Chief Shepherd’s Message

Fellow Finnsheep Breeders Association Members:

As your newly elected FBA President for 2013-14 I am honored and so excited to represent such a great group.

I have a vision of the FBA being an open and available to all of our members. Our goal is one of encouraging members to speak out and bring fresh ideas and new paths to continue to promote and nurture our Finnsheep. As a group we need to concentrate on a collective goal… a single focus… to show the pure Finnsheep is a breed to be reckoned with… a breed that supplies us with the best “next to your skin” fiber, the sweetest, most succulent meat, the best mothering abilities in any flock, not to mention the lamb numbers to die for. Ok, so I exaggerate a little but we know it is true.

Hard work through volunteerism will bring our breed to the forefront at many fiber festivals. We need exposure and we need the general membership to participate. Out of the box thinking in all aspects at these festivals will get our message out better than any other means. Using innovative thinking we will take the fiber and meat communities to a new appreciation of our breed.

At the end of this year, it is my dream and prayer that we will have transformed these possibilities and opportunities into stories of success and triumph.

Again, I am so proud and honored to be your Chief Shepherd. I am available to you at any time. I am only a phone call or email away.

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Meeting began 8 PM (EST) in the Starr Library in Rhinebeck, NY (downstairs) via face-to-face with teleconference

In Attendance: Mary Tucker, Lisa Konnerth, Fran Smith, Naomi Smith, Deb Kirsch, Gail Von Bargen, Callie Welch, Kathryn Wojciecowski, Mary O’Malley, Kerry Mower, Mike Caskey, Elizabeth H. Kinne Gossner, and Leanne Hughes (13 members) Guests: Audrey Buchanan (with Fran Smith) and Marilyn Konnerth (with Lisa Konnerth) (2 non-voting)

Secretary Report:

Callie Welch, FBA Secretary, gave the FBA Secretary Report of October 2013. See copy attached.

Treasurer Report:

Gail Von Bargen, FBA Vice President, read the FBA Treasurer’s report since Grant Blackburn was not in attendance. Treasurer Report is attached.

Reading the Minutes of the 2012 AGM was waived. Copy is in the Short Tale newsletter, Vol. 77 Fall issue located in the archives of the FBA website: http://finnsheep.org

Nominations to BOD:

It was noted to all members that this year, two members Naomi Smith of House Mountain Finnsheep (VA) and Leanne Hughes of Triple L Finnsheep (WA) have two votes each as they registered 51-100 lambs in the previous calendar year. The remaining members have one vote each as they registered 0–50 lambs in the previous calendar year.

Brian Magee of NY, Fran Smith of Illinois, and Callie Welch of Michigan sent Bios into the Short Tale newsletter and placed before the FBA membership for consideration. No other nominations were made from the floor of the meeting. Vote was unanimous to accept all three to the FBA Board of Directors. Terms are for three years each. Two consecutive terms may be held. Fran and Callie are beginning their first term and Brian is beginning his second term. Their term will end at the 2016 FBA annual meeting.

FBA Constitution Change Proposal:

Kerry Mower asked for an over-view of the proposal and a discussion as to reason-purpose was begun. Naomi felt that the wording should have been changed back to the original/previous (1971-2009 wording). Mary T. noted that the wording change made in 2010 made a “closed class” causing it impossible to register a “cross-bred” for use with other associations. Elizabeth clarified the reason for the new wording change to include the other Finnsheep association registrations where animals do not have/hold FBA registrations. After discussion it was called to Vote: 12 Yes, 2 No. Motion Accepted, the changes will be made to the FBA constitution accordingly.

Website Changes:

Gail Von Bargen updated the FBA membership about the changes to the website hosting, including the Online-Database (Online Pedigree) and the upcoming Interactive Forms with On-line Payment feature through PayPal. Question was asked if there would be fee changes due to the use of PayPal. Answer: No, the cost of using PayPal will be offset by the lack of NSF checks. NOTE: For those who do not wish to use the on-line features, hard copies may still be printed, filled out, and mailed to the registry office.

The comments regarding the On-line database were that many tried it, liked it, and referred it to others to try. Those that tried the new website
demo also liked it. All good responses. Keep an eye open as the website will soon become available for members and the public.

The new website with modernized features should be more efficient as it provides a faster turn-around time; and thus quicker to get information into the proper databases such as Breeder Listings. A demo version is currently available to the Board for review and will be available to Beta test by members just as the Online Database was.

2013 New Business:

Open Floor for thoughts, concerns, ideas, suggestions of action:

Fran proposed that the FBA look into the association paying for a sale booth at fiber/sheep festivals to sell wares as a group as they educate the public about Finnsheep. All who enter wares participate in time at the booth, and the income is split between them and the association. She has participated in such and it worked. Fran will research more.

Mary O’Malley suggested distilling (gleaning) information from the archives that could be helpful to new buyers/breeders to form an Index. Callie suggested adding information about Commercial production as she often gets calls regarding that aspect and does not have information regarding Commercial Finnsheep to refer to. Idea was well heard.

Kerry Mower, Hyer Wools of NM had a question and comment: In the SW region where he lives it is really hard to locate Finnsheep and Finn breeders. The number of lambs registered annually is low. Commercial breeders are looking for purebred Finnsheep rams. We need to increase production. Can we pull back into the association Finnsheep breeders who have left, but still have Finnsheep? How can he locate them? Mary T. commented and wondered about the loss of members after just short time frame – something she noted during her tenure as President. Kerry would like to be more involved. He offered to contact such members and learn why they left the association in the hopes of bringing lost members back into the FBA, learning how to prevent member loss, and create sustainable growth. Mary Tucker will help him with this project as she has the FBA Membership roster.

2014 Annual Business Meeting:

Should we have a face-to-face meeting with teleconference or teleconference only? A combined meeting was the consensus. So where to hold it? Several locations and ideas were listed...Michigan was eliminated as no hotel or close meeting place with space available was located by Callie in 2013. Other location ideas: Wisconsin Fiber Festival in Jefferson, WI (we have held meeting there before), at the NAILE held annually November; in Louisville, KY (we have held meetings there before), Great Lakes Fiber Festival in Wooster, OH about 1 hr south of Cleveland (both a fiber festival and a sheep show & sale) is held Memorial Day weekend annually.

Q: Do members know of other locations that combine both fiber arts and sheep shows and sales? No other response.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 PM EST

Remember!

Annual dues and Breeders Directory fee are due by January 7th!
Renewal form enclosed in this issue
Send them now. Avoid the holiday rush!

NEW MEMBERS

Amy Couture (Jr. Member), Morris, CT
Judith A. Ozmer, Mountain View Farm, Stites, ID
Stefanie Wooster, Howell, MT
As the FBA Secretary in the past year (2013) the following tasks were completed:

12 welcome packets were sent in response to requests from individuals.

15 phone calls were received in regards to Finnsheep.

8 phone calls were received from members with questions and concerns.

The membership role was updated as new membership applications were received. Currently there are 87 members included.

New members were sent invitations to join the Finnsheep_Breeder’s Yahoo group.

Respectfully submitted

Callie Welch, Secretary

FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Balance Sheet
As of October 15, 2013

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OPP Eradication Trial Underway in Minnesota

FROM: Lewman John/Judy

Minnesota’s voluntary OPP/CAE Test & Control Pilot Project is breathing new life following a visit by USDA APHIS Veterinary Services’ Eastern Regional Epidemiologist, Dr Charles Gaiser, who reviewed our program while in Minnesota for other business. On his recommendation our State Veterinarian, Dr Bill Hartmann, and USDA AVIC, Dr Michael Stine, agreed to continue supporting the pilot in spite of limiting changes to the voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program (SFCP) to which the program has been attached.

Following further discussion the decision was made to continue the pilot as a stand-alone program, separate from SFCP.

In light of this, we have added a small 3-year eradication trial. This is a collaborative effort of the Minnesota Lamb & Wool Producers Association (MLWP), the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and College of Veterinary Medicine, USDA APHIS Veterinary Services, and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

Applications will be accepted through December 1, 2013 (14 applicants to date), after which 10-12 of the most heavily OPPV infected flocks will be selected for the trial. Applicants must be from Minnesota and a current MLWP member, or submit their membership when applying for the trial. More information at http://mn.gov/bah/diseases/opp/index.html

On a related note, we are interested in hearing from any producers with documented OPP test-negative flocks who may be able to provide rams of favorable OPP susceptibility genotypes, i.e. 1,1 (or better) TMEM154 diplotype.

You may contact Judy Lewman, secretary of the OPP Concerned Breeders’ Society at: lewman@frontier.com

Ohio Department of Agriculture — OPP/CAE Test-Negative Program —

Sheep/Goat Producers May Now be Recognized for Test-Negative Status

On January 14, 2013, the Ohio Department of Agriculture announced the establishment of a new disease program for Ohio’s sheep and goat producers. After successful participation in a three- or five-year test and monitoring program, enrolled producers can have their flocks/herds documented by the department to have achieved test-negative status for Ovine Progressive Pneumonia (OPP) or Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE).

Producers seeking to participate will need to enroll in the program through the department, and their flock veterinarian will submit annual samples to the AAVDL accredited Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. Enrolled producers will then need to submit their test results to the department in order to receive an annual notice of flock/herd status.

Once three consecutive annual tests have been submitted with all negative results, or once a five-year test and monitoring program has been completed with no positives detected, the flock or herd will receive Test-Negative Status for OPP or CAE.

Producers interested in enrolling in the program should contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Division of Animal Health by calling (614) 728-6220 or by visiting their website at:

**OPP Update—Viral Infection in Sheep Linked to Gene**

The discovery of a gene associated with a persistent viral infection that causes an incurable disease—ovine progressive pneumonia (OPP)—in sheep has led to the development of a genetic test that can be used to help reduce the impact of the disease.

A slow-acting, wasting disease, OPP affects millions of sheep worldwide and is one of the most costly diseases to producers in North America. Previous research revealed that 36 percent of sheep operations and 24 percent of sheep tested in the United States were infected with ovine progressive pneumonia virus (OPPV)—lentivirus strains that target the immune system and cause OPP.

Once infected, sheep are infected for life. Infected ewes are about 20 percent less productive, having fewer lambs and that also weigh less than lambs born to uninfected ewes. In addition to pneumonia, they show signs of wasting, lameness, and “hard bag” syndrome, in which udders become hard and contain barely any milk. Infected ewes are often culled—removed from the flock.

Scientists at the Agricultural Research Service Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center (USMARC) in Clay Center, Nebraska, along with their colleagues at the Animal Disease Research Unit in Pullman, Washington, and the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station near Dubois, Idaho, have found and verified that the gene—*TMEM154*—affects susceptibility to OPPV infection in sheep.

**A Journey to Discovery**

Research to find a genetic link began in the late 1990s, when scientists recognized that the rate of OPPV infection varied among breeds of sheep in the same flocks at USMARC.

“In one breed, 80 percent of the animals were infected, whereas in another breed, 15 percent were infected,” says microbiologist Michael Heaton, who’s in USMARC’s Genetics, Breeding, and Animal Health Research Unit. “They were being raised together, but the proportion that got infected was different for each breed.”

This finding suggested that breed made a difference and that genetics were a major factor in the susceptibility of sheep to OPPV, Heaton says. The team began studies of the USMARC flock, testing the sheep for candidate genes that could be involved in infection.

After 10 years of research, scientists were finally able to design a genome-wide study, thanks to the development of the Ovine SNP50 BeadChip by the International Sheep Genome Consortium. The researchers genotyped animals using blood samples collected over the years and discovered a gene, *TMEM154*, that influences OPPV infection. They also found several different forms, or “haplotypes,” of the gene. Although the function of this gene is still unknown, the three major forms—haplotypes 1, 2, and 3—were found in 97 percent of the more than 8,000 sheep tested.

**Gene Type Matters**

“Sheep in the United States typically have some combination of these three major forms of the *TMEM154* gene,” Heaton says. “Each animal will have two haplotypes—one inherited from its mother and one from its father.”

Haplotypes 2 and 3 were strongly associated with OPPV infection and considered to be highly susceptible forms of *TMEM154*. Only one copy of either haplotype 2 or 3 was needed to increase the risk for OPPV infection. In contrast, ewes with two copies of haplotype 1 were significantly less likely to be infected.

“Rams that have two copies of haplotypes 2 or 3 clearly carry the most risk,” Heaton says. “If you are selecting rams within your flock or buying new rams, you might want to avoid those. But our research indicates that rams with two copies of haplotype 1 seem to provide an advantage.”

Although these results are promising, OPPV is highly adaptable and affects flocks differently, Heaton adds. It is uncertain whether selection for *TMEM154* haplotype 1 will reduce the incidence of infection in all production envi-
“We are now conducting research to learn more about these three most common forms of the gene—which ones are less susceptible, which ones are more susceptible, and if one form of the gene is dominant relative to other forms of the gene,” says USMARC geneticist Kreg Leymaster.

Testing for Risks

With these findings, scientists were able to develop a genotyping test in collaboration with GeneSeek, a Neogen Corporation Company based in Lincoln, Nebraska. The test, which is now available for commercial use, indicates which sheep have the highest genetic risk for becoming infected if exposed to the virus.

Diagnostic tests have been available for some time to determine whether sheep are infected with OPPV, Leymaster says. “But they don’t tell us whether a sheep is more or less susceptible to the disease. What our test has done is add a genetic component that previously wasn’t available.”

For example, a producer can make a flock free of the disease by eliminating infected sheep, but that doesn’t mean that the flock would be resistant to the disease if an infected animal were brought in, he adds.

“Producers could use the marker we’ve made available to make a flock genetically less susceptible to disease, and therefore, decrease the risk of animals becoming infected again over time,” Leymaster says. The ultimate goal is to give producers tools that allow them to choose breeding stock that do not have genetic risk factors, he says, so they can reduce the prevalence of OPPV and eventually eradicate it from flocks.

What’s critical is that producers understand the incidence of the disease in their flock, Leymaster says. Not all flocks are infected. Producers can look at their own unique management system, take the information provided from this research, and decide whether it fits into their system.

Adverse production conditions like high animal density, indoor housing with poor ventilation, and moist climates may enhance virus transmission and overcome sheep genetic resistance, the scientists say.

“We don’t want to oversell these findings, but at the same time, we want producers to consider how they might use this to their advantage,” Leymaster says. “We’re continuing our research and will be able to contribute additional information in the future. I’m optimistic that the industry will be able to successfully address this major disease problem.” —By Sandra Avant, ARS.

This research is part of Animal Health, an ARS national program (#103) described at www.nps.ars.usda.gov.

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Permission has been granted by Kreg Leymaster of USMARC to reprint this article for the Finnsheep Breeders’ Association newsletter. This article was printed in Agricultural Research in May/June 2013.

Special Points of Interest:

1) Testing for OPP status (negative or positive) is NOT the same as testing for OPP Susceptibility/Resistance.
2) Testing for OPP haplotypes (variations of gene) determines OPP susceptibility or resistance factors.
3) A lamb receives one copy of a haplotype from the dam and a second from the sire.
   On test results; this is shown as: 1,1 (highly resistant) or 2,2, 2,3 or 3,3 (most susceptible, highest risk)
4) OPP testing cost of $12.00 each at GeneSeek—a submission form is at the link below:
5) Additional cost to producer for flock vet visit and each blood draw are to be expected—prices may vary.
6) Using a ram with haplotype 1:1 (least risk) will spread a higher OPP Resistance throughout a producers flock.
7) This tool allows selection for breeding stock that do not have genetic risk factors for OPP virus.
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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Total Amount Due: $ _____________ (Make check to: Finnsheep Breeders’ Association)

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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: _____________________________

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**NOTE:** Please check with your specific buyers about the accuracy of these dates, size, and the type of lamb or sheep they want. It is important to know your particular buyer’s demands and at what weights they start to penalize or reject animals. Plus asking your lamb buyer’s input will help you build your market more efficiently.

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**Do you have any Lamb or Sheep recipes, stories, humor, items of interest, or upcoming events that you know of and are willing to share?**

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Internal Parasites—5 Point Check
By Will Stewart, Skyemoor Farm

If you have been diligently following standard deworming practices, you would be dosing all of your flock every 3 weeks or so when they are on pasture, and shifting them to a ‘clean’ pasture each time. Now, however, we find out that this is not the right thing to do after all. Continual dosing of dewormers means that the susceptible worms are eradicated, but those that are resistant to the antilithelmintic continue living and passing their resistant genes on to their descendants. Over time, this means that the parasite population becomes predominantly resistant to that dewormer (and to some extent to dewormers of the same ‘family’). The logical thing to do would seem to be switch dewormers and keep going. All that does is make one’s parasite population resistant to another dewormer.

Indeed, the practices that accelerate parasite drug resistance are numerous:

1) Frequent deworming
2) Underdosing
3) Injecting dewormers
4) Pouring on dewormers
5) Feeding dewormers
6) “Persistent activity” dewormers
7) Putting dewormer in mouth
8) Dosing on a full stomach
9) Deworming when infection levels (in animal and on pasture) are low
10) Putting treated animals on clean pasture
11) Treating every animal
12) Improper use and storage of dewormers

Dewormers come in 3 main classes;

- Benzimidazoles:
  - fenbendazole (FBZ; Panacur, Safeguard)
  - albendazole (ABZ; Valbazen)

- Avermectin / Milbemycins
  - ivermectin (IVM; Ivomec)
  - moxidectin (MOX; Cydectin)

- Imidazothiazoles / Tetrahydropyrimidines
  - (Membrane depolarizers)
  - levamisole (LEV; Tramisole, Levasole, Prohibit)
  - morantel tartrate & pyrantel tartrate; Rumatel

75% of Mid-Atlantic farms have parasite populations that are Ivomec-resistant, 45% are resistant to Cydectin, and 92% have populations that are resistant to Benzimidazoles. Clearly, there is a very serious problem here, because new dewormers will not be forthcoming soon, and when they do, they will be expensive.

Organic approaches are being trialed, though little empirical information is available at present, but would make for an excellent follow-up article.

Fortunately, new approaches have been developed. So while drug resistance may not be avoidable, we can take steps to keep dewormers...
**Internal Parasites cont.**

effective as long as possible.

**Refugia** is the concept of allowing more parasites to thrive that are not drug resistant, in order to dilute the gene pool. To implement this, one must practice **Selective Treatment**, only treating those animals who are clearly not sustaining nominal levels of health and vitality. One way to do this is via the Integrated Parasite Management (IPM) method, which requires you;

- Know the resistance status of the flock
  - Every 2-3 years, perform a Fecal Egg Count Reduction Test to determine how resistant the parasite population is to a anthelmintic
- Manage pastures
  - Use appropriate stocking rates
  - Provide 'safe' pastures
  - Mix 2 or more species of livestock on pasture (goats do not count in this case)
  - Create more browsing forage
- Don't buy resistant worms
  - Any new addition to the flock must be quarantined and aggressively dewormed with 3 different dewormers
  - Perform FEC afterwards
- Dose properly
  - Drench over the back of the tongue on an empty stomach dosing at the weight of the largest individual
  - If using BZ, repeat dose in 12 hours

On top of the above methods, Selective Treatment is then applied. Of the most effective early selective treatment methods is the **FAMACHA** approach, which measures the color of a sheep's lower eyelid with a color chart. Deep pink means a healthy sheep, and conversely, pale/white means a sheep has lost a considerable amount of blood to parasites. There are 5 colors to match with the deepest pinks meaning no treatment and the lightest colors indicating treatment needed. Records are kept to track the performance of individual sheep, with those requiring frequent treatments identified for cull. **This works only in situations where the Barberpole worm is the predominant parasite.**

The 5 Point Check is an extension of the FAMACHA approach. The 5 points are;

- **Eye**  Use of the FAMACHA method
- **Back**  Condition score based on spine/rib protrusion, and muscle and fat levels
- **Tail**  Condition score based upon the amount of soiling of the area around the tail
- **Jaw**  Check for evidence and/or level of bottle jaw
- **Coat/Fleece**  Does the animal show poor fleece development, lustre, or patchy loss?

Other factors can include the scores of other sheep, fecal consistency, weight gain/loss, risk of reinfection, and patterns of prior scores of this sheep. An overall score is calculated, which determines whether or not the animal is treated.

This is but a brief overview of the 5 Point Check, so I will refer you to the following for more substantive detail;


Susan Schoenian, *The 5 Point Check*, 2013, [http://www.slideshare.net/schoenian/the-five-point-check](http://www.slideshare.net/schoenian/the-five-point-check)
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