Chief Shepherd’s Message

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association.

During this term I hope to see our association grow together to help Finnsheep become better known, and once again a viable option for commercial operations and for small flock holders that make up our sheep industry.

Finnsheep are a natural choice for fiber enthusiasts and for production oriented business growth. With proper management there is nothing that Finnsheep can’t accomplish, as long as the shepherd is using proper selection standards.

We are in a time of economic change that brings change to our families and businesses. I hope to be able to encourage Finnsheep breeders to become better equipped to make choices based on sound information, aptly taught by Finnsheep breeders who have gained experience from years of raising sheep. I hope some of the long time breeders will share their knowledge of Selection and Culling, Breeding for Desired Traits, Health Issues, How Weather Affects Finns, and Making Ends Meet on a Shoestring with new Finnsheep owners since many new members have joined our association.

The opportunity exists for Finnsheep to participate and excel in: ASI’s 2+, Data Performance, Production, NSIP, Fiber Fests, Wool Improvement Plans, Sheep to Shawls, Youth Conservations, 4H, FFA, and Make it With Wool. Raising Finnsheep is an excellent way for our junior members to learn about responsibility and good business practices.

You name it, our Finnsheep can exceed expectations.

I encourage the FBA membership to contact me and share your ideas, plans and opportunities for your Finnsheep business and the steps you are taking to make your dreams a reality.

Mary Tucker, Pres.
585.928.1721
maire8797@yahoo.com

The FBA is in need of a Secretary. Please consider responding to this need if you possess the following qualities:

- The Secretary must have the ability to work closely with and assist the President
- The time to perform the tasks
- Work with the Registry in Milo
- Detail oriented
- Organized
- Customer Service Skills to respond to inquiries and complaints
- Software skills in Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel
- Persistent Attitude and ability to follow through with projects to completion
- Flexibility

Member Notice:

During this time period in which the FBA is looking for a Secretary, please send correspondence to:

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herb@lighthousesheepfarm.com

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5:00 - 5:35 PM Dinner

5:40 PM Clark welcomed Dr. Thonney and Dr. Leymaster to the FBA Annual Meeting. Dr. Thonney presented a power point show on the subject of Finnsheep in the 21st Century. FBA members were encouraged to listen in by telephone conference or in person.

7:04 PM Clark BreDahl welcomed everyone to the 2011 FBA Annual Business Meeting

Roll Call was taken by FBA Secretary, Deb Olschefski. The following members were present:

Members present: Amy Cook, New York
Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner, New York (Director)
Deborah Hilliard Kirsch, New York
Paul Hunter, Ohio (Director & Vice President)
Rhonda Jaacks, Connecticut
Dale & Martha Livermore, Pennsylvania
Brian Magee, New York
Joseph & Naomi Smith, Virginia (Director)
Mary Tucker, New York (Director)
Rich & Deb Olschefski, Pennsylvania (Director & Secretary)

Members participating by telephone:
Clark BreDahl, Iowa (President)
Leanne Hughes, Washington
Anna Makela, Michigan (Junior member)
Fran Smith, Illinois
Gail Von Bargen, Minnesota (Director)
Sandra Wilford, Washington
CaraLeigh Wilson, New York

Agenda - Clark BreDahl made one addition to the FBA Agenda: FBA incorporation status with the IRS. Gail Von Bargen moved to approve the agenda; Anna Makela, second. Vote taken, agenda approved.

Secretary's Report - Deb Olschefski read the Secretary's Report. Paul Hunter moved to approve the Report; Mary Tucker, second. Vote taken, report approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mary Tucker read the Profit & Loss Statement for 1/1/2011-10/13/2011; Profit & Loss Statement for 1/1/2010-12/31/2010; and the Balance Sheet as of 10/13/2011. FBA Treasurer, Grant Blackburn, was not in attendance. Mary Tucker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; CaraLeigh Wilson second. Vote taken, report approved.

Old Business: Clark BreDahl asked if there was any old business from the floor. Mary Tucker commented that last year Mary O'Malley and Mary Tucker were to look into flock donations/awards. Mary Tucker stated she will delay the report for now and try to get with the Board of Directors the next time they meet.

New Business: In order to keep the meeting moving, Clark BreDahl instituted ground rules for discussion with two minutes/person and each person may speak twice on a topic. There is a total time limit of 15 minutes per topic. There was no discussion.

Proposed Constitution Amendments: Clark BreDahl brought up the first topic of amending the current constitution to reflect current operating policies. Clark asked for questions from the floor. Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner had a concern
Elizabeth stated that we could not vote on this item until we reach a decision about re-opening the Flock Book for upgrading to pure status. Clark concurred a point well taken and moved on to Re-opening the Flock Book.

Re-opening the Flock Book for Upgrading to Pure Status - FIP (Finnsheep Improvement Plan): Clark asked Paul Hunter to comment on the FIP since he worked with Heidi Trimbur on the Improvement Plan. Paul stated he wasn’t the main author of the FIP and was reluctant to comment about the plan since it was Heidi Trimbur’s work. Paul Hunter stated he had a problem with the plan from a personal standpoint in that he feels the donor breed doesn’t need to be registered and the FIP requires source animals to be registered. Clark asked if there were any questions.

Anna Makela, 16 (junior member), felt it was more important to have disease free animals that don’t have genetic resistance. However, USDA prefers RR and that is becoming an issue in some states that have an aggressive attitude toward scrapie eradication. Paul Hunter stated there is speculation as to whether RR sheep can carry the disease. It has not been proven either way. However, he said it is fairly unlikely that an RR sheep would carry scapie. The RR gene is being demanded by commercial producers.

Rhonda Jaacks said no one is overseeing breeds used in this program. Why would we bring in outside sheep? Martha Livermore, Pennsylvania, has great concern because PA plans to be scrapie free by 2017. Martha has concern for the Finn ewes. When we breed other breeds to the Finn ewe, what happens when she tries to give birth and can’t pass larger lambs. Martha doesn’t understand why the FBA can’t look for imported semen that would carry the RR gene and expand the genetic pool. It could be done more effectively but we need to work as a group. Clark commented that importing the R gene is not an alternative because it doesn’t exist in Finnsheep from Finland. There are, however, different bloodlines that can be brought in if we’re looking at the big picture and not just the R gene. He refuted the claim that there is little oversight in the FIP, stating that the Plan is actually fairly detailed and specific but much will depend on how the plan is implemented. He added that the new FIP is definitely more detailed and concise than what was sanctioned by FBA during the first twenty years of our existence. Paul Hunter moved to table the FIP until Heidi is available to discuss it further; Naomi Smith seconded to table the motion. Clark explained that the motion was out of order since the FBA Board had approved bringing the FIP to a straight up or down vote by the membership at the annual meeting. Clark asked for a motion to proceed with that vote. Sandra Wilford so moved, Gail Von Bargen, second. Vote taken: 4 yes, 10 no, motion failed.

Proposed amendment (cosmetic changes) to the FBA constitution to reflect current practice: Martha Livermore said that Article IV, Section 4. Membership Fees and Annual Dues states, The Board of Directors shall be authorized to set membership fees and establish dues structure. Martha feels the FBA needs a check and balance system within the organization so that any increase in fees is approved by the membership at large, at a special meeting or vote. Fran Smith said that though it does appear the Board of Directors can do as it pleases regarding membership fees and dues, most organizations operate in this manner. The Board is selected by the membership to represent them. Without this statement in place, the Board’s hands are effectively tied. Clark agreed with Fran Smith’s comments. Clark also said that if we say the Board can’t make a move without membership approval in regard to setting fees, it will be very difficult and time consuming to make any changes at all. Conversation moved to Article IX. Registration and Pedigree Recordation, Section 1. There shall be two/three classes of Finnsheep registration. Gail Von Bargen stated that “three” should be removed from the wording. She moved to approve all changes in red except “three” in the first line of section 1, Article IX. Fran Smith, second. Vote taken: 14 yes votes to approve, motion passed.

Clark asked Gail Von Bargen to present information regarding an online database. Gail would like the FBA to research the possibility of providing a database available to anyone online. An independent contractor would build the database and all breeders could participate. Start up cost is estimated at $1000. Gail wants to check the interest level of the membership to see if it is something they would like to do. In other words, appoint a committee to see if it is a worthwhile project the Association can afford. Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner moved to take a survey of those attending the annual meeting to find out who is interested in having this kind of information investigated. Rhonda Jaacks, second. Vote: 9 yes, 6 no; motion passed. Fran Smith asked if members who had voted no would explain why. Clark BreDahl said he is not sure the information would be of value to commercial breeders. He would be more interested
interested in information that could be backed up with hard scientific evidence. He said that the online database might provide interesting information but not the type of verifiable data that could be used in making breeding decisions. Paul Hunter said from a genetic standpoint that once you go back three generations you're getting too far away from the genetic value. Elizabeth agrees, partially, with Paul Hunter. Elizabeth feels that Gail's interest in tracking recessive colors does not value the sheep.

Clark moved on to the creation of a Finnsheep Breeding Consortium and asked Paul Hunter to provide a quick overview. Paul sent out surveys with one of our newsletters and asked members to send in the form if they were interested in participating. Paul received five responses totaling 150 Finn ewes. Paul planned to have a meeting today, but that didn't work out. Paul would like to proceed with this concept. It would be an entity separate from the FBA. He has applied for a $50,000 grant, but hasn't received an answer yet. Paul wants to find a core group of producers who would like to work together to achieve genetic progress at a faster rate. Paul stated that sheep in the program will need to become genetically linked and share rams or siblings amongst several breeders. Semen can be shipped UPS. Anna Makela asked about conception rates with AI. Amy Cook said that conception rates of 75-80% were possible using vaginal AI technique. Clark asked for members with an interest to contact Paul Hunter and start thinking about what traits should be emphasized. Paul would like to have a base ram to use by 2012.

Clark BreDahl brought up the final order of business. He stated that earlier this year we became aware that FBA had failed to reapply for non-profit status with the IRS and that the problem dated back at least two years. No one from our organization was aware of the problem until this year. We have updated the non-profit filing with the Minnesota Secretary of State Office and are using Gail Von Bargen's home address as the address of record. Reapplying for tax-exempt status with the IRS has taken a bit more effort. This past week the paperwork was completed with the help of his Clark's accountant. It appears that this, along with payment of $100 to the IRS will get the organization back on track with it's tax-exempt status. Clark requested that the packet of information his Accountant put together be passed around to members physically attending the meeting. Paul Hunter asked if this fee is a onetime payment or needed to be paid annually. Clark stated it's a onetime fee. In the future the FBA should be able to file an electronic e-card annually and that will take care of it. The $100 is the reinstatement fee. Clark asked the board to approve payment of the reinstatement fee and also to pay Clark's Accountant $100 services rendered. Gail Von Bargen moved to approve payment of $100 to the IRS and $100 to Clark's accountant. Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner; second. Vote: 13 yes, motion passed.

Anna Makela asked why Junior members can't vote. Mary Tucker responded that the FBA constitution regards Youth members as Associate members and Associate members are not allowed to vote.

Election of FBA Board of Directors: Clark explained there are four vacant positions available. Two current board members are listed on the ballot, Mary Tucker and Gail Von Bargen. The floor was opened for further nominations. Paul Hunter nominated Brian Magee with a second from Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner. Mary Tucker nominated Deb Hilliard with a second from Amy Cook. No further nominations were made. Clark asked each nominee to give a brief summary:

Mary Tucker really enjoyed working on the board this year and learned a lot and still feels she has a lot to learn. Mary enjoyed talking to many different breeders and would like to continue to serve on the board in this manner for the Finn breeders and members of the body.

Gail Von Bargen served last year on the board and has served on several boards in her lifetime. Gail is especially interested in colored Finnsheep but stated she doesn't understand the commercial standpoint of breeding.

Deb Hilliard Kirsch is relatively new to the FBA. She has had sheep since the mid 1970's. She had her first group of Finns in the late 70's and early 80's. She worked with Shetlands and came back to Finns. Deb would be happy to serve. Deb is located in Southwest New York, near Mary Tucker.

Brian Magee recently re-associated with the FBA. Brian has been working with Finns for thirty years and also working with the R gene and other efforts to keep the breed pure and help Paul Hunter improve sheep.
Paul Hunter moved nominations cease, Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner second. Prior to taking the vote the nominees were asked if anyone would be interested in taking the two-year term available. The other openings are for a three-year term. Gail Von Bargen offered to take the two year term. Thus, Mary Tucker, Deb Hilliard Kirsch and Brian Magee will all serve three-year terms. Moved by Herb Tucker to proceed with the vote with a second from Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner. Votes was in favor of Gail Von Bargen taking the two year term and Mary Tucker, Deb Hilliard Kirsch and Brian Magee filling the three-year terms.

President’s Message:

Finnsheep Breeders Association Annual Meeting
Rhinecliff, N.Y., Oct. 15, 2011

I will keep my “executive” remarks short today for the sake of those who may still be listening in on our meeting via conference telephone call.

As the president of my youngest daughter’s high school graduating class said at commencement a couple of years ago, “It’s been fun and it’s been real - but it hasn’t always been real fun!”

That pretty well sums up my time on the FBA board these past three years. We’ve accomplished some things that I am very proud of, but more often than I care to admit, conflict on the board has been far too real. Frankly, I’ve never served on a board with less sense of camaraderie or unity of purpose. My take is that, unfortunately, the Finnsheep breed is currently drifting with no clear vision for the future.

When I first came on the board, I had no idea that actual Association business would be discussed and voted on via email. Experience since tells me that both these ideas were disasters. Discussing Association business via email meant that, in effect, official meetings were in session 24/7/365! For anyone with a job or other things to do, the resulting time commitment was totally unreasonable. Secondly, it quickly became obvious that people tend to say things in an email message that they would never think of saying when looking a person straight in the eye, face-to-face. By the same token, it is very easy to misinterpret words before you on a computer screen when you cannot see the facial expression or body language of the person saying them. In both cases, hard feelings can result.

Also, when I first joined the board, I was amazed that, as a result of the unending online discussions, there were often no formal minutes kept - even relating to votes taken. Again, imperfect memories of what had been transacted often led to hard feelings and mistrust later.

When I took over as President, one of my first priorities was to wean the board away from online business meetings to a system involving conference telephone calls. That allowed for discussions to focus on the task at hand and eliminate some of the irrelevant side topics. It also aided in keeping the tone of the conversation more civil. And finally, it allowed the secretary the opportunity to actually record written minutes which could be referenced later if questions arose.

Voting, for those board members with Internet connectivity, was handled online via Survey Monkey®, which automatically provided a permanent written record of each director’s vote on each issue. It is not a perfect system yet, but, in my opinion, it is far superior to continuous online meetings. For the sake of board harmony and business transparency, I would recommend never going back to that old system again. In my opinion, the more face-to-face, teleconference or video conference meetings you can have, the better.

Now, back to what I alluded to earlier regarding a sense of purpose and direction for the FBA. Another thing that has surprised me is the lack of background knowledge some of our members have about the Finnsheep breed and also about the American sheep industry in general. It seems ironic to me that some among our membership say they want to “preserve” the breed, yet don’t really understand what it is they should be preserving. I think we all need to go back and study why Finnsheep were imported into the U.S. in the first place. It was to improve profitability of the commercial lamb industry through increased lambing rates, survival rates, weaning percentages and total pounds of lamb produced per ewe exposed. Those are undoubtedly the things that Finnsheep do best. But, over the past decade in particular, those things have been given short change by many Finnsheep breeders. Mind you, some Finnsheep also grow marvelous fleeces that are prized by hand-spinners (my wife being one), but those wonderful wool traits must be maintained in unison with the total package mentioned earlier—not separately as the primary breeding focus. You cannot “preserve” the Finnsheep breed by focusing on only...
one or two of their many attributes.

And, when we talk about preserving the breed, we have to consider what we are preserving it for. Are we preserving it in a static state that at some point may relegate it to heirloom status? Or, are we preserving it as an evolving, highly functional breed of livestock that will serve mankind as well or better in the future than it does today?

If we want tomorrow’s Finns to be better than today’s, the only way to do it is to measure their performance and apply selection pressure accordingly. The old saying, “if you can’t measure it, you can’t make progress” definitely applies.

In my opinion, if you are a commercial sheepman in the United States today and you want to raise wooled sheep, Finns must be a part of your breeding program. It’s that simple! But, as purebred producers, we need to acknowledge that, unfortunately, many of today’s Finns could do better in terms of survival, hardiness, longevity and milking ability. And, since they are a maternal breed, there is always room for better growth characteristics. Most of these shortcomings can be greatly improved simply by identifying and selecting only the fittest breeding stock to propagate. In other cases, expanding a limited genetic base may also help.

Finally, Finnsheep breeders have to put aside some of their narrow individual interests and start looking at the big picture. Where do we want the Finnsheep breed to be in another 40 years? Residing in a sperm bank somewhere in Colorado preserved for posterity - or a key ingredient in a thriving American sheep industry that helps feed and clothe our country and the world?

I favor the latter and will personally strive to make Finnsheep even more relevant over the next 40 years than they are today. I hope you will all join me in that effort.

Thank-you.

Clark would like to let the new board set the date for the next annual meeting. Dale Livermore commented that Clark has done a wonderful job and respected the way he ran the meeting. However, Robert's Rules state if the president can't be there then the vice-president should run the meeting.

Clark appreciated the opportunity to serve the past three years and thanked those that helped organize the meeting, Elizabeth Kinne Gossner, Amy Cook, Deb Olschefski and Rhonda Jaacks for bringing her sheep for the display. Clark likes the idea of doing onsite annual meetings as often as feasible and hopes to be in attendance next year if that happens.

Paul Hunter thanked Clark and Deb for their service to the board and said the FBA has purchased embroidered wool blankets from Cornell University which should be delivered shortly. Clark and Deb thanked the Board.

Paul Hunter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Mary Tucker. Vote taken: meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Olschefski, Secretary
Attached Treasurer's Report

Online Finnsheep Database Committee Forming:

A large majority of members present at the annual meeting expressed an interest in the FBA providing an online Finnsheep database. We intend to inquire into making available the pedigrees of all animals registered with FBA, linked from our FBA website. Such databases exist for several breed organizations. Several FBA members have used the North American Shetland Sheepbreeders Association animal database, and think highly of the ability to research the lineage of sheep they own or are considering for purchase.

If anyone would like to collaborate with Gail Von Bargen and Deb Kirsch, FBA Boardmembers, to explore the feasibility of offering this online tool to its members and the visiting public, please contact either of them at GVonBargen@aol.com or kirschdeb@yahoo.com
THANK YOU

Amy Cook, Elizabeth Kinne Gossner, Deb Olschefskei and Rhonda Jaacks for all you did in preparing and coordinating the FBA’s visit to the New York Sheep & Wool Festival such a wonderful success.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the sheep display booth. It was really great to meet so many of you in person.

Thank you to the many people who stopped to visit us at the FBA display.

Deb Olschefskei, FBA Secretary, and her husband Rich visiting the FBA’s Finnsheep Display at Rhinebeck on October 15-16, 2011. Thank you for so much.

Clark BreDahl who has served the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association as President for the past two years. He also has served the FBA in many other capacities over the years. Thank you Clark, you are appreciated.

For their Dedicated Service on behalf of the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association, we awarded Clark BreDahl, FBA President and Deb Olschefskei, FBA Secretary a woolen blanket made from the Cornell Sheep Program’s flock of Finnsheep, Dorset and crosses.

Our heartfelt Thanks and Gratitude for all you have done for us. Enjoy.

Thanks to Rhonda Jaacks, Harlequin Farm of Lakeville, CT for participating in the 2011 Finnsheep Breeders’ Association display located at the NY Sheep & Wool Festival held in Rhinebeck, NY.

Rhonda brought these two beautiful ewes: Harlequin Dot and Harlequin Dixie to be in our display booth, and also took part in the Parade of Breeds; showing the calmness and curious demeanor of Finnsheep.

Many folks commented on meeting our wonderful breed for the first time and hoped to see them again soon.
### FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

**Profit & Loss**  
**Accrual Basis**  
**January through December 2010**

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#### New Member Welcome

- Mary Goggins—Post Falls, ID
- Dianne L. Brann—Paris, KY
- Laura Hauss—Howell, MI
- Karen Byron—Weseca, MN

#### Registered Finnsheep Report:

- Total # of sheep Registered Aug 26, 2010 to Aug 26, 2011: **391**
- Total # of sheep Registered Jan 1, 2011 to Aug 26, 2011: **270**
MEMBER NOTICE:

In an effort to be fiscally responsible, as well as "green" the FBA has made the decision to email this and all future Short Tales Newsletters to our member-ship.

A paper copy of the newsletter will ONLY be mailed if requested by a member. Otherwise all newsletters will be sent by email.

Please direct your request for a paper copy to:

Herb Tucker, FBA Interim Secretary
PO Box 85
West Clarksville, NY  14786
Phone: (585) 928-1721
Email: herb@lighthousesheepfarm.com

Members are also encouraged to contact the FBA Secretary to confirm your email address at: herb@lighthousesheepfarm.com.

FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Balance Sheet
As of October 13, 2011

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| **LIABILITIES & EQUITY** |
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| Total Equity | 14,771.39 |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** | 14,771.39 |
Looking Ahead:

Please remember that your FBA Annual Activity Fee is due on January 1, 2012

Also, start thinking of possible sites for FBA’s 2012 Annual Business Meeting and tell us your ideas! Members who live near sheep festivals can help greatly by checking out accommodations for our FBA meeting. We had fun at Rhinebeck in 2011, let’s do it again!

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**FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Profit & Loss**  
**January 1 through October 13, 2011**  
Jan 1 - Oct 13, 11

**Ordinary Income/Expense**

**Income**

- **Annual Dues**
  - 2010: 25.00
  - 2011: 1,150.00
  - **Total Annual Dues**: 1,175.00

- **Breeders Directory Income**
  - 2011: 990.00
  - **Total Breeders Directory Income**: 990.00

- **Flock Prefix Income**: 580.00

- **Income (other - dup certs etc)**: 39.95

- **Membership Income**
  - **Youth Membership**: 43.00
  - **Membership Income - Other**: 595.00
  - **Total Membership Income**: 638.00

- **Misc/non mbr reg Income**: 95.00

**Registrations**

- **Finn Pedigrees**: 1,518.00
- **Non-purebred**: 60.00
- **Pedigree o/12mth**: 612.00
- **Transfers**: 720.00

- **Total Registrations**: 2,910.00

**Total Income**: 6,427.95

**Expense**

- **Advertising**: 1,512.49
- **Contract Labor**: 1,512.52
- **Meeting**: 100.00
- **Miscellaneous**: 170.00
- **Postage and Delivery**: 254.73
- **Printing and Reproduction**: 347.24
- **Supplies**
  - **Office**: 29.14

- **Total Supplies**: 29.14

**Total Expense**: 3,926.12

**Net Ordinary Income**: 2,501.83

**Net Income**: 2,501.83
Finnsheep Breeders Association Constitution

Article I. NAME
The name of this Association shall be: Finnsheep Breeders Association

Article II. CHARACTER AND EXISTENCE
This Association shall be a non-profit livestock breeders corporation and shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved by due process of law.

Article III. GENERAL PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES
The purpose of this Association shall be to engage in any lawful activities for which a non-profit corporation may be formed pursuant to the Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation Act specifically including but not limited to the following:
  a) To register and maintain pedigree identification of Finnish Landrace, hereinafter called Finnsheep, ewes and rams.
  b) To register and maintain pedigree identification of first cross and backcross progeny having one purebred (Class 1) Finnsheep parent.
  c) To record lambing performance of registered ewes and encourage the use of performance/progeny records for further improvement of the Finnsheep breed.
  d) To encourage and support breeding research to discover how Finnsheep can be used most effectively in cross-breeding to improve efficiency of commercial lamb production.
  e) To continuously improve and promote Finnsheep in the interests of more profitable sheep enterprises.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be two categories of membership.
  Category I. Voting membership. Owners of flocks of registered Finnsheep or the duly authorized agents or representatives of such owners shall be entitled to membership. Upon payment of annual activity fees, such membership shall be entitled to vote in relation to the number of animals registered annually from said flock. The number of votes entitled to said flock shall be determined by the annual number of sheep registered as follows.
    1 vote for 0 to 50 registered
    2 votes for 51 to 100 registered
    3 votes for 101 to 500 registered
    4 votes for 501 to 1000 registered
    5 votes for 1001 and over registered

The “annual number of sheep registered” shall be designated as the number of Finnsheep registered by the flock owner for the preceding calendar year prior to the year the vote is cast. For purposes of establishing the number of registrations the secretary shall publish as of January 1 each year, the total number of registrations made by each flock owner for the preceding year.

In 2002 the board voted that annual activity fees do not need to be paid by breeders registering 50 or more animals in the preceding year.

  Category II. Persons may become associate (non-voting) members on application to the association and payment of the associate membership fee. Acceptance of membership in this association shall bind the member to abide by this constitution.
Section 2. Revocation of Membership

Any member of this association who is charged by another member with violating the articles of this constitution, by-laws or rules and regulations adopted by the association shall be liable to revocation of membership and expulsion from the association. In the event a member is so charged he/she shall receive a written notice of the violation so charged, signed by the President or Secretary of the Association and he/she shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the board of directors on the said charge. If after such hearing a majority of the board of directors shall decide that said charge is valid the results of such hearing shall be presented to the membership at the next regular or any special meeting to decide whether such membership should be revoked. A 2/3 majority vote of Category 1 Membership present in person or by proxy shall be required to revoke such membership in the Association. The board of directors is authorized and may decide by a 2/3 majority vote of the directors to suspend any registration or transfer of registration by such member until such charges are brought before the membership for vote. The privileges of registrations and transfers of registration by nonmembers shall be subject to the ruling of the Board of Directors in matters relating to such charges. A person whose membership has been revoked may be reinstated by the 2/3 recommendation of the Board of Directors and subsequent approval by a 2/3 majority vote of the Category I membership present in person or by proxy at the next annual meeting.

Section 3. Proxy 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. A member may also designate, in writing, that his/her proxy be exercised by the Board of Directors at their discretion.

Section 4. Membership Fees and Annual Dues

The Board of Directors shall be authorized to set membership fees and establish dues structure.

Section 5. Personal Liability of Members

The members of the Corporation shall not be subject to any personal liability for corporate obligations.

Article V. OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership. The board shall consist of seven (7) directors, each elected for a three (3) year term of office except that during the first two (2) years of its existence the terms of directors shall be limited to the extent necessary so that in subsequent years at least two (2) directors shall be elected each year. A director may not serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. A director must be a lifetime member of the association whose election to the Board of Directors shall be by a majority of votes cast by the membership. A director must be a member of the association AND KEEP CURRENT WITH ANNUAL ACTIVITY FEE.

Section 2. The officers of the association shall be a President and Vice President. They shall be elected for a one-year term of office by and from the board of directors. The duties of the President shall be to preside over all meetings of the members and directors and other duties usually performed for such associations. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President is unable to act.

Section 3. The board of directors shall appoint a Secretary-Treasurer whose duties shall be to manage the affairs of the association as determined by the board of directors. The Secretary-Treasurer may or may not be a member of the association. The board of directors shall be authorized to determine the appropriate remuneration for the Secretary-Treasurer and any other employees of the association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall record the minutes of regular and special meetings of the association.

Section 4. The board of directors is established to conduct the business of the association. They shall be authorized to
implement procedures for registration, recording of pedigrees, issuing certificates of registration and transfer of registrations within the framework of this constitution. They shall also be authorized to determine and set fees not specifically designated by these articles.

The board of directors shall prepare or have prepared at their direction a report each year summarizing the activities of the association. This report shall include a summary of activities related to achievement of the objectives as outlined in Article III.

The board of directors shall prepare or have prepared at their direction an annual financial report of the association.

Section 5. Meetings of board of directors

A meeting of the board of directors shall be called at the discretion of the President or any four (4) members of the board. Notice of said meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary-Treasurer to each board member at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting together with an agenda of said meeting. The written notice and agenda provision of this section may be dispensed with by unanimous agreement of the board of directors.

Detailed minutes of meetings of the board of directors shall be kept and made available to the members of the association upon request. A majority of four (4) members of the board of directors, including proxy vote, shall constitute a quorum for purposes of conducting a meeting.

Section 6. Resignation of President and Vice President

The Board of Directors shall be authorized to elect a President and Vice President if either or both of these officers resign. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to appoint a member to the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy created by resignation of another member. The term of the appointees shall be until the next regular or special meeting of the association.

Section 7. Compensation of Board of Directors

The board of Directors may receive expenses, but not per diem, while on official business of the association to attend meetings or other official activities.

ARTICLE VI. HEADQUARTERS AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The location of the Corporation’s registered office in this state is Pipestone, Minnesota. The Board of Directors shall be authorized to change the principal office and place of business for maintaining the records of the Corporation, conducting the affairs of the Corporation and for other activities which are directly related to the objectives of the Corporation by resolution duly adopted.

ARTICLE VII. INCOME AND PROPERTY

Income and property of this association shall be used solely for furtherance of the objectives of the association as stated in this constitution.

ARTICLE VIII. ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

An annual meeting of the members of the association shall be held for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business which may come before the association. The secretary shall notify members 30 days in advance of the annual meeting of the date, location and time of the meeting. An agenda of business to be transacted shall also be sent to each member at the time notice is given of the annual meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings
By a majority vote of the board of directors a special meeting of the members of the association may be called to trans-
act business of the association. An agenda specifying the date, location, time and business to be considered must ac-
company the notice of the meeting. A notice of a special meeting must be given 14 days in advance.

Section 3. Quorum

The members present at any regular or special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX. REGISTRATION AND PEDIGREE RECORDATION

Section 1. There shall be two classes of Finnsheep registration:

a) Class I. This class of registry shall include purebred Finnsheep imported directly from Finland or indirectly through
breeding stock propagated in the Irish Republic, the United Kingdom, Canada or any other country which may be des-
ignated by the association. The certificate of registry issued for this class shall show the date of birth, identity of sire
and dam, litter size in which the individual was born, including age of dam and parity at the time of birth and the litter
size in which the sire and dam were born. An extended pedigree will be available for an additional fee.

b) Class II This class of registry shall include all animals and their descendants derived from upbreeding programs
sanctioned, documented and recorded by this association between the years 1971 and 1991. The certificate of registry
issued for this class shall show the date of birth, identity of sire and dam, litter size including age of dam and parity at
time of birth and litter size in which the sire and dam were born.

The registration of animals in both these classes shall count as one registration for the purposes of determining voting
rights.

Section 2. No restrictions on the use of artificial insemination or ova transplantation shall be imposed on sheep offered
for registration, provided the pedigree identity supplied is in accordance with that required for sheep produced by natu-
ral matings. Sheep produced by either or both of these methods shall be appropriately identified in the records of the
association. Any certificates of registration issued or transfer of ownership shall be appropriately identified

Section 3. In 2009 the association voted to allow transfers of registrations from Canadian or other foreign registrations
to our Association for the same fee as regular transfers within the USA.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting of the Association by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of
the membership present or represented by proxy at the meeting. Notice of a proposed amendment shall be given to the
Secretary-Treasurer forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting and such proposed amendment shall be included in the
general notice calling such meeting.

ARTICLE XI. CAPITAL STOCK

The Corporation shall have no Capital Stock.

ARTICLE XII. INCORPORATORS

The incorporators of the Corporation and their post office addresses are as follows:
Dwight Holaway, Rural Route 2, Pipestone, Minnesota.
W. J. Boylan, University of Minnesota, Animal Science Department, St. Paul, Minnesota.
John F. Redding, Box 1029, Asheboro, North Carolina.

This constitution was approved at an organizational meeting of Finnsheep breeders at Hastings, Nebraska, on June 29, 1971 and duly amended
COLORS and MARKINGS of NORTH AMERICAN FINNSHEEP

In determining the color of a lamb it is important to examine pigmentation of the skin and tongue as well as wool color. Since the appearance of wool color may also change with age, length of fleece, and sun exposure it is best to record color at birth and again at several weeks of age.

WHITE: Actually white is a dominant genetic pattern which prevents the expression of all other colors and patterns. The lamb will display white wool, pink tongue, pink skin, and hooves which are white, black, or streaked.

SOLID COLORS: All sheep are either genetically black or brown. Modifying genes can cause the wool to grey or become light brown with age. Black is dominant to brown. Black lambs display black wool, black hair on legs and face, black tongue and skin. Brown is recessive to black. Brown lambs display brown wool (light, medium, or dark hues), brown hair on legs and face, liver colored tongue and reddish skin.

DILUTE PATTERNS: Dilution in Finns is a controlled loss of pigmentation in the fiber shaft and skin. Fiber tips retain the birth color as the new wool growth becomes paler in color until the process is complete, usually after the 6th to 8th month of age. Grey lambs are born with black wool. Fawn lambs are brown at birth.

BADGERFACE PATTERN: The badgerface pattern is visible at birth. In Black Badgerface lambs the underside of the jaw, the throat, brisket, belly, legs, and under the tail are all black. Upper parts of the body (fleece areas) are light to medium grey. Ears are black inside and badger stripes are visible along the sides of the face. At birth there may be tan spots in the fleece area resulting from pheomelanin which disappear as the lamb gets older. Brown Badgerface lambs are marked in the same way, but with the darker pigmentation showing as brown and the lighter fleece area showing as a paler fawn color. The Badgerface pattern is recessive to White, dominant to Solid Color, and codominant with the Dilute pattern.
COLORS and MARKINGS in NORTH AMERICAN FINNSHEEP…..continued

PIEBALD MARKINGS: Piebald is a recessive marking which results in irregular white spots on the fleece portion of a colored sheep. The appearance can vary between large areas of color and small dotted areas of ticking (referred to as Dalmation spotting), or a combination of both types. It can exist in common with any other color or pattern except white. Areas of pink skin produce the white wool while the darker fleece grows from either grey skin (black/white piebald) or liver colored skin (brown/white piebald). Tongues generally are pink if the face displays a white blaze. If the face is spotted the tongue often will reflect the color of the sheep with spots as well. Since Piebald is not an actual pattern, the markings on each sheep may vary considerably.

HST or HEAD, SOCKS, & TAIL: This more recently defined marking is commonly found in North American Finnsheep (although not so in Finland’s Landrace sheep). It is represented by white markings on the head, legs, and/or tail of an otherwise solid colored Finnsheep. Facial blazes, crowns, and panda eye spots are typical of this marking. It should not be confused with Piebald (which displays patches of white and color in the fleece areas as well).

WHITE FINNS  VELIRAF FINNSHEEP
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Tim Reese
Gale Woods Farm Park
7210 County Road 110 West
Minnetrista, MN 55364
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Flock ID: MN43
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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New York, cont.

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OPP Free, Selected for accelerated lambing STAR, Codon 171 Heterozygous and Homozygous

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Purebred Finnsheep raised all naturally on pasture, organic grains, minerals and herbs. Biosecure farm offering healthy breeding stock for sale including white, black, brown, fawn, and grey lambs. Entire flocks tested for negative OPP status annually, enrolled in SFCP Flock NY 120. Random flock testing for CL and Johnes. Flock goals are wide genetic variety, conformation, 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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20090 Fred-Amity Road
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Registered breeding stock, Finn crosses, raw wool and fiber pets for sale. Lambs due May, 2011 call for availability.

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Brookville, PA 15825
814.328.2720 or 814.591.0185/1789
Theark5@windstream.net
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SFCP Enrolled Status—Certified Flock ID: PA155
Starter Flocks, Proven Rams, White Fleeces, Pasture Lambs, and Sheep Cheese

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York, PA 17406
717.840.7316
Finnegansflock@comcast.net
www.Finnegansflock.com
SFCP Enrolled Status ID: PA0185
Purebred Finnsheep, 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. Grass fed lambs for sale.

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Trimburfield Farm
58 Bitting Road
Alburtis, PA 18011
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Flock Prefix: TRIMBUR
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Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner
Stillmeadow Finnsheep
5883 Randall Hill Road
DeRuyter, NY 13052
315.852.3344
www.stillmeadowfinnsheep.com
stillmeadowfinnsheep@frontier.com
SFCP ID: NY69
Registered Finnsheep since 1994. OPP negative; Emphasis on Health, Maternal Traits & Fleece Quality, All Colors, Starter Flocks Available, Grass Fed Lamb & Roving for sale.

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Flock Prefix: TRIMBUR
SFCP Enrolled Status ID: PA3781
Purebred & RR composites, ASI SSQA Program participant, PA Preferred Farm, varied genetics from AI and imported rare lines. Premium wool in all colors, excellent herd health, established breed improvement program.
Finnsheep Breeders’ Directory

Virginia

Joe & Naomi Smith
House Mountain Finnsheep
1765 Jacktown Road
Lexington, VA  24450
540.463.6062
SFCP Status - Certified
Flock ID: VA17
Farm established in 1985 in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Purebred Finnsheep flock of 100 breeding ewes, mostly quads and quints. Bred for size, multiple births, mothering ability and structural correctness. Glen Avon and Root bloodlines. Rams available for cross-breeding.

Linda Witt
Misty Mountain Farm
154 Quail Call Lane
Amishville, VA  20106
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info@mistymountainfarm.com
www.mistymountainfarm.com
SFCP Flock ID: VA26
Purebred Finnsheep, Hand-spinning fleeces, roving and batts.

Washington

Dan & Leanne Hughes
Triple I Finnsheep
89202 N. Harrington Road
West Richland, WA  99353
509.539.6745
danlea23@msn.com
www.TripleIFinnsheep.com
SFCP Status - Certified
Flock Prefix: 3L  Flock ID: WA2252
Purebred Finnsheep since 1982. We raise white, black, gray, brown, fawn and pied animals. We raise for productivity, size, milking ability, and quality. Fleeces available. Lambing records available to 1982.

Robert & Sandra Willford
Solace Farm
30119 N. Spotted Road
Deer park, WA  99006
509.276.7160
Solacefarmfiber@yahoo.com
www.solacefinnsheep.com
SFCP Flock ID: WA2167
Purebred Finnsheep & Finn X Romanov Quality fleeces, roving and hand-spun yarns. Starter Flocks are available in spring. ABCA Border Colbies

Wisconsin

Tracy Sengupta
Firefly Fields Finnsheep
4110 W. Plymouth Church Road
Beloit, WI  53511
608.345.8555
tracy@fireflyfields.com
www.fireflyfields.com
SFCP Status - Certified
Flock ID: WI1990 Flock Prefix: FF

Brian Stichter
422 US Hwy 14
Aren, WI  53503
608.753.2713
Stichter@charter.net
SFCP Flock ID: WI456
Purebred Registered Finnsheep in white, black, and brown. Finn x North Country Cheviot Commercial ewes and ewe lambs. Fleeces and raw wool available.

Advertising Rates for Short Tales

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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:
Herb Tucker, FBA Secretary  PO Box 85  West Clarksville, NY  14786

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We hope you enjoy receiving four seasonal newsletters. We hope that the articles and photos are timely. If you have any items you wish to be included, please send or email to the Short Tale Coordinator at:

PO Box 85 W. Clarksville, NY  14786  
Email:  mary@lighthousesheepfarm.com

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**Upcoming Sheep & Fiber Events**  
*Contact Mary Tucker with items to be included*

**2011**


**2012**

April 28, 2012 CT Sheep and Wool Festival - [CTSheep.org](http://www.ctsheep.org)

May 5 -6, 2012 – Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, West Friendship, MD  [www.sheepandwool.org](http://www.sheepandwool.org)


May 12—13, 2012—Shepherd’s Harvest Sheep & Wool Festival, Lake Elmo, MN  [www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org](http://www.shepherdsharvestfestival.org)

May 19, 2012 – Rhode Island Sheep and Wool Festival, Bristol, RI  [www.coggeshallfarm.org/calendar.html](http://www.coggeshallfarm.org/calendar.html)

May 26 - 27, 2012 – Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair, Cummmington, MA  [www.masheepwool.org](http://www.masheepwool.org)


June 2 - 3, 2012 - Maine Fiber Frolic, Windsor, ME  [www.fiberfrolic.com](http://www.fiberfrolic.com)

September 7- 9, 2012 - Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Jefferson, WI 53549  [www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com)
Finnsheep Breeders’ Association

Finnsheep breeders are now found across many States producing purebred and crossbred Finnsheep. Breeders look to the Finnsheep Breeders' Association, Inc. to provide record keeping of registrations and transfers of the breed. Since the inception of the Finnsheep Breeders' Association, Inc. the organization has drawn on the expertise of leading research authorities to enhance the Finnsheep breed and provide leadership in promoting the Finnsheep qualities and characteristics.

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