Member Notice: Absentee Ballot

Any FBA member in good standing (current and up to date on Annual Activity Fees), knowing that they will be unavailable to attend the Finnsheep Breeder's Association annual business meeting in person or via teleconference ability may request an absentee ballot.

This request must be in writing to the FBA Secretary via email: FBAsecretary@finnsheep.org or by postal mail: FBA Secretary 6861 Old Pipestone Rd Eau Claire, MI 49111

This request for an absentee ballot in writing must be signed, properly witnessed, and returned to the FBA Secretary in a timely fashion to carry the full weight of a vote cast in person at the meeting. The FBA Secretary will read the Absentee Ballot votes during the Annual Business Meeting and record them. Absentee Ballots received will be kept on file in the FBA office.

Reference: Finnsheep Breeders Association Constitution, Article IV. Membership, Section 3. Absentee Voting see: http://finnsheep.org/CONSTITUTION.pdf (or see portion below).

“Section 3. Absentee 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.”

REMINDER:

Please check to see if your FBA Membership is current and up to date. IF you find that it has not been sent in please use the FBA Membership Form on page 9. IF your payment has not yet cleared, please contact the FBA Registry Office in Milo at 641.942.6402 to aid you.

Your FBA membership in good standing is crucial to accessing your FBA member privileges.

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REMINDER:

FBA Voting Membership fees paid current and in full each year, allows you the privilege of voting in the Annual Business Meeting.

In the FBA, the number of lambs you registered during the previous year, determines the number of votes each membership has.

For further information, see: Short Tale newsletter, Volume 78, page 2 for the current listing:

http://finnsheep.org/ST78.pdf

Mary Tucker, FBA President

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FBA’s Annual Business Meeting—2013

This year’s Annual Business Meeting will be held in the evening of Friday October 18, 2013 at the beginning of the NYS Sheep and Wool Festival held in Rhinebeck, NY.

**October 18, 2013—Friday**
8 PM EST
Starr Library (downstairs)
68 W. Market Street
Rhinebeck, NY  12572

For your convenience, the location of the meeting, the Starr Library, is only 1.1 mile from the fairground entrance to the New York State Sheep and Wool Festival’s main parking lot. You may order supper from a nearby restaurant, or bring a meal of your choice.

Also for the convenience of our members, this year’s annual business meeting will be **In Person and via Teleconference** at no charge to members: 8 PM EST or 7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT)

Many Finnsheep breeders participate in the NYS Sheep & Wool Festival located at 6550 Spring Brook Ave. Rhinebeck, NY on October 19th–20th as vendors, part of the sheep show and sale, entrant into the fleece show and sale, take workshops and classes, or join us in the Breed Barn where some Finnsheep will be. We hope you will come and be a part of both the FBA business meeting and the sheep festival.

We heartily look forward to meeting and hearing from each of you. Book a hotel or motel room soon as possible as rooms at this time of year/festival time fill up rapidly. If unable to attend in person, please mark your calendars and set aside time to join us via teleconference!

**Teleconference Information to Participate In The Annual Business Meeting**

The FBA’s Annual Business Meeting will be held in person at the Starr Library in Rhinebeck, NY as well as members may join via teleconference again this year. **There is no charge to members who join into the teleconference.** Join us in the FBA’s annual business meeting and help us determine the future of our Finnsheep breed. Please mark your calendars!

**Date:** Friday, October 18, 2013
**Time:** 8:00 PM EST (7 PM CT, 6 PM MT, 5 PM PT)

The call-in procedure for phone or cell phone will be as follows:

**Dial:** 1-800-582-3014
After the prompt enter the Participant Pass Code: 031097008#

Be sure to use the # sign or you will not be added. You will hear a tone as you enter the teleconference.

**Please be considerate of listeners and try to keep background noise minimal.**
**Please do not operate either type of phone on speaker as this will create feedback.**
FBA Agenda for the 2013 Annual Business Meeting

Speaker to the FBA—Anna Draisey

Opening and Welcome

Roll Call of Members

Secretary Report

Treasurer Report

Nominations and Vote for Board of Directors

FBA Constitution Proposal of Change

FBA Proposals

Old Business:

2014 Annual Business Meeting suggestions, ideas, proposals....

FBA’s On-Line Database: Impressions, Questions, Comments or Motions pertaining to...

New Business:

Website changes: Interactive Forms with On-line Payment

Open Floor: Any ideas, thoughts, or concerns you would like to bring up for discussion...

Mary Tucker, FBA President

Speaker to the 2013 FBA AGM

I am pleased to announce that Anna Draisey of the USDA APHIS Veterinary Services will speak to the Finn-sheep Breeders’ Association at the AGM to answer questions we may have in relation to how the new regulations affect us as breeders, and how our breed can utilize the new program to benefit our breed and the national flocks.

"Anna has a direct style of communication which I appreciate. She has always been quick to respond to my calls and answer any questions or concerns I had. If she did not know an answer, she would search it out and get back to me in an easy to understand and easy-to-pass-on information manner" says Mary Tucker, FBA president.

If you have questions that you would like to send to us prior to the AGM, please send them to maire8797@yahoo.com

Anna has been working with USDA APHIS Veterinary Services as the Scrapie Program Co-coordinator for USDA New York (located in Albany, NY) since the inception of the Scrapie Eradication Program in 2001. In addition to the Scrapie Eradication Program she also manages the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and the Regulatory Scrapie Slaughter Surveillance Programs in New York State.

After twelve years Anna still works diligently to make sure that all sheep and goats producers find out about the scrapie program, what the disease is all about, how to keep scrapie out of their flocks, and how producers can get a supply of free scrapie ear tags for their sheep and goats.
FBA Board of Director Nominations

Brian Magee Bio

I live in Dryden, NY and have been a member of the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association for 35 years working with Finnsheep and Dorset. I am a member of the current Board of Directors and am offering to run for a second term to continue the dialogue of reasons for maintaining a closed Finnsheep registry.

Elizabeth Kinne-Gossner comments: “Brian Magee has an unique perspective due to his role as an animal scientist and recently retired chief shepherd at Cornell University. Approaching the breed as a meat producer he helped create the STAR system for year round lamb production. His accomplishments have assisted commercial breeders throughout the United States”.

Fran Smith Bio

I have been involved with Finnsheep since 2008. Very short time compared to others, but as you know it only takes a short amount of time for sheep to teach and test you to your wit's end. If you still remain loyal to your breed… by-golly you’re a lifer.

My first ewe’s name is MayBe.. I wasn’t sure I wanted to delve into sheep therein lies the” MayBe”.. I may keep her, I may not… it did not take long - I was smitten! (She is still with us).

With a current herd of 30 sheep, Finn, Cormo and a few crosses to enhance my love of the fiber crafts. They keep me pretty busy. I am a stay on the farm, full time shepherdess. I have only sold at a few festivals; my hope it to spend the season selling my fiber crafts and homegrown yarns this next coming year.

I have 20 + years experience in the business world with many of them dedicated towards advertising and contract writing, both great attributes to offer the Finnsheep board.

I believe between my business sense and common sense I have a lot to offer the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association and hope the membership does too.
FBA Board of Director Nominations

Callie Welch Bio

Please accept my name as a candidate for the FBA Board of Directors.

I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Missouri. I have been married to Rodney for 34 years. We have six children and nine grandchildren. We have lived in Missouri, Iowa, Tennessee, and now Michigan. I am a stay-at-home mom. With each move, we have managed to acquire a bit more land. We now have 7 acres that I can play with. I like to garden, sew, cook and now spin and knit wool. I am rather new to sheep, having only owned them four years. After much study, I chose Finnsheep because I love the wool they produce. Their multiple lambing abilities fit my small property perfectly. Their smaller size means I can do most of their care by myself though Rodney is always ready to give a helping hand. It wasn’t hard at all for me to choose Finnsheep as MY sheep.

Currently we have 7 ewes and 2 rams. This is the upper limit of sheep that I can raise sustainably. I am working toward a parasite resistant flock with nice thick fleeces. I sell registered breeding stock as well as a few Corriedale and Blue-faced Leicester crossbreed lambs. I prefer white fleeces, but have brown and black in my flock. I have a good relationship with the sheep specialist from Michigan State University. He offers many great classes, seminars, and webinars. I attend all that I possibly can.

I have enjoyed being the FBA Secretary this past year. I have talked to many people about Finnsheep and have enjoyed every minute of it. I have many years’ experience on committees in my church and community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Callie Welch

FINNSHEEP NOTICE:

Do you ever wish you could just “Call up” a Finnsheep person to ask them questions or just to talk?

You are welcome to locate a Finnsheep breeder at our website:  www.finnsheep.org/directory.htm

You may also wish to meet and talk with Finnsheep folk via Yahoo Groups::

http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/finnsheep/

Also there are many Finnsheep breeders that can be contacted on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/612966188714360/

So please, feel free to give us a Call !!!
Proposal To Change the FBA Constitution

In 2010, the FBA Board considered creating three classes of registrations: Class I registered pure-bred, Class II registrations from the pre-1991 crossbreeding and upbreeding program, and Class III was to be a new “upbreeding” plan.

In 2011, the FBA membership voted down the upbreeding plan, but prematurely changed the description of Class II registrations which no longer matches the long-established FBA Class II cross-bred registry rules. To rectify the error, and to make clear the acceptable use of USA-bred Finnsheep not registered by FBA, we move to change the Class II description in Article IX Section 1 of our Constitution from:

“b) Class II. This class of registry shall include all animals and their descendants derived from up-breeding 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.”

to:

“b) Class II. This class of registry shall include all animals and their descendants of one FBA Class I registered Finnsheep and a sheep of any other breed, including domestic Finnsheep not registered through FBA. The certificate of registry issued for an animal in this class shall show the date of birth, percentage of Finn blood, identity of sire and dam, litter size and the age of dam at time of birth, and litter size in which the sire and dam were born. The recording of an animal in this class shall count as one half of one Class I registration for purposes of determining the breeder’s FBA voting rights.”

New Member Welcome

Megan Pennington—Circle M Farm, Huntsville, TN
Anna-Lisa Thayer—Hillside Farm, Barre, MA
Hanna Smits—Hannah’s Happy Finnsheep Farm, Williamsburg, OH
Charles Oakley—Campbell Spur Farm, Delhi, NY
LeMoyne Seamster—Glade Creek Farm, Glade Hill, VA
Lisa Konnerth & Steffen Peabody—Bay Haven Short Tails, Bay Haven Hamlet, NY
Marla and Richard Parsons, Jr. DVM—Burnt Mill Farm, Churchville, NY
Bob and Sharry Bone—Westfarthing Farm, Edgewood, NM
Jeri Geblin—Portland, OR
Heidi Quist—Prairie Willows Farm, Lindstrom, MN
Burness Speakman—Fiber Fling, Fredericktown, MO
FBA’s Interactive Forms with Online Payment Ability

FBA Website changes!

Soon you may expect to see new features on the FBA website that we think you will like. Members have long said they wanted to be able to register their sheep online. Since the online database is working pretty well, by most accounts, we are encouraged to continue offering more services to make our lives as Finnsheep shepherds easier. This is our next website improvement. The FBA board has asked Doug Meyer at Mountain Niche to create interactive registration and membership forms on the website.

FBA’s registration forms have always been separated: ewes, rams, crossbred ewes and rams, but we will likely combine them to just one form to make things easier. FBA members will be able to fill these out from the website. We have just begun the process, and it will take some time, but we hope you will enjoy this feature.

We also intend to enable membership sign up and renewals from the website. Stay tuned!

For those who prefer paper forms and the U.S. Mail, that method of registering animals and renewing an annual membership will always remain acceptable.

The sheep pedigree database went live a few months ago, in spring, and it’s been great to hear different members express their enthusiasm for its use. Some shepherds have learned to copy and paste the hyperlinks of their sheep’s FBA number and paste it into their own websites; then, when people are “shopping” that breeder’s website, they can click on the pedigree number they see and be transported to the FBA database to view that animal’s pedigree. Pretty slick.

Another breeder reported going back through the database of many Finns in America to learn common ancestors of a certain pattern; a great use of the tool, then, is to research for certain traits. Our database will never be perfect because human error occurs when breeders report, and our registry service inputs data, but overall, it serves well to check pedigrees for animals’ relatedness or their likelihood to carry certain colors or patterns.

Other FBA members report telling potential buyers of their lambs to “go check the database” for the lamb’s parents, saving the breeder the time formerly required to fax pedigrees or discuss their lambs’ parentage. Using the database to look up all the info necessary to fill out lamb registration forms is a great time-saver, as well. We hope the online registration forms assist our members in similar ways.

FBA hopes to continue to offer members the help they need to be successful Finnsheep breeders, and these online interactive tools are meant to do just that.

We would love to hear your opinions and experiences with the online database at the next annual business meeting, or even now! Just let any board member or the Secretary know your thoughts. We welcome any suggestions.

FBA Board of Directors, 2013

To contact the FBA Secretary or any Director, please see the contact list located on page 19.
Finnsheep Breeders’ Association
Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, complete and mail this form and your payment to:
Finnsheep Breeders Association
PO Box 51, 222 Main St., Milo, IA 50166
PH: 641.942.6402

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Farm Name: _______________________________________________________

Street Address: ____________________________________________________
State: _____ Zip: ________

Phone #: ___________________ E-Mail: ___________________________ Website: ______________

Please check all that apply:

____ New Member ($35.00)  ______ Youth/Associate Member ($10.00)
____ Continuing Member ($25.00)  ______ Continuing Youth/Associate Member ($15.00)

_____ Scrapie Flock ID (if participant): __________________ ( ) Voluntary ( ) Pending ( ) Enrolled ( ) Certified

The FBA encourages breeders to participate in the program; however, participation is not required to become a FBA Member.

_____ Short Tale Newsletter FREE to FBA Members via Email unless requested to be sent hard copy via US Postal Mail.

_____ Breeder Directory Listing ($30.00) FBA Members Only:

( ) Purebred Finnsheep ( ) Commercial Breeder ( ) Cross-Bred Finnsheep – List crosses______________________________

( ) Wool or Other Value Added Products – list ________________________________

Breeder 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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____ Flock Prefix: ($10.00/letter): ________________________________

The Flock Prefix enables exclusive use of your name, flock, or farm on registrations and is a One Time fee. The Flock Prefix fits best if 10 letters or less…this gives space for the entire animal ID to fit in the space provided on the Certificate of Registry.

Total Amount Due: $ ___________________ (Make check to: Finnsheep Breeders’ Association)

Membership/Annual Activity Fees are due on or before January 7th of each year. Members receive a free yearly subscription to “Short Tales” newsletter via email (unless requested in hard-copy format), access to the Finnsheep Breeders chat group on Yahoo for encouragement or help in your endeavor, a copy of meeting minutes, and an annual report. Members will receive copies of other pertinent mailings and/or emails.

I/we agree to be governed by the rules, regulations, constitution and by-laws of the Association as amended from time to time, and to keep written records of breeding, exact birth dates and litter sizes 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: ___________________________

Revised on: 03-21-13
# Finnsheep Breeders Association
## Work Order and Fee Schedule

Phone: 641-942-6402 • PO Box 51, 222 Main St - Milo, Iowa 50166 • Fax: 641-942-6502

**Name**

**Membership #**

**Address**

**Website**

**City, State, Zip**

**Date**

**Phone #**

**Fax #**

**E-mail**

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### Check one of the following:
- [ ] Senior/Active Member
- [ ] Youth Member
- [ ] Non-Member
- [ ] New Member Applying

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*New FBA Registration Policy: As of 3/2/12, ONLY current MEMBERS of the FBA will be allowed to register animals. Non-Members will still be able to transfer existing animals, but will have to become members to register any new lambs.*

### B. Breeder Listing

30.00 xxx

### C. Flock Prefix Listing

10.00 (per letter) xxx

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

### D. Registrations

**Desired Prefix**

| Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix | Under 12 months | Desired Prefix |
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| 1. Class I Purebred |               | 6.00            | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |
| 2. Class II Crossbred |           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| • 1/2 Finn X      |               | 2.00            | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| • 3/4 Finn XX     |               | 6.00            | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| • 7/8 Finn XXX    |               | 6.00            | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| Over 12 months   |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| 1. Class I Purebred |               | 12.00           | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| 2. Class II Crossbred |           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| • 1/2 Finn X      |               | 4.00            | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| • 3/4 Finn XX     |               | 12.00           | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |
| • 7/8 Finn XXX    |               | 12.00           | xxx           |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |                 |               |

*Please Note: A FBA registration number will be issued on certificates, but no ear tags will be furnished. The FBA registration number and individual ID (ear tag or tattoo) number must always remain the same and cannot be changed. Never use the same number on two different animals. If a sheep loses an ear tag, you may re-tag the sheep with a different tag number and keep this information in your flock records as required by USDA regulations. However, continue to use the sheep’s original ear tag number (as recorded on its FBA Certificate of Registry) for the purpose of registering its offspring. The FBA will furnish suggestions for tagging and/or identification upon request.*

*Docked Tails: Finnsheep with docked tails will not be registered. The tail is a distinct characteristic of the animal’s breed’s purity.*

### E. Transfers

4.00 same

### F. Duplicate Certificate

3.00 same

### G. Rush Fee

(per each registration & transfer)

Double Fees same

### H. Emergency Fax

(per page - not including cover)

3.00 same

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*Call to order. Must provide credit card number for direct payment to UPS.*

### J. Other Fees

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**Total Fees from Above**

$...

**Previous Balance Due** (please return invoice)

$...

**Previous Credit Due** (please return invoice)

$...

**Total Money Enclosed** — Check # (cash or blank checks sent at own risk) $...

*Orders without proper fees will NOT be mailed until paid in full.*

*Updated 3/7/12*
The Finnsheep Flock at Gale Woods Farm in Minnetrista, Minnesota
By Gail Von Bargen

There are only a few Finnsheep flocks in Minnesota, but Tim Reese, the Farm Supervisor at Gale Woods Farm, a teaching park just west of Minneapolis, started a flock of purebred Finnsheep here in 2003. Tim just may have the job that many shepherds dream of.

Gale Woods Farm is one of several regional parks managed by Three Rivers Parks, a special park district that is “larger than city or county and smaller than a state park system”, as Tim puts it. There are Three Rivers Parks in six different counties around Minneapolis. The Gale family donated their 410-acre farm property to the park district in 2002 through a land trust which dictates that the land may never be developed. The family’s only request was that it remains a working farm. As their Facebook page states, “[Gale Woods] farm provides opportunities for visitors to engage in experiences that enhance their understanding of agriculture, food production and land stewardship.”

Tim was hired in 2002 to lay plans for the farm before it opened the following year. He was the perfect candidate for the job. He had just completed a masters’ degree in agriculture education and earned a license to teach. Other relevant experience included six years of work on an organic vegetable farm. Tim was interested in combining education and farming in a hands-on way, and Gale Woods Farm was a great opportunity to make his goal a reality.

All sorts of farm animals are raised at Gale Woods, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) vegetable plots are cultivated by employees and volunteers at the park, and the park even has a nice facility for weddings or other special events. Educational outreach is key at the farm, and many school group programs are held in spring and fall, when about 15,000 kids arrive in buses to learn more about where their food comes from. Week long summer camps also keep kids busy for a full week of farm activities, and classes and events are offered to the public on a variety of farm, food, environment and related subjects, like spinning and felting. Needless to say, the lambs at Gale Woods get lots of attention, often being taught to lead on a rope by city kids eager to help out.
Tim chose Finnsheep when planning the first sheep flock, in 2002. His reasons, he said, were that their smaller size and easygoing disposition make Finnsheep easier for kids to work with. Secondly, for their fleece characteristics—the staff wanted to do a lot of felting activities for kids, and Finn-sheep wool is superior for that.

Several other breeds were experimented with at Gale Woods, Tim said. In the beginning, they “wanted meat sheep and fleece sheep, so we started with Clun Forest and Finnsheep”. Next, they decided they wanted a dual purpose sheep, so they began crossing the Finns with other breeds. They have experimented with Border Leicester and Icelandic sheep, and most recently Corriedale, trying to increase the overall weight of the fleece and the size of the lambs. Currently, the only purebred sheep Tim raises, registers and sells as breeding stock are Finnsheep, which he registers with the Finn-sheep Breeders Association.

The TRP Gale Woods flock has long been certified in the Voluntary Scrapie program that is now changing, and while Tim says there are questions about what to do next, such as transitioning into the newer USDA’s export or monitored program, they may stay with it simply because of Gale Woods’ educational mission. They also participate in the OPP—Ovine Progressive Pneumonia—pilot program to test for and eradicate that disease. They have completely tested all the sheep at Gale Woods for OPP, and will continue to do so.

Tim’s registered foundation Finnsheep stock was purchased from Sandy DeMaster of Wee Croft Finnsheep, near Milwaukee, WI. Sandy has since retired from breeding, but worked with the FBA board and imported semen from Finland in rarer colors. Sandy was well-known for her selection of AI (Artificial Insemination) bloodlines, rarer colors, and the superior wool traits of her sheep. The Gale Woods flock reflects that. In recent years he has purchased other bloodlines obtained by Gail Von Bargen (the author) from East and West coasts in order to increase his own flock’s diversity. Tim plans to keep breeding Finnsheep and using them in a crossbreeding/commercial operation program. He says, “We don’t have a lot of purebred sheep, but it’s all registered with FBA and we sell and purchase sheep through that network”.

Tim Reese’s contact information can be found in the FBA Breeder directory or found on the Gale Woods Farm website, www.threeriversparks.org/parks/gale-woods-farm.aspx.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION—Regarding the FBA Registration of Finnsheep

Understanding this information can prevent many problems for you in the future

A Finnsheep can ONLY be registered with the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association (FBA) by its breeder. As a buyer, you cannot FBA register a sheep that you have purchased. The Breeders must register the sheep with the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association and transfer that FBA registration to you. Exceptions are made for persons acquiring the flock of an ill or deceased shepherd who was unable to properly register and transfer animals. Contact the President of the FBA to learn the necessary steps to take if this is your situation.

Only the offspring of FBA registered parents are able to be FBA registered. Being purebred and being FBA registered are not the same thing. If you want to produce and sell FBA registered Finnsheep, at any time in the future, be sure to purchase breeding stock that are FBA registered and that you are entering into a contract with the seller to buy lambs/sheep with FBA registration papers.

If all four grandparents of a sheep that you wish to buy are FBA registered and the parents are not, ONLY the breeder of each of the parents may FBA register them. (Even sheep who are deceased may be FBA registered. FBA registration fees for animals over one year of age are double the usual amount). Only after both parents are FBA registered can the resulting lamb/sheep be FBA registered.

If you are interested in purchasing a lamb/sheep in which one or both parents are not FBA registered yet, but are thought to be registerable, it is strongly suggested that you ask the seller to take care of this paperwork before you purchase and take possession of the lamb/sheep that you want. The sale will be a motivating factor for the seller to take care of this paperwork in a timely manner.

For more information on purchasing Finnsheep, read our document on Buying Sheep: [www.finnsheep.org/buysheep.htm](http://www.finnsheep.org/buysheep.htm)

Super Finnsheep Ewes!

Longest living ewe - Abby (Witt 3-97), 13 years old, had triplets two months prior to dying. I heard that a ewe I sold to someone was alive and lambing at age 16.

Longest producing ewe - either one of the above.

Number of lambs born per lambing - I have had two ewes have 7 lambs - one my 3L 6-46 ewe, and 3L 0234 a ewe I owned in the 80’s.

No accelerated lambing, although before I got smart and removed my rams from my ewe pen prior to lambing I had some lamb twice a year........

Lifetime production and strongest production line belongs to Abbey and her daughters-

Abbey had 30 lambs in 7 years in her LAST 7 years of production, lambing until age 13 with a set of triplets).

Devil (Abbey daughter) - 49 lambs / 11 years (445% lifetime)

   Ebony - Devil daughter, Abbey granddaughter - 8 lambs / 2 years (400% lifetime)

Mary (abbey daughter) - 25 lambs / 6 years (416% lifetime)

   Teri - (Mary daughter, Abbey granddaughter) 16 lambs / 4 years (400% lifetime)

Meeka (Abbey granddaughter, dam was littermate of Devil) - 32 lambs / 7 years (457% lifetime)

   Misty - (Meeka daughter, Abbey great-granddaughter) 7 lambs / 2 years (350% lifetime at age 2)

You just have to love Finns!

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Purebred Finns

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The FBA Board of Directors is looking for Your suggestions and help in locating a place to hold the 2014 FBA Annual Business Meeting.

Please contact Mary Tucker: maire8797@yahoo.com with ideas, suggestions, and event locations.

We need to place these suggestions before the FBA board, and to the FBA Membership during the 2013 FBA Annual Business Meeting held on October 18, 2013 for final approval.

This would allow for planning and organizing during the upcoming 2013-2014 year.

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Finnsheep in America

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You are welcome to give breeders an email or a personal call and talk Finnsheep.
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**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
- Disseminates timely information to members on all matters relating to the breed.

Super Ewes! If you have such a super ewe, Please let us know so we can enter her good news!