Chief Shepherd’s Message

For shepherds facing a mid-to-late winter lambing season, a break from this year’s colder and snowier than normal weather pattern would be a welcome reprieve. Here in Iowa, hypothermia is the leading cause of death among winter lambing flocks and it’s a major reason why April/May lambing continues to grow in popularity. Regardless of when you lamb, good luck! Success or failure now sets the tone for the entire year ahead.

2011 marks a milestone for the Finnsheep Breeders Association – 40 years of service to the American Sheep Industry. You can be a part of that anniversary celebration by making plans now to attend this year’s FBA annual meeting which will be held Oct. 15-16 in conjunction with the New York Sheep and Wool Festival at Rhinebeck, New York.

This year’s annual meeting will offer Finnsheep producers a chance to meet face-to-face at one of the largest annual sheep gatherings in the nation. Obviously, it may involve considerable travel for some, but for those unable to attend in person, the business meeting will again be accessible via teleconference.

Arguably, Finnsheep have perhaps had a greater impact on the U.S. sheep industry over the past 40 years than any other breed. They were imported into this country for the sole purpose of boosting stagnant lambing percentages in a commercial sheep industry that had not changed for decades. Direct infusion of Finnsheep blood did boost the prolificacy and profitability of countless commercial flocks across the country and was also a key ingredient in the formation of a completely new breed of sheep known as the Polypay.

In recent years, hand spinning interests have also come into the limelight as various bloodlines within the breed have become highly prized for the fineness, “feel” and coloration of the wool they produce.

Regardless of your reasons for being a part of the sheep business, we welcome you to the Finnsheep Family. It’s a hardy, versatile breed with a long list of attributes. We hope to publicize as many of them as possible during the months ahead and hope you will help us in making 2011 the “Year of the Finn!”

Clark BreDahl
40th Anniversary of FBA at Rhinebeck, NY

To celebrate the 40th year of our Finnsheep Breeders' Association we have selected the NYS Sheep & Wool Festival at Rhinebeck, NY to be the location of our next Annual Meeting. The weekend of October 15-16, 2011 marks the 38th celebration of fiber animals and artisans at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in eastern, NY. This premier gathering attracts a well rounded audience from hands-on shepherds, to families, to fiber artists who prefer the chance to purchase ready to use materials. It presents an outstanding opportunity to introduce our breed to a multitude of people, acquainting them with the Finnsheep's outstanding characteristics.

A section of the Breed Display Barn has been reserved for both a pen of Finns plus an adjacent space for visual displays and handout materials. We will need volunteer ambassadors! Last year as I meandered through the sheep displays I was extremely impressed by the high quality presentations and the number of onlookers. To energize your enthusiasm for this well rounded weekend you can find out more by going to their website, www.sheepandwool.com.

Plans are now underway to reserve lodging, an affordable block of rooms for FBA members. We are also planning to coordinate a teleconference for those who cannot attend the Annual Meeting in person. As details become available announcements will be forthcoming. It has been several years since an in-person Annual FBA Meeting was held. What better time can there be than the 40th Anniversary of our organization! Volunteers are requested to contact me, Elizabeth Kinne Gossner, at stillmeadowfinnsheep@frontier.com or to phone at (315)852-3344.

Upcoming Sheep & Fiber Events

- **Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival**: May 7-8, 2011; West Friendship, MD  [http://www.sheepandwool.org/](http://www.sheepandwool.org/)
- **Shepherds Harvest Sheep & Wool Festival**: May 7-8, 2011 [http://www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org/index.shtml](http://www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org/index.shtml)
- **Great Lakes Fiber Festival & Sheep Sale**: May 29-30, 2011; Wooster, Ohio; [www.greatlakesfibershow.com](http://www.greatlakesfibershow.com)
- **Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival**: June 11-12, 2011; Adel, IA; [www.iowasheep.com/festival.php](http://www.iowasheep.com/festival.php)
- **Ohio Sheep Day**: July 16, 2011; Blue Heron Farm; Lisbon, OH
- **Wisconsin Sheep & Wool**: September 9-11, 2011; Jefferson, WI; [www.wisconsinsheep&woolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinsheep&woolfestival.com)
- **Endless Mountains Fiber Festival**: September 11-12, 2011; Harford, PA; [www.pafiberfestival.com/](http://www.pafiberfestival.com/)
- **New York State Sheep and Wool Festival**: October 15-16, 2011; Rhinebeck, NY; [www.sheepandwool.com/](http://www.sheepandwool.com/)

A very hearty Welcome to our newest members!!!

- **Sara Jane Rogers, Sacramento, CA**
- **Rodney Garrett, Fuzz N Fluff Farm, Lucile, ID**
- **Kimberlee R. Schwartz, Zip Ty Acres, Thomasboro, IL**
- **Fran Smith, Zip Ty Acres, Rankin, IL**
- **Ann Makela, Leslie, MI**
- **Diane L Schrade, Winterlace Farm, Clinton, NJ**
- **Audrey M. Buchanan, Zip Ty Acres, East Earl, PA**
- **Vicki Bratton, Tumbelle, Ephrata, WA**
Now that the FBA registration forms include more color & marking designations, we have decided to compile representative photographs and create an official reference document to assist your choices. **All members are invited to submit pictures and those selected will credit the flock source.** The color page and descriptive information is planned to be included on our website and also to be made available as handout information in time for the 2011 Annual Meeting at NYS Sheep & Wool Festival in October. Both lamb and mature Finn photos are desired. The pictures above display the piebald marking on the left & a black lamb on the right. Confusion can occur when the head, socks, & tail (HST) are white. Piebald sheep must have the spotting as part of the main fleece. This is a great opportunity to acquaint people with how our breed has developed in the USA over the last 40 years.

Please send photos to stillmeadowfinnsheep@frontier.com.

### Finnsheep Breeders Association Profit & Loss
January through December 2010

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### FBA Registry Report—Year End 2010
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Recently, the Finnsheep Breeders Association board of directors passed the following resolution:

_The FBA board of directors encourages the testing of Registerable animals (particularly rams) for presence of the R gene known to convey genetic resistance to the disease, scrapie. We recommend this testing be completed with results in hand between now and October, 2011. At such time, armed with the best information available regarding presence of the R gene within the Finnsheep breed, a decision WILL BE MADE at the 2011 annual membership meeting concerning whether the flock book should be re-opened to allow access to the R gene from outside sources._

Many producers, particularly those dealing with the commercial sheep industry, feel that scarcity of the R gene is a factor seriously limiting growth and marketability of the Finnsheep breed. Numbers from the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center at Clay Center, Nebraska indicate that perhaps no more than five percent of registerable Finnsheep carry any genetic resistance to scrapie. Since the R gene is virtually non-existent within the breed in Finland, chances are good that any genetic resistance currently present came in through the upbreeding process which was allowed during the breed’s initial growth phase in this country.

There is certainly not total agreement among FBA members that reopening the flock book for upbreeding is a desirable thing to do — and the above resolution does not answer that question. That issue will be decided by you, the members, at the 2011 annual meeting to be held in Rhinebeck, New York, Oct. 15-16. What this resolution does do is specify that FBA will submit an upbreeding implementation plan for you to consider and vote upon in October. Members unable to attend the annual meeting in person will have the additional options of participating via teleconference or voting by absentee ballot.

In the meantime, it is important that as many of you as possible take advantage of the opportunity to submit samples from your best rams to see if any possess a copy of the R gene. Getting a firm handle on how widespread the R gene really is within the breed should help us better decide whether opening the flock book to outside sources is necessary. Please read Paul Hunter’s story elsewhere in this issue of _Short Tales_ for more information about testing options.

Dr. Hunter of Ohio will serve as co-chair of the steering committee along with Heidi Trimbur of Pennsylvania. It will be their task to research and assemble a detailed plan to be submitted to the membership 45 days prior to the annual meeting.

All members are welcome and encouraged to submit comments to the committee concerning procedures which should be followed. Contact information for Dr. Hunter is drhunter@bright.net (ph. 800-628-5262) and for Heidi Trimbur, htrimbur@dejazzd.com. (ph. 610-845-3607). If you have comments or questions concerning the desirability of reopening the flock book, those may be directed to any member of the board.

Stay tuned in coming months as more information about this issue will be posted on the FBA website. Official notice will appear in the September issue of _Short Tales_.

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_FBA to Decide in October Whether to Re-open Flock Book_
SCRAPIE SUSCEPTIBILITY TESTING

By Dr. Paul Hunter

In the interest in determining the presence and prevalence of the R allele in the US Finnsheep population I was asked to contact the various labs that offer the testing. I limited the search to labs that are approved by the USDA-APHIS. A table of the labs and information they provided follows on the next page.

To be considered an “official” test by USDA-APHIS the sample must be taken by an accredited veterinarian or a State/Federal animal health official. In order to do regulatory work a private vet needs to be accredited, this is to collect samples for reportable diseases such as TB and brucellosis and to write health papers. I would suspect the vast majority of vets that do food animal work are accredited. A VS 5-29 form must be completed by the vet and accompany the samples.

Only an approved lab can be used for the test to be considered official. Official test results are used by APHIS during disease investigations. Unofficial tests cannot be used. For example if you bought a RR ewe based on an unofficial test and then you sold her and she later turns out to be an exposed animal that cannot be located for testing APHIS would live animal test susceptible animals in your flock. Whereas, if she had an official test, the investigation would be dropped. The other reason to recommend approved labs is that they have met quality control standards set by the government.

While we primarily think of testing for the Q and R alleles on codon 171, the regulatory folks rarely look at the other ones, there are three other codons that deal with scrapie resistance. The others are 136, 154 and 141. Some of the labs only test for all four. If you are looking for more detailed information you may want to consider them.

The final item to consider is the type of sample to be submitted. Most labs prefer the sample be sent in what is called a purple top blood tube. It contains an anti-clotting agent so the blood remains whole. Therefore after the sample is put in it, it must be tilted back and forth so the blood can mix with the anticoagulant. The other option is called a FTA card. They must be ordered ahead of time and run $3.00 to $5.00 each. Most of the labs discouraged their use as there is a greater risk of contamination and an inaccurate result. Gene Check also offers a tissue test. They sell a special ear punch for $31.00 and you will need a collector to place the tissue in at the cost of $2.35 each. These tissue samples can be held up to three years at room temperature and still yield valid results.

The only lab that offered a group discount was Biogenetic Services. They are willing to accumulate samples from various producers. Once they have 50 or more they will run the test on all the samples at a reduced rate. If we want to use this option as a group we would need to coordinate our sampling so they could be shipped within a certain time frame. This would avoid delays in receiving the results. The group rate would save 50 cents per sample. If they do not get the 50 samples, they just charge the normal fee. If producers have an interest in this group program please send me possible shipment dates and the number you are interested in testing. My email is drhunter@bright.net.

This offer is not limited to just Finns if case you have sheep of other breeds you want tested.

An article, “Gene Testing for Scrapie Resistance” was presented in the past Short Tails: December, 2010 Issue 69 page 4 in regards to the various state subsidy programs. Found online: http://www.finnsheep.org/short_tales.htm
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Feeding Finnsheep Ewes to Match Their Genetic Potential

By Dr. Dan Morrical
Sheep Extension Specialist
Iowa State University

Perhaps the greatest challenge in meeting the nutrient requirements of Finnsheep ewes occurs during late gestation when the presence of three or more fetuses can severely compromise the amount of feed consumed on a daily basis. Thus, it is important to realize that ewes eating two to four percent of their bodyweight per day probably will not be able to meet all their nutrient requirements on hay alone.

Only so much body space exists for fetuses and feed in the rumen. Thus, roughage intake should be limited in late gestation. Ewe lambs carrying twins face the same dilemma. Limiting hay to no more than one pound per day and using more concentrate to meet energy and protein needs will also help reduce the incidence of vaginal prolapse.

A ration readily available here in the Midwest consisting of 50% soybean hulls, 25% corn and 25% dry distillers grain w/solubles (DDGS) fed at a rate of 2.6% of ewe bodyweight should meet all the nutrient requirements of highly prolific ewes in late gestation. However, for mature ewes carrying triplets or more and ewe lambs carrying twins, ration changes probably should be made six to seven weeks pre-lambing. Calcium should be added at 1.2% of the ration. Ration substitutions can be made based on availability, but the important thing to remember is that high fiber diets alone (such as hay) likely will not be adequate, and late gestation is not a good time to skimp on feed.

Birth weights are a good means of assessing late gestation rations. My recommendation is for triplets to weigh 5.5% of the dam’s weight when she is open and in average body condition. So, if a ewe weighs 135 in average body condition, her triplet lambs should weigh roughly 7.4 pounds. I doubt if many of you have triplets that big as that seems a little heavy for trips from purebred Finn ewes. Quads and up should have birth weights of around six pounds. Birth weights are extremely critical to survival in winter lambing flocks in cold environments (think Iowa). The mass of a lamb is directly proportional to its ability to withstand chilling.

Late gestation rations should also be fortified with a minimum of 100 IU of Vitamin E per pound of concentrate. Vitamin E does not always cross the placenta in sufficient amounts and lambs may be born deficient in Vitamin E. That is why lambs may respond to oral Vitamin E drenches or injections. These supplemental E treatments are very short lived however (<7 days), which means that lambs need a milk source with high vitamin E levels. This can be accomplished by making sure ewes consume 100 to 300 IU per ewe per day in their feed. After lambs are thirty days old and eating creep or out on grass the Vitamin E supplementation can be stopped.
Feeding Finnsheep Ewes cont...

Lactation continues to be a time of very high nutrient demand on the ewe with most ewes losing weight during this period. Some weight loss is acceptable, but over ½ body condition score per pound of lamb gain. If one use this calculation a ewe with triplets gaining .4 pound per day each would equate to roughly six pounds of milk output per day. A traditional lactation diet would be four pounds of very good alfalfa hay, two pounds of soybean hulls and two pounds of DDGS. One could also supplement the hay with 2.5 pounds of corn and one pound of soybean meal. These are generally much higher levels of concentrate feeding than producers are used to and are formulated to minimize weight loss in ewes. After 50 days of lactation amounts being fed can be cut by at least a third if not close to 50%.

Another option for lactation feeding is a self fed ration consisting of 75% soybean hulls and 25% DDGS. Some producers who have tried this have complained about ewes eating some of their bedding. To offset this, producers can free choice big round bales or hand feed a couple of pounds of lower cost, medium quality hay to add some additional long fiber to the diet.

Finally, it is critical to severely restrict both protein and energy intake during the week preceding weaning to minimize mastitis infections. I prefer weaning lambs cold turkey and moving the ewes to a new location leaving the lambs in familiar surroundings. Ewes should be fed a low quality diet for another 3-7 days post weaning. Our work has shown that five CC of penicillin at weaning is an effective prophylactic treatment to reduce udder infections.

I am critically aware of current high feed costs. However, late gestation/lactation feeding is not the time or place to cut corners. Producers with questions regarding additional rations or substitutions can call 515-294-2904 or email morrical@iastate.edu.

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Send your advertising copy to the Short Tales Coordinator, Mary Tucker -
mary@lighthousesheepfarm.com

Please place “ST Classified Ad” in the subject line or send your hard copy and applicable fee to:

Deb Olschefski, FBA Secretary 3937 Ridgewood Road York, PA 17406
Announcement:

Mary Tucker has been appointed Short Tales Coordinator. Feel free to contact Mary at maire8797@yahoo.com with your suggestions regarding information you would like published in Short Tales.

Mary is always looking for sheep stories, events, fleece projects, recipes and comments etc.

Look now, there is snow swirling down all around
And Oh, the cold, stary nights!
Look forward to sunny days, with delight
And lambs upon the ground!

Thank you to all FBA Members who paid their Membership Renewal in January, 2011!

The Finnsheep Breeders Association is happy to offer all Breeders the opportunity to advertise in the Short Tales Breeder Directory and the FBA Website Breeder Directory for an annual fee of $30. Your business is appreciated. However, it is necessary that your payment is received in January in order to keep your information current on our sites.

If you notice your breeder information is no longer listed in Short Tales or on the Website, please check to make sure you sent in your membership renewal. If you have questions regarding either memberships or directory listings please contact FBA Secretary, Deb Olschefski

Don’t forget to renew your FBA Membership and your On-Line Breeder Directory

Lamb Rack Roast

2 racks of lamb (or try other roasts!) 1 tsp. of dried rosemary.
2 Lg. Garlic cloves, crushed. 1 tsp. of dried thyme.
2 TB. Dijon mustard. 1 tsp. of ground marjoram.
2 TB. soy sauce. ½ tsp. of ground ginger.
2 TB. extra virgin olive oil. Freshly ground black pepper, to taste.

Directions:
Whisk together the crushed garlic, mustard, soy sauce, olive oil, garlic, rosemary, thyme, marjoram and ginger. Paste the marinade over the lamb racks. Place the lamb in a roasting pan and marinate at room temperature for 1 hour 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 400°F Roast the lamb for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, carve and serve. Use leftover lamb to make the delicious Spice Curry on page 12.
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Cheryl Medlin & Frank Moore
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Salem, IN 47167
812.896.1223
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Purebred Finnsheep, Finn x Shetland
Enrolled Status; Mandatory Scrapie Pro-
gram since 2002; Flock ID: 88035
New for 2011, The Rooster’s Run Store
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ing wheels and Howard Brush Carders.
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Sutherland, IA 51058
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Purebred Finnsheep
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x Corriedale)

Marvin Blair
BBG Sheep
3402 Fletcher Avenue
Lake City, IA 51449
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Purebred Finnsheep
Crossbred Finnsheep (Finn x Hamp and
Finn x Dorset)

Clark BreDahl
Mormon Trail Farm
1911 290th Street
Greenfield, IA 50849
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Purebred Finnsheep
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Footrot free; OPP flock test negative
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Purebred Finnsheep & Finn cross

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St. Louis, MI 48880
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sableforest@aol.com
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Flock ID: MIF2042
White, black, brown and badgerface;
Fleeces available yearly; call to check prices and availability

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Flock ID: MN43
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Flock ID: MN62

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finnsheep@me.com
www.pointofviewfarm.net
SFCP Flock ID: NY103
Purebred Finnsheep raised all naturally on pasture, organic grains, minerals and herbs. Biosecure farm offering healthy breeding stock for sale including white, brown, fawn, black and grey lambs. Entire flock tested for negative OPP status annually, enrolled in SFCP, Flock #NY120. Random flock testing for CL and Johne’s. Flock goals are wide genetic variety, confirmation, maternal traits, parasite resistance and high quality wool. Chemical free coated hand spinning fleeces, roving and yarn available for sale in all colors. Come visit and see how we have an alternative Point of view at our farm following the traditions of our family in Finland.

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York, PA 17406
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Finnegansflock@comcast.net
www.Finnegansflock.com
SFCP Enrolled Status; Flock ID: PA0185
Entire flock tested negative for OPP & CL in 2011. Excellent flock health; Bred for maternal traits and fleece; White, black and pied; Fleece, roving and yarn.

Heidi Trimbur
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Flock ID: PA3781
SFCP Enrolled Status
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Virginia

Joe & Naomi Smith
House Mountain Finnsheep
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Lexington, VA 24450
540.463.6062
Flock ID: VA17; SFCP enrolled 1999
Farm established in 1985 in the Blue Ridge Mountains for Virginia Purebred Finnsheep; flock of 100 breeding ewes, mostly quads and quint. Bred for size, multiple births, mothering ability and structural correctness. Glen Avon and Root bloodlines. Rams available for cross-breeding

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Flock ID: WI1990
SFCP Certified Status
Purebreed Finnsheep

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Spicy Curry: simple and delicious in 15 minutes

1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and diced               1/2 tsp. Salt
1 onion, chopped                                                       1/8 tsp. white pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced                                              1/2 cup apple cider
3 Tbsp. Butter                                                             1/2 cup currants
2 Tbsp. olive oil                                                          3 cups sliced cooked lamb
1 Tbsp. curry powder                                                1/2 cup mango chutney
3 Tbsp. Flour                                                               1/2 cup sliced toasted almonds
2 cups chicken stock                                                        Hot cooked Rice (Uncle Ben’s 5 minute)

Directions:
In large heavy skillet, cook apple, onion, and garlic in butter and olive oil until tender. Sprinkle with curry powder; cook and stir for 2-3 minutes until fragrant. Add flour, salt, and pepper; cook for 3-4 minutes longer until bubbly. Then add chicken stock and apple cider; cook and stir with wire whisk until slightly thickened and bubbly. Serve over rice and enjoy.
2011 Finnsheep Breeders’ Assoc. Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, complete and mail this form and your payment to:
Finnsheep Breeders Assoc. / 15603 173rd Avenue / Milo, IA 50166 / Phone: 641-942-6402

Name:___________________________________________________________________________________

Farm Name:_______________________________________________________________________________

Street Address:__________________________________________ City:______________________________

State:______ Zip:__________ E-Mail:_____________________________ Website:______________________

Phone #:  ____________________________     Flock Prefix (optional):________________________________

Please check all that apply:

_____ New Member ($35.00)    _____ Youth/Associate Member ($10.00)

_____ Continuing Member ($25.00)    _____ Continuing Youth/Associate Member ($15.00)

_____ Breeder Directory Listing ($30.00/yr.) FBA Members Only

( ) Purebred Finnsheep      ( ) Cross-Bred Finnsheep—list crosses ___________________________

( ) Commercial Breeder      ( ) Wool / Other __________________

_____ Scrapie Flock Number (if participant): __________ ( ) Voluntary ( ) Pending ( ) Enrolled ( ) Certified

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.

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A flock prefix enables exclusive use of your name, flock or farm on registrations and is a one-time fee.

Total Amount Due _______________, (Make check out to Finnsheep Breeders’ Association)

DUES ARE DUE on or before January 7th of each year. Members receive a free yearly subscription to “Short Tales” newsletter, a copy of meeting minutes and an annual report. Members will receive copies of all other pertinent mailings and/or emails. FBA members receive a 50% discount on registration fees throughout the year with active membership. Directory listings will be deleted if dues are not paid on time.

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Signed:___________________________________________     Date:_______________________
Finnsheep Breeders’ Association

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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 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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