Goats, Angora Rabbits & Llamas.

Iowa
Dale L. Amendt
6815 Waterman Blvd
Sutherland, IA 51058
712-446-3489

Purebred Finnsheep
Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn X Suffolk, Finn X Corriedale)

Marvin Blair
3402 Fletcher Ave.
Lake City, IA 51449
712-464-8153

Purebred Finnsheep
Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn X Hamp & Finn Dorset)

Clark BreDahl
Mormon Trail Farm
1911 290th Street
Greenfield, IA 50849
641-745-2323
mtfarms@mddc.com

Purebred Finnsheep
Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Dorset)
Flock Prefix: MTF
Massachusetts
The Sokol Family
Stoney Meadow Farm
52 Bates St.
Mendon, MA 01745
508-473-0446
ikendoit_99@yahoo.com
www.stoneymeadowfarm.com

SFCP: Enrolled status; Flock# MA19
Purebred Finnsheep: white, black piebald. Enrolled in Voluntary Scrapie Program, MA19. Also raise Nubian dairy goats and llamas.

Minnesota
Tim Reese
Gale Woods Farm
7210 County Rd 110 West
Minnetrista, MN 55364
763-694-2002
treese@threeriversparkdistrict.org
www.galewoodsfarm.org

Purebred Finnsheep, Finn X Clun Forest, Finn X Border Leicester
Flock Prefix: TRP
SFCP Enrolled Status since 2005; Flock# MN 43
Gale Woods is an educational farm. Products include wool & yarn; and pasture-raised lamb, beef, poultry and hogs; and a vegetable CSA.

New Jersey
Carol Winchell
Stoe Creek Sheep
52 Frank Smith Rd.
Salem, NJ 08079
856-935-0613
winchell@NALCO.COM

Please put Stoe Creek Sheep in subject line.

Purebred Finnsheep; Wenslydale X and Romney X
SFCP: Certified status; Flock# NJ 17
Silver, black, brown and white. Six separate ram lines. Twelve years whole flock OPP negative. Bred for fleece, color and low multiples. Delivery available to Maryland and Rhinebeck shows.

New York
Jeff and Sherry Barber
Willowcreek Finnsheep
2315 Oran-Delphi Road
Manlius, NY 13104
315-662-7141
jsbarber@hotmail.com

Purebred Finnsheep

Amy Cook
Sweetland Hill Finns
64 Sweetland Hill Rd.
Chenango Forks, NY 13746
607-725-4844
cookamym@yahoo.com

Purebred Finns
SFCP Enrolled Status since 2002.
White and colored Finnsheep. OPP Negative and Scrapie enrolled. Clean, soft fleeces. Natural and dyed roving.
Elizabeth Hale Kinne
Stillmeadow Finnsheep
5883 Randall Hill Rd.
DeRuyter, NY 13052
315-852-3344
stillmeadowfinnsheep@frontiernet.net

SFCP Enrolled Status - Flock #NY69

Purebred Finnsheep

Mary and Herb Tucker
Lighthouse Farm
P.O. Box 85
8887 Daggert Hollow Road
West Clarksville, NY 14786
585-928-1721
maire8797@yahoo.com

Purebred Finnsheep
Finn x Dorset
Flock Prefix: LHF

SFCP: Enrolled status since 2006; Flock# NY103
Finn x Dorset – leaner meat carcass. Finn x Shetlands – less britch and additional softness. White, colored and pied with lines from Stillmeadow, Hatton, and Misty Mountain lines.

North Carolina
Guenther & Evelyn Baerje
Santa Maria Farm
Aberdeen, NC 28315
910-281-4036
EBAERJE@ALLTEL.NET

Purebred Finnsheep
SFCP: Enrolled Status (since 2002); Flock# NC1250037
Purebred Finns. Alpacas and Llamas.

Jeff & Deanna Swanson
Little Flock Farm
Harmony, NC 28634
336-492-2641
littleflock@yadtel.net
www.littleflockfarm.com

Purebred Finnsheep
Flock Prefix: NC
Full bred Finnsheep ewes & rams for breeding and lambs available for sale. Grazed on organic pasture.

Ohio
Paul J. Hunter, DVM
11425 Bruns Road
Fort Loramie, Ohio 45845
1-800-628-LAMB(5262)
FAX 1-419-628-3532
drhunter@bright.net

Purebred Finnsheep, Finn / Dorset Crosses, Suffolks
SFCP Enrolled Status; Flock#OH20

Breeder of Finnsheep since 1989. Cesarean derived-disease free flock. OPP test negative entire adult flock since 1996. White Finnsheep selected for commercial important traits. 3 separate lines available for genetic diversity Finn/Dorset and Finn teaser rams also available
Terrie P. Godfrey
Eldorado Farms
10915 Main Road
Berlin Heights, OH 44814
419-554-1069 OR 440-308-6819
terrie@eldoradofinns.com
www.eldoradofinns.com

Purebred Finnsheep
Flock Prefix: Eldorado
SFCP Certified Status

Oklahoma
Connie Santos
17397 E. 520 Road
Inola, OK 74036
918-341-6370
gcsantos06@yahoo.com

SFCP; Flock# CA190
Purebred Finns: Black and white

Cynthia Smith
HC 65 Box 517
Hominy, OK 74035
918-519-4140
Cindyusmith@yahoo.com
www.boulderridgefarm.com

Purebred Finnsheep, Finn / Lincoln Crosses
Finnsheep breeding stock, white and color. Lincoln/Finn crosses also available. Fleeces available. OPP, Johnes and Footrot negative, Scrapie Certification Program - Oklahoma 1926. Breeding for maternal instincts, prolificacy, & wool quality. Also raise Great Pyrenees LGD.

Pennsylvania
Grace Hatton
Hatton Finnsheep
177 Hatton Road
Hawley, PA 18428
570-775-9136
hatton@ptd.net
http://home.ptd.net/~hatton7
http://antique-spinning-wheels.blogspot.com

Purebred Finnsheep
SFCP Certified Status; Flock# PA43
Since 1986. OPP negative tested; b.ovis negative tested. Certified Scrapie Free Status - PA 43 Fully functioning antique spinning wheels and accessories.

Megan Lloyd-Thompson
Blue Twig Finns
1140 Creek Rd.
Carlisle, PA 17013-8932
717-249-3421
cowdance@epix.net

Purebred Finnsheep, Shetland / Finn Crosses
Finnsheep and Shetland / Finn Crosses. Closed flock; scrapie free; OPP free; Concentrating on fine fiber production and natural colors. Lambs available on occasion.

Oregon
Linda Stimson
Riyescott Ranch
20465 Huckleberry Ridge Road

Purebred Finnsheep, Finn / Shetland Crosses; Possibly Finn / Iceland Crosses.
Flock Prefix: RIYS
Fiber Farm producing llama, mohair and sheep wool. We have Shetlands, Icelandic and Finn. Also raise Maremma Livestock Guardian Dogs.
Dale & Martha Livermore
RR - 5 Box 134A
Brookville, PA 15825
(814) 328-2720

Purebred Finnsheep
Stock Prefix: ARK
Natural purebred Finnsheep. OPP, Johnes test negative. Footrot, abscess, Bovis test free. Breeding stock for sale.

Heidi Trimbur
Trimbur Finnsheep Organics
58 Bitting Road
Alburtis, PA 18011
610-845-3607
erediFarm@juno.com

Purebred Finnsheep
Flock Prefix: TFO
Specializing in organic Finnsheep with high quality colored/white fleeces, correct conformation and excellent herd health.

Virginia
Joe and Naomi Smith
House Mountain Finnsheep
1765 Jacktown Rd.
Lexington, VA 24450
540-463-6062

Purebred Finnsheep
SFCP - enrolled since 1999; flock# VA 17.
Farm established in 1985 in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Flock of 100 breeding ewes, mostly quads and quint. Bred for size, multiple births, mothering ability and structural correctness. Glen Avon and Root bloodlines. Also rams available for cross-breeding.

Linda Witt
Linda and Leanna Witt
Purebred Finnsheep
154 Quail Call Lane
Amissville, VA 20106
540-937-4707
info@mistymountainfarm.com
www.MistyMountainFarm.com

Purebred Finnsheep

Washington
Dan and Leanne Hughes
Triple L Finnsheep
89202 N. Harrington Rd.
West Richland, WA 99353
509-539-6745
danlea23@msn.com
OR Leanne@TripleLFinnsheep.com
www.TripleLfinnsheep.com

Purebred Finnsheep
SFCP - Certified Status; flock# WA2252
Robert and Sandra Willford  
Solace Farm  
30119 N. Spotted Rd.  
Deer Park WA 99006  
509-276-7160  
solacefarmfiber@yahoo.com  
www.SolaceFarm.tk

Purebred Finnsheep; Shetland/Finn and Romanov/Finn Crosses.  
SFCP - Enrolled Status; flock# WA2167  
Quality fleeces, roving and handspun yarns.

Wisconsin

Sandy De Master  
Wee Croft Finnsheep  
N 7087 Hillside Dr.  
Watertown, WI 53094  
262-844-8292  
weecroft@hughes.net  
www.weecroftfinnsheep.com

Purebred Finnsheep  
Flock Prefix: WeeCroft  
Flock of gray, fawn, brown, black and white innsheep with a high percentage of imported Finnish bloodlines. Primary focus is wool color and quality. Jacketed handspinning fleeces, roving, and yarn.

Tracy Sengupta  
Firefly Fields Finnsheep  
4110 W. Plymouth Church Road  
Beloit, WI 53511  
608-361-1446  
tracy@fireflyfields.com  
www.fireflyfields.com

Purebred Finnsheep  
Flock Prefix: FF  
SFCP Certified Status; Flock# WI 1990. White and colored Finnsheep. Bred for health, maternal traits and lovely wool. Whole flock tested negative for OPP and Johnnes in 2005.

Wyoming

Mike Sims  
Sims Livestock  
521 Almy Road #107  
Evanston, WY 82930  
920-307-789-2891

Crossbred Sheep: Finn x Targhee
Don’t forget to sign the agreement, if you are new member.

Mail (along with a check or money order) to:
Finnsheep Breeders' Assn., 15603 173rd Street, Milo, IA 50166

Membership Services
Name: ________________________________ Date: ____________
Farm Name: ___________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip________
Phone: __________________ Email: _____________________________

Please check all that apply:
( ) New member - $35
( ) Continuing member - $25 (Annual Activity Fee)
( ) Listing in Breeders Directory - $30
( ) Flock Prefix - One time fee of $10 per letter -
   Amount enclosed $______

Please Note: Annual Dues are payable by Jan 7th of each year. For this fee, members receive the Short Tales Newsletter, Meeting Minutes and Annual Report and all other pertinent mailings from the FBA. Additionally, FBA members pay half price for registration fees. (Often times this discount on registrations will pay for your membership dues!)

Lifetime Membership Application for New Members

Check:
( ) Purebred Breeder
( ) Commercial Producer
( ) Other
I / We agree to be governed by the rules, regulations, constitution, and bylaws of the association as amended from time to time, and to keep a written memorandum of breeding, exact birth dates, and litter size 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__________
Signed_____________________________Date________

Don’t forget to fill out the Breeders Directory Form on the reverse side!!
Breeders Directory Listing

Annual Fee: $30.00 – available to FBA members only.
The Breeders Directory is included with each issue of Short Tales in a given year from January 1st to December 31st. Your listing will also be included on the FBA Website. The directory is sent to people inquiring about the breed exhibited at fairs etc. with the Finnsheep Breed Display.

Please check:
( ) Purebred Finns
( ) Crossbred FinnX – What crosses? ______________________________

Your Website URL: _________________________________________

As an organization, we encourage our members to participate in the USDA (Voluntary) Scrapie Flock Certification Program. This is value-add for our customers and will help us eradicate Scrapie in the Finnsheep breed.

Do you participate in the SFCP?
Flock number: _____________
( ) Certified
( ) Enrolled -- Enrolled since (year): _____________

Products and Other Information: 20 words (Over 20 words – $1 extra per line to be included with Breeders Directory fees):
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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Flock Prefix
One Time Fee of $10.00 per letter
A flock prefix enables exclusive use of your name or that of your farm or flock on registrations. You could use your last name, the full name of your farm, or some initials.

Please enter your chosen prefix here: ________________________________