Chief Shepherd’s Message
-- Leanne Hughes

Here we are, coming into the most important part of our year. I think that lambing is the most exciting time, but it doesn’t happen without the planning that goes on now. Those of us with multiple rams have spreadsheets out trying to remember who crossed well with who, and what are we going to try differently this year. This is the last year my oldest daughter will be here with her opinion (next year it’s college for her), so we’ll probably try a few crosses she wants to do, especially with her favorites. Equally as important is when are we going to lamb – are we going for ethnic markets, or warm weather (or are snowstorms the deciding factor?) I don’t know about you, but I can’t imagine raising any other kind of sheep but finns (and I’ve tried most of the rest!)

We are a small group of breeders. The question always comes up – what can we do as breeders to help us as an association grow? We need everyone’s ideas. Give it some thought this winter when the ewes are bred, and before we hit lambing. As the old commercial used to say – “Nobody can have just one” and that certainly applies to finns as well. Let’s come up with some ideas and get everyone hooked! We are talking about setting up a email group* just for FBA members where we could discuss things more often than once a year. If anyone has an opinion on that, let a board member know. Share your ideas – let’s make this our best year yet!

Talk to you later.
Leanne Hughes
Triple L Finnsheep

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2009-2010

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FBA Director Profile: Heidi Trimbur
Heidi Trimbur, owner of TrimburField Farm Finnsheep, in Alburtis, Pa was elected to the Board of FBA Directors at the August 23rd Teleconference meeting of the FBA.

Heidi has a strong background in Business Management (she is a Palo Alto Business Plan Design Award Winner) and Livestock Science and Genetics. She has worked in Marketing and Sales for over twenty-five years and has over fifteen years' experience in the Communications and Editing fields. Her agricultural background stems from a family background in farming, large animal showing and breeding. Heidi and her husband operated a Thoroughbred Racehorse Breeding, Foaling and Breeding Consulting business for over 28 years. Prior to this time, Heidi managed a colored sport horse breeding program, specifically breeding exceptional athletes with rare colors and markings.

Several years ago, Heidi suffered a back injury that resulted in the decision to plan an Exit Strategy for the horse business and plan for a new direction for the farm. After several years of market research, the Trimburs selected sheep, specifically Finnsheep, as the ideal animal to raise on their farm. After two years of careful selection based on a comprehensive list of requirements, TrimburField Finnsheep now has assembled a genetically diverse flock of Finns, many with Finnish genetics. Standards of the breeding operation are high and the culling process rigorous as lambs and breeding age stock are evaluated. Heidi states, "The sheep we produce must be the versatile animal the Finn was historically bred to be. Our markets demand and are willing to pay for stock that has the outstanding Finn
temperament. the high-quality fleece with luminous depth of color, correct, balanced conformation and sound production capabilities.

On her election to the Board, Heidi comments that she “views the position as one of servitude, serving the hard-working breeder who is out there, on the front lines, with the public.” She also acknowledges that the FBA has work to do in order to better define, promote and preserve the breed it represents in North America. “Every member of the FBA has a right and responsibility to contribute to the Association and everyone’s input should be heard and considered with respect and courtesy.” Heidi appreciates input and feedback and encourages members to contact her with their ideas. You can contact Heidi directly through her e-mail: htrimbur@dejazzd.com

Heidi’s son, Zac, with a favorite.

Finnsheep Breeders’ Association General Meeting – August 23, 2009 Teleconference

Meeting was called to order with fourteen members present: Gail Von Bargen, Joe Smith, Naomi Smith, Paul Hunter, Mary O’Malley, Sandra Willford, Clark BreDahl, Mary Scholefield, Terrie Godfrey, Tim Beckwith, Nicole Heath, Leanne Hughes, Grace Hatton, & Elizabeth Kinne Gossner.

Due to the absence of the secretary and treasurer minutes from the last meeting and treasurer’s report were not read.

Old business:
There was a discussion regarding the flock donation program proposed by the Smiths and Dr. Hunter. There has been little progress in this area due to the difficulty in contacting national 4-H and FFA. Mary O’Malley offered to help with contacts on her state level. There was also a question of whether the FBA would subsidize part of the cost of transporting the donated animals.

After the young FFA or 4-H member receives the donated flock, that person is expected to donate one sheep within a
Grace Hatton suggested donations be considered to the SVF Foundation. The foundation is a germplasm bank, that freezes semen and embryos from rare breeds of animals to save them from extinction. The foundation is located in Rhode Island. A contact at the foundation indicated that they might be able to accept donations in 2010. If a large flock were to be donated, the foundation would pay for transportation and health certificates, but if only one or two animals are donated, then the owner would have the responsibility for transport and health certificates. The SVF Foundation would donate the animals to anyone who wanted them after semen and embryos were harvested. The question was raised whether donations would be tax deductible. A motion was made to table the suggestion for further information.

It was noted that only 149 new registrations of Finnsheep have taken place as of August 17, 2009.

Wikipedia.org has an article about Finnsheep which has been amplified by the Australians, but still there are no photos to go with the article. Wikipedia requires that a person relinquish all rights to the photo to be used and allow it to be in the public domain. Any clear photos showing the qualities of Finnsheep would be a huge addition.

The archive containing a collection of all the newsletters back to the early 80’s should be sent to the newsletter editor.

New board members were selected to fill the three vacant slots. Joe Smith and Elizabeth Kinne were named to the three year terms and Heidi Trimbur will fill out the remaining one year term vacated by Tracy Sengupta.

New business:

Old business: Motions were made and positive votes registered to approve the proposed amendments to the FBA Constitution which appeared in the last issue of Short Tales. The amended version of the FBA Constitution will be available in the files located in the group Finnsheep@yahoogroups.com and also on the website www.finnsheep.org.

Naomi Smith suggested having a junior membership where the young person would pay $5 towards the lifetime membership fee of $35 and $1 each to register or transfer a sheep until that person reaches the age of 21. At that time the person would pay $30 to complete payment for lifetime membership.

Terrie Godfrey pointed out that persons under the age of 18 probably cannot legally sign off on registration papers and there would need to be a sentence under the signature part of the registration applications indicating that the form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian if the person registering the animals is under 18. Dr. Hunter motioned to table the proposal until more information on the proposal could be gathered.

There was lengthy discussion about showing as a way of getting the breed known. Elizabeth Kinne Gossner explained that the founders of the FBA rejected showing fearing that it would result in losing the prolificacy the Finnsheep breed was noted for, yet the very success of breeds such as Shetlands has been driven by showing.

Elizabeth went on the explain about the opportunity for Finnsheep to be the featured breed at the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival.
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Tim Beckwith proposed a welcome package for persons buying Finnsheep for the first time. He suggested that the new person be an honorary FBA member for the balance of the year after their purchase of Finnsheep and they would receive a packet including the breed standard, promotional brochure, constitution, newsletter and welcome letter announcing that they are honorary members. Honorary membership would not include reduced prices for registrations and transfers. New persons would be unlikely to have registrations in that first partial year in any case.

It was also suggested that honorary members be recognized in the newsletter. The breeder selling the sheep would be responsible for notifying the secretary and newsletter editor so that the mailings could be accomplished.

Naomi recommended that the handwritten registrations – stored in shoe boxes – kept by Claire Carter, dating back to before the registry at Milo, IA handled the registrations by computer, be shipped to Wyoming to the Sheep Industry Museum.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Aug 23, 2009

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twins, eventually destroying the prolificacy the Finnsheep is known for.

The board also agreed to reinstate the archive of online FBA board messages.

The board meeting was adjourned.

Brandon Olshefski is nine and is in the fourth grade. He took top wool sheep in the York County 4-H fiber show. Brandon has been a member of York County (PA) 4H Fiber Club for two years. Aimee, a brown ewe lamb, is his favorite. She walks right up to him and waits for Brandon to place her halter on.

FBA Profit & Loss - Accrual Basis
January through August 2009

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income:
Annual Dues
2008 25.00
2009 650.00
Total Annual Dues 675.00

Breeders Directory Income
2009 660.00
Total Breeders Directory Income 660.00

Flock Prefix Income 170.00
Income (other- dup certs etc) 60.50
Membership Income 280.00
Miscellaneous Income 53.50

Registrations:
Finn Pedigrees 1,278.00
Non-purebred 34.00
Pedigree o/12mth 96.00
Transfers 212.00
Total Registrations 1,620.00

Total Income 3,519.00
Expense:
Advertising 1,169.50
Contract Labor 890.04
Dues 25.00
Miscellaneous 150.00
Postage and Delivery 148.27
Printing and Reproduction 142.99
Reconciliation Discrepancies 0.20
Subscriptions 25.00

Total Expense 2,551.00

Net Ordinary Income 968.00

Other Income/Expense
Other Expense
Other Expenses 14.00

Total Other Expense 14.00

Net Other Income -14.00

Net Income 954.00

FBA BALANCE SHEET
Accrual Basis As of September 4, 2009

ASSETS
Current Assets
Checking/Savings
Cheque - BB&T 9,483.42
Petty Cash 23.26

Total Checking/Savings 9,506.68

Accounts Receivable
Accounts Receivable 139.15

Total Accounts Receivable 139.15

Total Current Assets 9,645.83

Other Assets
Equipment 370.00
Franklin Templeton Fund 920.98

Total Other Assets 1,290.98

Our terrific FBA webpage (www.finnsheep.org) was designed and created by Grant Blackburn, currently our treasurer, and went live in February 1998.

The only cost was the hosting fee of $90 for six months with Grant’s local provider, Rockbridge Global Village (rockbridge.net).

Our FBA website was created with 'Frontpage 97' and Grant was running Windows 95 at the time.

Back then, there was no google and not many search engines. Grant recalls linking to a few such as ‘Hotbot, Webcrawler and Jeeves. He used 'cuteftp' for uploading. High speed connections weren’t available back then. All the files were uploaded to the web with a dial up connection that took a tremendous amount of time.
Today if someone is looking for Finnsheep anywhere in the world, our FBA website will come up.

Today, thanks to Tracy, you can download pedigree application forms directly from the internet. She also wrote and added the Registration Forms Tutorial.

She designed and added the FBA headers on each page. Modernize the appearance of the website, changing the background to grey and adding the menu bar to the left margin.

Tracy wrote and added the page on Finnsheep for Handspinning flocks.

She also added the pages:
- Finnsheep for Commercial flocks - adapted from the brochure written by Sandy DeMaster.
- Grace Hatton's article from Spin-off
- 12 Reasons to own a Finnsheep - the idea was Cindy's Smith's with help from other members.
- How to purchase sheep - written by Sandy DeMaster with help from Cindy Smith and I.

She added Google bar on the index page to allow searches of content on the website.

Tracy also added a lot of photos submitted by members of Finnsheep both white and colored.

Since Grace Hatton took over from Tracy as webmaster this year, the constitution is on the FBA website. You can also download a promotional brochure and add your own farm info to it and print it out. Or just print out the flier as is from the website.

WELCOME HONORARY MEMBERS!
At the annual meeting, we voted to make first time buyers of Finnsheep honorary members for the balance of the calendar year. We hope they will become life members of the FBA (one time fee of $35.)

Welcome to:
Laurie Martin
Meg Shaughnessy
Mary Mackert
Jenna & Chris Keane
Diane Schrade
Deb Olshefski
Micaela & Jacob Brandt
Greg Casalaina
Cara Leigh Wilson
Bobbi Peck
Joyce Birk
Lisa & Erin Lang
Matt & Rhonda Shaul
Patrick Frappier
Send your ad copy to Hatton@ptd.net Please put "ST Classified" in the subject line or send your hard copy and fee to Grace Hatton, 177 Hatton Road, Hawley, PA 18428

Counting Words: Phone numbers count as one word. Each number and two letter initial count as one word. For example "I. M. Wright" is two words, and "P. O. Box 999" is three words. Hyphenated words, (e.g.: Jones-Smythe) count as separate words.

Finnsheep Breeders Association
Breeders Directory

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http://www.HarlequinFarm.etsy.com
Coming in 2009!
http://www.HarlequinFarm.us
Purebred Finnsheep
Flock prefix: Harlequin
Breeding stock, fleece, yarn, knitted goods.

Colorado
Janet Herman
Rock Ridge Ranch (est. 1874)
7054 S.Hwy. 83
Franktown, CO 80116
303-688-6812
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Purebred Finnsheep and Crossbred Finn/Dorset
Commercially processed batts. Spinning fleeces, both black & white
Specializing in out of season lambing.

Indiana
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5197 SW Washington Sch Rd
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812-896-1223
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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.

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

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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.

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Purebred Finnsheep
Finncross sheep

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Purebred Finnsheep

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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 brich and additional softness. White, colored and pied with lines from Stillmeadow, Hatton, and Misty Mountain lines.

Ohio
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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

OKLAHOMA
Cynthia Smith
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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.

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http://antique-spinning-wheels.blogspot.com
http://finnsheep.etsy.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.

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www.trimburfieldfinnsheep.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.

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Purebred Finnsheep
SFCP - Certified Status; flock# WA2252

Robert and Sandra Willford
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www.SolaceFarm.tk

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

Wisconsin

Tracy Sengupta
Firefly Fields Finnsheep
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Beloit, WI 53511
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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.

Canada

Nicole Heath
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NOG 1N0
Canada
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veliraf@sympatico.ca
http://www.veliraf.com

Purebred Finnsheep. Flock Prefix- Veliraf.
Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification program- Flock #50. White and coloured Finns, out of season breeding. Fleece, rovings, batts, pelts, and naturally raised lamb. Vasectomized Finn teaser rams available.
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!)

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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 ________

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
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