Chief Shepherd Message,

Greetings Fellow Shepherds,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our annual Meeting in Wooster on May 28. My apologies to our phone participants as the audio was inadequate. We will investigate better options before our next annual meeting, also in Wooster on May 27, 2017. A great deal of valuable information was discussed, including updates from the Color Committee, updates on the registration forms, the NSIP program, our outstanding Shepherd, Brian Magee, a scholarship and the September visit of Finlands’s Jill Christensen, past president of the Finland FBA. Please see the notes on pages 3-5.

We welcome Grant Blackburn, Naomi Smith and Walter Threlfall, DVM to the Board of Directors. Grant will also continue to serve as treasurer for which we are extremely grateful. Naomi will take on the Vice President position. I will continue as President.

In this issue we have a fascinating article by Anne-Marie Elkins chronicling her journey across the country with her new flock of Finnsheep. Now that I know there are motels for horses, sheep and their people, I guess I do not have an excuse not to take my sheep on vacation!

As I mentioned, Jill Christiansen will be sharing her experience raising sheep and designing and marketing wool crafts in Finland this September in Washington State and Maryland. See page 9 for details.

The revisions on the membership form and the work order form have been completed. See page 15 for the new membership form. Associated Registries will send you a new work order from when you register your sheep.

There are other items of interest that could have gone in this issue, but the editor (that would be me) is ready to be done with this issue! So those items will wait until next time.

Wishing you a great summer. May all your lambs find good homes!

Mary O’Malley
Honeysuckle Farm
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FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET
AS OF MAY 27, 2016
ASSETS:
CURRENT ASSETS:
CHECKING: -BB&T: $19,304.29
PETTY CASH: $140.14
TOTAL: CHECKING/SAVINGS: $19,444.43
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: $148.43
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS: $19,592.86

Other assets :
BB&T CD $2000.00
Equipment $515.95
Franklin Templeton Fund $3,240.25
Total other assets : $5756.20
TOTAL ASSETS $25,349.06

LIABILITIES AND EQUITIES
Equity
Opening balance equity: $3,543.42
Retained earnings $19,620.18
Net income: $2,185.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES and EQUITY: $25,349.06

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!
How often is it that someone asks what you are up to? Well, I’m asking.
In this issue of Short Tales we have Ann Marie Elkins delightful article about her cross country adventure, bringing her flock home.
Your experiences, opinions, trials and even errors are of value to other shepherds too. Consider writing for Short Tales! Your contributions are always welcome! Send them to maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com or Mary O’Malley 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905
In addition, the October issue of THE SHEPHERD features Finnsheep. They are seeking articles and pictures for that issue. Why not write about yours? Send photos, articles, commentaries, etc. to: Cat at theshepherdmagazine@me.com The Shepherd PO Box 168 Farson, WY 82932
The Banner and SHEEP! magazine are also happy to run informative and interesting articles on all things relating to sheep. Writing for a magazine is a great way to get the word out about Finnsheep in general, and your farm in particular.
Contact THE BANNER at P.O. Box 500, Cuba Illinois, 61427 or www.bannersheepmagazine.com
To write for SHEEP!
Contact the editor, Nathan Griffith at 3916 Taylor_Estes Rd, Louisville, KY 40245 or sheepmagazine@citynet.net
Advertising is another way to get your voice heard. The FBA has been running group ads in the three magazines mentioned above. If you would like to participate in this endeavor but are not receiving emails from me concerning this opportunity please email me maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com or if you do not use the computer, call me at 301-421-9520 or write me at the above address.
FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 5-28-16

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mary O’Malley, acting president.

Members in attendance (total 19):
Via Teleconference: Clark BreDahl, Amy Cook, Elizabeth H. Kinne-Gossner, Anne-Marie Elkins, Heidi Quist
In Person: Naomi Smith, Connie & Reinhold Krueger, Deb Kirsch, Grant Blackburn, Terrie Godfrey, Tim Beckwith, Mary O’Malley, Mary Tucker, Brian Magee, Walter Threlfall, Patty Krause (guest of Walter), Lauren Howard, William Gaddey, and Jason McCune.

Secretary Report: Mary Tucker, Secretary summarized the report from the previous year.

Treasurer Report: Grant Blackburn reviewed our income and expenses. Note that the “ad income” reflects reimbursement received from individual farms participating in the group ads we have run in the major sheep magazines.

Old Business:

1. Update from the Color Committee The draft of the FBA Color and Marking Chart guide was reviewed at the meeting. Many perspectives were shared. The major reservation expressed about adopting the proposed changes relates to the inability to predict markings genetically. While breeders have had some success breeding for particular colors of Finnsheep, the ability to predict marking does not exist. Members expressed concern that creating a registration form that detailed markings was misleading.

There was some disagreement about the pictures presented as badger, which may reflect the difficulty of coding color and markings

2. Advertising Outreach: The main focus of the FBA advertising are the ads in these 3 major sheep related publications: THE BANNER, The Shepherd and SHEEP! magazines. We have recently placed a one-time ad in Hobby Farms, that is sold in Tractor Supply.

The 2015/early 2016 full page ads listing FBA info and individual farms (who paid for a spot in the ad) were well received.

Mary O’Malley asked for help me with these ads, however no one volunteered.

New Business:

1. Nominations and vote for Board of Directors

Walter Threlfall has joined the Board of Directors. Grant Blackburn and Naomi Smith agreed to stay on the BOD.

2. Work Order and Membership and Breeder Directory forms

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 was replaced with a flat fee of $20. Another issue that was addressed and clarified is registering Class 2 Crossbred Finnsheep. The FBA allowed breeding up from 1971 to January 1, 1991. A relic from that time existed on our work order form which shows the ability to register ½, ¾ and 7/8 Finn. Since there is no longer a breeding up program, the elimination of the ¾ and 7/8 Finn registration from the work order form was proposed and accepted. The ½ Finn registration was retained as it can be helpful for a 4- Her or for breeders registering crosses with other associations.

These are the proposed corrections sent to Associated Registries:

A. Membership:

_____ New adult member, applying, one time only ($35)
_____ Yearly activity fee, necessary to register sheep, due annually on January 31 ($25.00)

next to B. Breeder Listing include: (members only- see other side)
2. Work Order and Membership and Breeder Directory forms, continued

On the other side, above the Breeding Certificate

B. Breeder Directory Listing: $30, members only

Includes FBA website directory and Short Tales directory, brief description of 20 words or less, six (6) photos (jpg. Format preferred) may be added to the on-line listing. Send photo files and description by email to webmaster@finnsheep.org

Under C. Flock Prefix listing: remove $10 per letter fee and replace with $20 flat fee

Under D registrations: For both under and over 12 months, remove the ¾ Finn and 7/8 Finn under the crossbred since there is no breeding up program. Leave the ability to register 1/2 Finn

3. Clarify registration and membership issues

Recently one of our members wondered if she could register a sheep from an unregistered sire and dam. Since there is more genetic testing available now than in the past, we looked into this possibility and wanted to share the information with everyone.

At this time, without genetic material on both the sire and the dam of the sheep it is not possible to prove the lineage of a sheep, so it cannot be registered as a Class I purebred Finnsheep.

A question arose regarding the presence of blank spaces on some pedigrees. New FBA members may not be aware that the blanks on the certificates of Registry (pedigrees) are from when the information was transferred from the old hand-written index cards to the, at that time, new computer program (well over 15 years ago). The animals with the blanks are purebred Class I and that can be confirmed by the index cards.

Walter Threlfall asked about lifetime membership. Naomi addressed this. The lifetime membership was instituted in 1971 and originally cost $35. This was the only income the FBA had along with registrations. In the late 1980s the organization was short of money so it was decided that new members would have to pay $35 initially plus $25 annually. A few years later it was decided that everyone needed to pay the annual dues. About 4 years ago the ability to register sheep as a non-member was eliminated.

4. Overview of National Sheep Improvement Program (Clark Bredahl)

From the NSIP website:

By using breeding stock with genetic predictability, all types of flocks have a foundation of genetic information upon which to build a superior and more consistent product to their customers, whether this be a feeder, packer or consumer. This genetic predictability is achievable through NSIP’s Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs).

EBVs are science-based, industry-tested measurements of heritable traits that can be tracked and measured. For those familiar with Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) used in cattle, EBVs are very similar. EPDs denotes the breeding value of an individual animal’s progeny whereas EBVs denote the value of the individual animal. More simply, EBVs equal EPDs times two.

Clark Bredahl spoke about his experience with NSIP. Ideally a member of this program can compare data on their sheep with other participants raising the same breed. Data collected includes birth weight, weaning weight number of lambs born alive, number of lambs weaned, parasite resistance, wool weight and staple diameter. Selection for breeding can be aided by comparison data. Currently Clark is the only Finnsheep breeder enrolled in NSIP, so there is no ability to compare data. In the Midwest where Clark farms, commercial breeders seek to buy sheep from shepherds enrolled in NSIP. There is $100 cost to join the program and a fee of $2.50 per head of sheep to record the data. A minimum of 2 rams and 2 breeding groups are required for joining. The software is user friendly. Representatives of NSIP would be happy to speak at a FBA meeting to answer questions regarding the program. Clark would be happy to speak with interested members and can be reached at 641-745-2323 or bredahl.mtfarms@gmail.com
5. **The Finnsheep Hall of Fame**: We would began a tradition of honoring an FBA member who has been an outstanding shepherd, breeder, and promoter of Finnsheep. Our first honoree this year is Brian Magee.

Brian managed the sheep at Cornell University for many years and developed the “STAR” production system in the early 1980s which uses nutrition and conventional breeding techniques to create an accelerated lamb production program. Using the STAR system, ewes lamb five times in three years rather than once a year.

Brian also developed an effective method to eliminate foot rot and was instrumental in tackling the problem of Ovine Progressive Pneumonia when it infected the Cornell flock in the 1980s. He was the director OPP Society. According to the OPP website: his writing on the Cornell Finn flock experience with OPP generated a great deal of respect for one of the first breeds to openly tackle OPP. In addition Magee’s clarity on the issue of Outbreeding vs Inbreeding helped the membership vote to maintain a closed flock book when reopening of the books was proposed in 2011.

Brian retired from Cornell in 2009 but not from shepherding. He maintains his own Finn/Dorset flock. He can be found helping others in his community learn about sheep and how to care for them. Brian is a wealth of information and we are fortunate to have had his presence in or organization as past president, director and shepherd. He was presented with a Premier 1 sheep bell and wine.

6. **FBA Scholarship**:

We proposed 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 (minimum 2 year membership).

Based on examples from other associations, applicants must be attending or have been accepted to a 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, 2 letters of recommendation.

The membership voted to accept this proposal and approved $250 for the amount.

Mary O’Malley and Naomi Smith will develop this further and present a final draft to the Board. A goal would be to publicize the scholarship later this year and award it at the next annual meeting.

7. **Visit from Jill Christensen**

Jill Christensen, past president of Finland’s Finnsheep Breeders Association, breeder of Finns, owner of Platon the semen donor and designer of wool pullovers will be visiting her son in Seattle this September. She is interested in talking sheep!! Debra Perry of Dancing Waters Farm in Rochester, Washington will host Jill on Monday September 19. I will host Jill on Friday, September 23 in Silver Spring, MD. Jill plans to talk about Finnsheep as the **Source of Creativity**.

8. **Next annual meeting in Wooster, Ohio**

Wooster, Ohio was again selected as the location for the FBA annual meeting. Holding the meeting in Ohio seems to allow members from more states to attend. New York was also a contender for meeting location. THE BANNER assured us that they would hold their Great Lakes sale and sheep show over Memorial Day weekend in 2017. Our meeting date is May 27, 2017.
ON THE LAMBS!

A cross country journey with Finnsheep

by Anne-Marie Elkins of Muddy Pig Ranch, Washington

Last July (2015), my husband and I drove our little pickup from Ellensburg, Washington to DeRuyter, New York to pick up six Finn lambs from Stillmeadow Finnsheep. We’d purchased a ram lamb from Stillmeadow in 2013 and he has turned out to be a wonderful ram. He has great fleece and conformation, is scrapie resistant (QR), and has a very kind temperament. We wanted some more just like him.

Planning

We started planning last fall. First, we determined our lamb requirements during discussions with Elizabeth Kinne Gossner while she organized the breeding groups at Stillmeadow.

Next, the biggest concern was who would take care of our place (and livestock) while we were gone. Do I get a farm-sitter and split the driving with my very understanding husband or find someone to help with the driving? Finally, it boiled down to who I could tolerate being stuck in the cab of a small pickup with for seven days. That could only be my husband, Bob. Fortunately, a family friend was available to farm sit, a former Marine with ranch experience. Oorah!

The February before our trip, we took a class through the Washington State Sheep Producers. The class focused on problem solving and making treatment decisions—using live sheep. I asked the vet for advice on hauling lambs cross-country. She said, the most important thing was to keep them eating and drinking. She recommended using hay and water that the lambs are used to. So, bring extra water containers to store familiar water and arrange to buy hay from the breeder (if it’s available).

Another worry keeping me awake at night was, “what if the truck breaks down?” There’s an easy remedy. Buy a subscription to USRider (www.usrider.org). USRider is a motor plan similar to AAA. They provide roadside assistance to stranded motorists and the animals they are hauling. While targeted to horse people, USRider will support any animal you are hauling, provided you are not a commercial hauler. The cost is about $170 to join and about $140 annually to renew.

Also, lease a transponder. Turnpikes are a foreign concept for those of us on the west side of the country. Basically, you have to pay to use the highways between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic Ocean. Most of the time, tollbooths are located at on/off ramps. However, in the chaos that surrounds Chicago, tollbooths are located at seemingly random locations on the actual highway. My worst-case scenario was sheep dying of heat stroke while stuck in line on the highway waiting to pay tolls.

Enter the I-PASS transponder. Using the Velcro mounting strips provided, mount the transponder behind the rear view mirror on your front window. Once activated, you can zip through the I-PASS/E-ZPass lanes on the tollways and avoid the tollbooth lines. The transponder is conveniently linked to your credit card, so you can charge the miles away without stopping at tollbooths.

You can pick up a transponder at some of the Tollway Customer Service Centers. However, it can take up to 48 hours for your new transponder to be activated. It is better to arrange for one to be shipped to your home well in advance and activate it online. For more information, visit www.illinoistollway.com.
ON THE LAMB!!! continued

I found a wonderful tool for planning a trip, Furkot (https://trips.furkot.com). Enter the start date and location, and the hours you are willing to drive each day. The software lays out a route and chops up the trip into day-sized chunks, including recommended overnight and gas stops. You can book motels through Furkot. Expedia and the like are accessible through the Furkot interface. We planned the route to the east coast in detail. The plan for the trip home was simply “Drive!”

FURKOT ROAD TRIP PLANNER

Housing for sheep is available while travelling. Being horse people, we knew that there are “horse hotels” out there, and some will accept sheep. Browse Horse Motel International (horsemotel.com) to familiarize yourself with some options.

Arrange for a vet inspection and travel paperwork within the time frame required by your state. The cost was reasonable and well worth the peace of mind knowing that my lambs would not be seized by some authority along the way.

Finally, pack and organize the truck. Here’s our supply list:

- Water buckets (2) Collapsible 5-gallon water containers (2)
- Extra hay packaged in plastic garbage bags (Make the package smaller by removing air with a vacuum. Use a rubber band and paper towel over the end of the hose so you don’t just vacuum up your hay.)
- Flashlight The book Lamb Problems by Laura Lawson
- Sheep mineral/salt Baking soda
- NutriDrench Respond Paste (probiotics, energy, and vitamins in a yummy paste)
- Electrolytes Pepto Bismol
- Drench Syringe French catheter
- Drugs (depending on access and your level of training): LA 200, injectable vitamin complex, Banamine
- Needles and syringes
- Thermometer for taking a lamb’s temperature
- Thermometer to display the current temperature in the truck canopy
- USB-powered fan to blow the air conditioning from the truck cab into the canopy.
- All the unimportant stuff for the humans
ON THE LAMB!! continued

The Trip
On July 8, we started out under a pall of wildfire smoke that stuck with us through Idaho and into Montana. The trip was uneventful, almost a vacation. The only difficult spot was getting through Chicago. And I thought traffic in Puget Sound was bad. Chicago is much worse. We decided that this leg of the return trip would be done at night.

We arrived at Stillmeadow in upstate New York on July 12. The location was beautiful with healthy happy sheep and lots of grass!

After we met our new sheep, we injected them with an antibiotic and vitamins. We also gave them Respond paste, which they loved. Two hours later we were on the road for our race back to the West Coast.

We drove the next 1,100 miles without an overnight stop so that we could pass Chicago in the dark. We took turns driving and napping, stopping every 100 miles or so to offer the lambs food and water. We hit Chicago at 4 a.m. and were out of Illinois by 7 a.m., missing most of rush hour. What a relief!

At one point, I tried to sleep in the truck bed with the sheep. It wasn’t the least bit restful, but it was fun. The friendlier sheep cuddled up next to me. One of the less trusting ewes stood over my face, belching cud, pondering this human—ruminating.

Finally, after 25 hours of driving we arrived at the Freeborn County Fairgrounds in Albert Lea, Minnesota. We housed the lambs in a large horse stall overnight for $21, and the humans headed for a motel and bed.

With the exception of two storms that drove us off the highway and leaving my new phone at a rest stop in Indiana, the rest of the trip home was a breeze. A truckload of adorable, friendly lambs is an excellent way to make friends at rest stops.

Our second night on the road we stayed a small fleabag of a motel where we could back the truck right up to the door of the room. The lambs were quiet, didn’t make a peep all night. I suppose a load of lambs at a dodgy motel is a common enough sight in Montana.

The next afternoon we were home. The trip was a challenge and an adventure. The sheep have settled in and are thriving. They gave us wonderful lambs this past spring.

Anne-Marie Elkins
Muddy Pig Ranch, Ellensburg, WA
Native Finland Finnsheep Breeder Jill Christensen to Visit the United States in September

Jill Christensen, past president of Finland’s Finnsheep Breeders Association will be speaking on *Finnsheep as the Source of Creativity* this September on both the east and west coast. Jill raises Finnsheep on her farm, Stentorp in SW Finland by the sea in the Turku archipelago. Her sheep graze on nearby islands throughout the summer.

Finnsheep, a Northern, short tail primitive sheep known for fertility and prolificacy also produce soft wool in a variety of natural colors. From the very beginning in 1987, Stentorp’s ambition for their small scale business has been to produce fine, soft, gently treated wool with lanolin. Among their products are hand knitted pullovers, hats and shawls, as well as curly skins for fur vests and smaller accessories. Unique hand knitted and loom woven products incorporate patterns based on traditions from different cultures, mythology and saga.

Stentorp’s goal is sustainable development, with ethical and ecological methods from lambs to ready product. A two person farm, they work with other sheep farmers breeding the same fine quality wool. Local hand-knitters, craftsmen, local schools with focus on art, craft and agriculture are our partners. Because of its surrounding nature Stentorp is suitable for visiting tourists and courses; during the summer, artists and musicians join in with summer exhibitions and concerts.

Jill will be sharing her enthusiasm for Finnsheep with this presentation that includes 40 pictures, and facts about Finnsheep in Finland. On the west coast, the presentation will be on Monday September 19, 2016 from 1-4 pm at Dancing Waters Farm in Rochester, Washington. Call Debra Perry at (360) 273-9077 or email her at mountaintrailwalker@yahoo.com. On the east coast, the presentation will be on Friday, September 23, 2016 from 1-4 p.m. at Honeysuckle Farm in Silver Spring, MD. Call Mary O’Malley at 301-421-9520 or email her at johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com for more information.

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## FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

### Profit & Loss

**May 31, 2015 through May 27, 2016**

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| Web page                 | 240.00                   | 670.00                   |
| Advertising-other        | 4,200.25                 | 2,635.14                 |
| **Total advertising**    | 4,440.25                 | 3,305.14                 |
| Contract Labor           | 4,155.70                 | 3,146.35                 |
| Data base maint.         | 330.00                   | 200.00                   |
| Dues                     | 0.00                     | 50.00                    |
| Liability Insurance      | 1,006.00                 | 0.00                     |
| Meeting                  | 178.11                   | 67.73                    |
| Miscellaneous ( gifts, etc) | 397.18                | 0.00                     |
| Paypal fees              | 157.62                   | 126.26                   |
| Postage and Delivery     | 351.42                   | 421.58                   |
| Printing and Reproduction | 836.12                | 1,248.44                 |
| Stipend                  | 250.00                   | 200.00                   |
| Office supplies          | 98.04                    | 4.64                     |
| **Telecommunications**   | 0.00                     | 90.00                    |
| **TOTAL EXPENSE**        | 12,200.44                | 8,860.04                 |

**Net Ordinary Income**

|                          | 2,253.18                 | 3,371.86                 |

**Net Income**

|                          | 2,253.18                 | 3,371.86                 |
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Finnsheep Breeders Association
Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, complete and mail this form and your payment to:
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Name_______________________________________ Membership #_________________ Date _______
Address_________________________________City_________State_______zip___________
Website_______________________________________________ Phone #_________________
Fax #_________________ Email___________________________________

Memberships:
______New Adult Member, applying, one time only ($ 35.00)
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______New Youth Associate member(date of birth __/__/__ ($10)
______Continuing Youth Member (date of birth __/__/__ ($15)

The Annual Activity Fees is due on or before January 31th of each year after the first year. Members receive a free yearly subscription to “Short Tales” newsletter via email (unless requested in hard-copy), access to the Finnsheep_Breeders chat group on Yahoo for encouragement or help in your endeavor. Meeting minutes are published in Short Tales. Periodically, members may receive other pertinent mailings or emails.

Breeder Listing ______($30.00): FBA Members Only
The Breeder Listing is entered into the FBA Website, FBA On-line Database, and FBA newsletter).
Six (6) photos (.jpg format preferred) may be added to a listing by sending form and photo files by email to: webmaster@finnsheep.org

( ) Purebred Finnsheep ( ) Commercial Breeder ( ) Cross-Bred Finnsheep – List crosses______________
( ) Wool or Other Value Added Products – list _____________________________________________
A breeder listing may include a brief description of 20 words or less.(attach separate paper if needed).

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Flock prefix listing _____($20.00) Desired prefix _________________
A flock prefix enables exclusive use of your name, flock or farm on registrations

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: 05-28-16
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