Chief Shepherd’s Message
by Mary O’Malley

Greetings! Spring is here...with warmer temperatures, sunnier skies and for the Finnsheep shepherd...bountiful lambs. I hope you are having a successful lambing season. The American Sheep Industry continues to encourage sheep producers to increase their lambing percentages. See what Finns can do for the industry!!

Please note our upcoming annual meeting. Time, location and contact information as well as agenda items are in this newsletter. Your input is valued!! Please make time to attend and share your thoughts. Consider running for the Board of Directors. We have one candidate already. More nominations are welcome and can be made at the meeting.

In this issue, you will enjoy reading about junior member, Siri Swanson’s experiences in the show ring.

Many thanks to outgoing Chief Shepherd Fran Smith. Fran was elected as Board of Directors president in October 2013. She has stepped down for personal reasons. We are grateful for all her efforts over the past two and half years.

If you are going to the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival, stop by and visit in the Breed Display Barn. I’ll be there under the big red FBA banner. If you can’t make it to Maryland, I hope we’ll be in touch at our upcoming annual meeting in Wooster, either in person or, by phone.

Until then, happy lambing!!
FBA ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016

Plan to attend the Finnsheep Breeders Association annual meeting in person or by telephone. This is your organization and your input is vital! The location will be the same as last year, the Best Western Hotel, 243 E Liberty St, Wooster, OH 44691, just outside the Great Lakes Fiber Show.

The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m on the Saturday evening of the show (5/28) and will be held in the Imperial Room. Light refreshment will be served, (let us know if you are coming...a headcount for food would be helpful). If you are planning to stay at the Best Western, call soon and mention you will be attending the FBA meeting for a 10% discount. Don’t delay! Only a small block of rooms has been reserved.

If you cannot attend in person, you will be able to join in via tele-conference by calling:

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Agenda for the 2016 meeting;
Opening and Welcome
Roll Call of Members
Secretary Report
Treasurer Report
Nominations and Vote for Board of Directors

Old Business:

1. Update from the Color Committee. Joanna Porter and the color committee have been doing excellent work addressing the concerns of Finn fiber enthusiasts related to color and marking. The eventual goal is to revise the registration forms to more accurately reflect color and marking. The first step is to present a revised color marking chart to the membership.

2. Advertising: We welcome feedback on the recent full page ads in THE BANNER, The Shepherd and SHEEP! magazines. New ideas (and help) are always appreciated!
FBA ANNUAL MEETING agenda continued

New Business:

1. Nominations and vote for Board of Directors

2. The FBA board and The Associated Registries have been working together to revise our Work Order and Membership and Breeder Directory forms. The goal is to make the forms consistent with each other and to eliminate unnecessary or confusing items. The Flock Prefix listing has caused confusion in the past. The “per letter” fee will be replaced with a flat fee.

3. The Finnsheep Hall of Fame: we would like to begin a tradition of honoring an FBA member who has been an outstanding shepherd, breeder, and promoter of Finnsheep.

4. FBA Scholarship: We propose offering a yearly scholarship to a student who is currently a high school senior, college freshman or sophomore and who is a member, or whose parent/guardian is a member of the FBA. Based on examples from other associations, applicants must be attending or have been accepted to at technical, vocational, community college or university. All academic majors will be considered though preference will be given to those with agriculture career goals. Selection criteria could include experience and involvement in the sheep industry, community service and leadership, academic record, an essay and 2 letters of recommendation. The association will vote on this proposal.

5. Selection of location for 2017 meeting

**Candidate for the Board of Directors:**

**Walter R. Threlfall, DVM, MS, PhD, DACT**

Dr. Threlfall is a Consulting Theriogenologist and Professor Emeritus and former Head of the Theriogenology (veterinary reproduction) Area in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

He received his DVM degree from The Ohio State University and an MS in Veterinary Medicine and Surgery as well as a PhD in reproductive physiology from the University of Missouri where he also completed a residency in Theriogenology. He is board certified by The American College of Theriogenologists, and is past president of the College. He served for seven years as the delegate to the American Veterinary Medical Association representing the Society for Theriogenology and eight years as the Delegate to the AVMA representing the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association. He served on the Ohio VMA Board for approximately 20 years. He served for two years as the vice president of the American Veterinary Medical Association. He has been a member of the Small Ruminant Practitioners Association. He is active in his community having served on his Township Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission, the County Health Department Board of Health for eighteen years being President for the last thirteen, and The State Board of Health Departments Board.

He has raised sheep since he was eight years old and Finnsheep for over 35 years. He served as Vice President of the Ohio Finnsheep Association when it was first organized. His father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great great grandfather also raised sheep and he and his daughter currently own a flock of approximately 75 Finn and Texel ewes. It would be an honor to serve the Association as a Board member.
SHOWING FINNSHEEP
by Siri Swanson, junior member
Dancing Moon Farm, Orwell, VT

In the summer of 2013 I reached the exciting stage of taking my 4-H sheep project to a newer, more serious level. The process of picking a breed to take center stage on my farm was much easier than I thought when I came across Finnsheep. They easily caught my eye with their look, their fiber and meat, their personality, and their abilities as companions as well as their potential in the commercial market. Finns fit into my business and life. They were the perfect fit and, for me, the perfect breed. However, I never imagined how far they would take me.

Being the nature of 4-H, I fell in love with the show ring. Showing sheep is my boundless passion and occupies the majority of a six month stretch of my year. As many are aware Finns are not known to be a flashy, show-ring ready breed. I took on the task of proving my doubters wrong; to what extent I had no idea. My first year showing Finns went very smoothly. My first three Finns and I turned quite a few heads and got some lovely compliments from several judges. The next year I had a fuller line up. The now yearlings from the year prior and my own lambs would show a greater selection of the genetics in my flock and the breed today. 2014 went even better with my yearling ewe, Lily, donated to me from Mary O’Malley through the Youth Conservationist Program, receiving lots of attention. She surprised us all, winning two Supreme titles at two of my fairs. We also received significant attention at the North East Youth Sheep Show. Lily and I made our way to the top five junior showman in the very competitive competition. Here, standing in line with a Southdown, Hampshire, Oxford, and Katahdin, was the first time I recognized my potential with this breed.

The summer of 2015 I had no expectations of doing better than the last. That notion was blown out of the water, to say the least. In short we came home with eight supreme titles on three different Finns. I am still in awe of what strides my flock and I made in the show community this season gaining attention from my backyard county fair all the way to...believe it or not...The Big E! All this success was extremely rewarding but one of the most considerable aspects was the image presented for Finns as a breed. Showman and shepherds alike were shocked to see such quality in a breed they knew so little about. Many judges were thrilled to see the breed exhibit the condition and quality my flock presented. I had countless conversations, questions, and congratulations about the knowledge I brought to the public about this beautiful breed.

Showing sheep is my one true vice, including the year round preparation in running my farm. While many of my peers are participating in sports and clubs, I always have my full focus on my livestock. Much like the thrill in winning the spelling bee or a track star getting their “runner’s high”, I live for the feeling of my first steps back in the ring. Words will never do it full justice; the tingling from your fingertips to your toes, the calculated rhythm of your footsteps, and the poker face staring contest with the judge. It’s my designated moment to present a year’s worth of work in just a few minutes. No matter what place my team of two slides into, it is the result of a tremendous amount of dedication. And on the occasion of being chosen for the judges congratulatory handshake, I can feel my being glow. Raising showstock is the most fulfilling and rewarding life I know. In my two and half years of developing a flock of Finns, I have made myself proud and honored to present my livestock and the Finn breed as what they truly are - a uniquely gorgeous animal.
FINNSHEEP AND THE SHOW RING

by Naomi Smith and Mary O’Malley

The average person attending a sheep show at the local county or state fair is often amazed at the number of different breeds of sheep that exist and the attributes by which the sheep are judged. A sheep will be classed according to breed, purpose and age. Wooled sheep are further classified according to length of staple and color. When sheep are judged, the different attributes which make up the breed standard are assigned points. Where do Finnsheep fit in?

As noted on the FBA website, the Finnsheep “standard is designed to preserve and enhance the inherent good qualities of the Finnsheep breed. No restrictions on registrations are involved since we have no mechanism for inspection of flocks. The standard, however, can help us move in a more uniform direction as the breed develops.

Points have not been assigned to the different sections, as many other breed associations do, primarily because Finnsheep are not shown or judged solely on their physical characteristics. Sixty to seventy percent of the standard’s significance is in the section titled “Reproductive Characteristics.”

To clarify, Finnsheep were imported into the United States with the intention of boosting the sheep industry. The Finn ewe’s excellent maternal characteristics and the routine delivery of multiple lambs, as well as the early sexual maturity of both rams and ewes made them ideal candidates to increase the numbers of sheep born in the U.S. These attributes, which are such an important part of the breed standard, could not be judged in a show ring. In addition, there has been some concern, based on observations of other breeds traditionally on the show circuit that the quest for the blue ribbon could lead shepherds to introduce another breed of sheep into their flock in hopes of capturing certain characteristics.

Never the less, the FBA applauds the efforts of those who bring their sheep to the show ring! Showing sheep is a terrific way to inform others, both fellow shepherds and the general public about this unique heritage breed. Sheep are often shown in county and state fairs, by 4-H youth as well as breeders. Consignment shows and sales are another venue where sheep are shown and need to look their best! With that in mind, we offer these tips for preparing a Finnsheep for the show ring.

Determine which sheep you are bringing to the show. Is your child entering sheep through 4-H in the county fair or are you entering sheep in a consigned sale? Look at the fair booklet for any requirements, like health and registration papers, of which you should be aware.

Teach your sheep to walk on halter! Food can be the incentive. When you first put a sheep on halter (simple rope halters work best), they will hate it. They will throw themselves on the ground to tell you they can’t stand it! They’ll get over it. At first the sheep might try to run one way and then another, perhaps fighting the new sensation of the halter. Hold the halter and follow their lead. They will settle down. Reward them with a little grain from your hand. You can tie them up to the fence, (just tie the halter so you can untie it quickly if need be). 4-H youth working with their market lambs (often Suffolk or Hampshire sheep) have learned some tricks that everyone can benefit from. For example, if possible, house the sheep in the barn at night and lead them to an outdoor pen in the morning. When the sheep are fed in the outdoor pen, they quickly learn that a walk on halter means a walk to tasty grain
FINNSHEEP AND THE SHOW RING, continued

Depending on the length of the fleece, you might shear your sheep about 2 months before the show. For a yearling, this will allow growth of about an inch of fleece, enough for a prospective buyer to assess the quality, luster and crimp of the wool. If you are showing lambs this step may not be necessary at all. However, you may want to shear any belly wool for a cleaner, neater appearance.

It is not necessary to wash your sheep; as a matter of fact using soap takes the lanolin out, so it is not a good idea. Ideally, rain from a summer shower will rinse your sheep’s fleece clean, however, if the sheep is really dirty and no rain is in sight, you might rinse the fleece with plain water. Do this several days before the show so the fleece has plenty of time to dry. You may want to use a little gentle soap and water on the legs and ears of the sheep close to show time. While you’re at it, clean the ear tag so the numbers are visible.

Separating your show or sale sheep from the rest of the flock, perhaps in a small paddock, makes it is easier for you to keep your sheep clean and for you to recognize if any unexpected problems arise. This is where show sheep get the reputation for being “royalty” as opposed to the rest of the flock (the minions). Fed special, housed special, taught to walk on halter! Honestly! BUT, this extra effort allows your Finnsheep to show their finest attributes to their advantage.

Don’t neglect hoof care. Trim the hooves at least two weeks prior to the show so if you nick a hoof there is time to recover. You want your sheep to walk well in the ring. No limping!

Make a list of items that will help you and your sheep be comfortable at the fair or festival. For example, your will need hay, feed, water buckets, health care supplies, halters and the appropriate papers. If you have never been to a particular show or sale before, ask someone who has and ask them what they like to bring. Consider how you will transport yourself and your sheep. Arrive at your destination with plenty of time to set up and make yourselves comfortable.

Finally, it will be time to enter the ring. Remember the judge is interested in looking at your sheep, not you, so keep the sheep between you and the judge as you walk. Keep your eye on the judge so you can see where and how he wants you to move the sheep in the ring. At this point all your earlier preparation: walking on halter, maintaining a clean fleece, etc. will pay off as you present a well-mannered, healthy, clean Finn-

Group Ads- Promoting the FBA and You! by Mary O’Malley

The FBA plans to repeat the full page ads THE BANNER (June/July), THE SHEPHERD, (October) and SHEEP! (TBD) Magazines. If you are interested in participating in these ads email me at Maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com, write me at 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905 or, you might even call me at 301-421-9520. You must have a current membership to participate. Coordinating these ads is a bit of a challenge. This is a volunteer position squeezed in to my other life activities. Email is the easiest way for me to reach people, but I don’t want anyone to be left out. It would not, however, be realistic for me to call every member to ascertain your interest in an ad. SO if you would like to participate in these ads, let me know!!!
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Ethnic Holiday Calendar

Ethnic holidays factor significantly in the demand for sheep meat. The type (size, sex and condition) of lamb desired by particular people at particular holidays varies, however many Finn producers find that their Finns and Finn crosses are desired especially at the Muslim holidays. This table gives the dates of various ethnic holidays for the next three years.

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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 1971 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