Chief Shepherd Message,

Greetings Fellow Shepherds,

Learning never ends. That is true for life in general, and certainly with sheep. After our May meeting I was able to sit down with Brian Magee and Grant Blackburn and “talk sheep”. Brian has extensive experience raising sheep in a variety of settings and he has participated in serious sheep research. Grant’s knowledge about raising sheep and understanding of the FBA helped guide the discussion. The Finnsheep Breeders Association has been truly fortunate that Finnsheep garnered the focus of Brian’s studies both at Cornell and on his own farm. I hope you will take the time to read Brian Magee, Outstanding Shepherd on pages 3-4.

One of the most interesting aspects of our discussion was Brian’s understanding of, and experience with, inbreeding vs outbreeding. This continues to be of critical importance to Finnsheep shepherds as new and prospective shepherds interested in Finnsheep do not understand the difference between the registration of purebred Finnsheep with the FBA vs registration with the IFR (International Finnsheep Registry). Studies at Cornell in the early 1980s showed that introducing another parent line (breed) into the Finnsheep stock significantly reduced the prolificacy of the breed. One of the original reasons to import Finnsheep was for the inherent prolificacy of the breed. Many breeders (commercial and small breeders alike) continue to seek the Finn for this ability to birth and mother multiples. The IFR has introduced Polypay sheep into their stock. Some breeders interested in IFR Finns tell me that they are happy with the idea of a smaller litter size and potentially larger sheep. This is a choice that each shepherd makes dependent on their individual flock goals. However, it is essential that we, as breeders of Finnsheep, help our prospective buyers understand that there is a difference and that this is not simply a cosmetic or short term preference; this is about preserving important genetics. I especially appeal to members of the FBA who are also members of the IFR to make this distinction.

Following through with other items of note from our May meeting, in this issue, we unveil our Scholarship Program. I hope this will encourage youth and/or their parents to get involved in the FBA. In addition, the revised work order form is now available from Associated Registries in Kansas and the ability to register colored sheep with two markings is now available on the on-line registration.

My head is spinning with all that I learned from Jill Christensen’s visit and I'll be working hard to write a thorough article for you. Thanks again to Debra Perry for hosting Jill on the west coast. Concerns, questions, ideas? Don’t hesitate to contact me!!

Mary O’Malley,
Let your voice be heard!!!

Do you know, I am already thinking about the next issue of Short Tales? What would you like to read? I appreciate hearing your concerns and I will try to address them in future issues of Short Tales.

Next time, we’ll feature an article about Jill Christensen’s visit to Dancing Water’s Farm in Washington State and Honeysuckle Farm in Maryland.

Your experiences, opinions, trials and even errors are of value to other shepherds too. Have you had any “fair successes” that you might like to share? What about successful marketing tips? We can learn from each other. Please consider writing for Short Tales!

Nominate a Finnsheep Breeder for the FINNSHEEP HALL OF FAME. What is a “hall of fame”? In some instances, it is an actual hall with memorabilia from individuals who display excellence in a particular field. But often the Hall of Fame is figurative, listing individuals with noteworthy achievements. Brian Magee was chosen for the FBA Hall of Fame in recognition of the significant contribution he has made to Finnsheep over many years. His dedication, integrity, and sheep smarts have been invaluable to breeders. Please consider nominating someone for the next Hall of Fame award!

Remember, we have been running full page ads in the 3 major sheep magazines. Next up will be SHEEP! Several people are already planning on participating. Please contact me if you are interested and did not respond previously.

Your contributions, nominations, thoughts and ideas are always welcome! Send them to maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com

or Mary O’Malley 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905.
You can even call me: 301-421-9520

Mark your calendar now!!!

The 2017 FBA annual meeting will be held in Wooster, Ohio.

The Banner will be holding the Great Lakes Sale and Sheep Show over Memorial Day weekend.

Our meeting will take place on Saturday evening, May 27, 2017.
Brian Magee, Outstanding Shepherd  
by Mary O’Malley  
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Few of us know what our life’s work will be at a young age, but for Brian Magee the path was set when at age 6 or 7, he received orphan lambs from his veterinarian neighbor. Assuming responsibility for the lambs, Brian developed the skills that would lay the foundation for a lifelong career as an animal scientist, shepherd and teacher. In addition to receiving the lambs, Brian was given a subscription to THE SHEPHERD magazine which he devoured. He readily applied the knowledge he gleaned from reading articles to the practical art of raising sheep.

Magee’s initial shepherding experience was in Colorado, but his family returned to their native Ohio by the time he was in high school. He continued his interest in raising sheep as well as other livestock and was active in 4-H. After high school he attended Wilmington College in Ohio, majoring in chemistry and biology.

After working in Maryland in soybean research, Magee and his bride applied to the Peace Corps and were sent to Ecuador. Here, in the land of the equator, where the length of days is 12-14 hours, Brian observed that the native sheep bred year round, in as short as a 7 month lambing interval. This was quite different than the yearly cycle of breeding in the fall and lambing in the spring, typical of the United States and northern Europe. Observing this pattern gave Magee the confidence to develop what would eventually become known as the STAR system.

Returning to the US after his time in the Peace Corp, Magee landed a job at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho. His primary responsibilities lay in research of coyote predation of sheep. During this time, he further developed his understanding of accelerated lambing with Polypay sheep and learned the concerns of farmers and shepherds on the western range.

In 1978 Magee completed a Master’s Degree and accepted a position at Cornell University as Sheep Superintendent and Sheep Extensionist for New York State. Here, in collaboration with Professor Doug Hogue, he designed the Star System of lamb production. Magee’s colleagues were at first skeptical of increasing the frequency of lambing, as most American and European breeds of sheep are bred once a year, during the fall, to lamb in the spring. However, an increase in production is an asset to the financial stability of the shepherd and the consistent availability of lamb to discerning clients.

Magee and Hogue found that in addition to increasing frequency of yearly lamb production with 7.2 or 9.7 monthly intervals, the Cornell Dorsets combined with Finnsheep increased accelerated lambing to nearly 300%. Ewes come in to heat based on the fading light pattern in the fall. However there are some primitive breeds like Finnsheep, native to Finland that are known for fertility and producing “off-season”.

The chance discovery of an outstanding Dorset ram whose daughters lambed consistently at 7-month intervals and the observation that the ram’s scrotal circumference increased slightly during the spring made this phenotypic measurement a selective parameter on the sire side for Dorsets and Finnsheep.

Through colleagues at Penn State Magee learned of a ram with an unusually high fertility. By studying this and other rams, the realization that the size of the testes impacts fertility was added to the mix.
Brian Magee, Outstanding Shepherd, continued

In addition, the daughters of the ram with an increased testes size showed an increase in fertility. This knowledge combined with his South American sheep observations and awareness of Finnsheep and their natural off season breeding encouraged Magee to continue to study an increased lambing frequency and develop the STAR system. If you have access to the internet you can learn more about the STAR system at this website: http://sheep.cornell.edu/cornell-star-accelerated-lambing-management-video/

In May, 2016 The Finnsheep Breeders Association inducted Brian into the Finnsheep Hall of Fame at their annual meeting held in Wooster, Ohio. The award was in recognition of all that Magee has accomplished as an outstanding shepherd, breeder and promoter of Finnsheep. While Magee is perhaps best known for the STAR system of accelerated lamb production, he also developed an effective method to address foot rot and was instrumental in tackling Ovine Progressive Pneumonia when it infected the Cornell flock. According to the OPP society, “when Cornell’s Finns and his own flock were found to be infected with the OPP virus, Brian’s writings made their way into the popular press, generating a great deal of respect for one of the first breeds to openly tackle OPP”. (1)

For breeders of purebred Finnsheep and members of the Finnsheep Breeders Association, his clarity and understanding of inbreeding vs. outbreeding helped the organization maintain the integrity of the breed when the proposal to re-open the flock books was presented in 2011. He pointed to the depressive effect on prolificacy that outbreeding had had on ½ Finn ½ Dorset research flocks at Cornell University in the early 1980s. In the late 1970s, the Finnsheep Breeders Association had still allowed “upbreeding”, the introduction of another parent line into the breed. When a sheep reached 15/16s Finn, they were allowed to be registered as purebred Finnsheep. This subtle shift in parentage resulted in a significantly lower lamb crop. The ½ Finn ½ Dorset flock produced a 197% lamb crop as opposed to the average 260% lamb crop for Dorset and Finnsheep.

In the 1980s Finnsheep breeders worked hard to recover the unique genetic traits of the Finnsheep by allowing registration of only the traditional short tail lamb and by strongly encouraging registration of lambs only from mature ewes who gave birth to four or more lambs annually and raised three lambs or more without supplemental milk. A careful breeding program, where the sheep with best conformity are selected for breeding and lambs with negative recessive traits as well as their parents are sent to market can greatly reduce the undesirable traits and strengthen the foundation flock. This careful breeding allowed the Finnsheep Breeders Association to maintain the unique genetic traits of the purebred Finnsheep that support prolificacy and other strong maternal traits. (2)

Though Magee retired from Cornell in 2009, he has not retired from shepherding. He implements the STAR system on his own flock of Finn/Dorset crossbred sheep, providing whole carcass lamb year round to a culinary institute. His Finn/Dorset crossbreds produce the carcass size and fat content desired by chefs. He can be found at community events demonstrating shearing for the public. Soft spoken, with a dry wit and keen intellect, Magee is well known in sheep circles and well thought of by all who have had the good fortune to “talk sheep” with him.

(1) OPP Concerned Sheep Breeders Society Newsletter. April 2011

(2) Inbreeding vs Outbreeding The Banner Sheep Magazine, vol. 36 No. 6 July/August 2013, this can be found on our website: www.finnsheep.org under “Finnsheep in Print”
Thank you to Naomi Smith for getting the ball rolling on the FBA scholarship award. What a great way to encourage youth membership and future interest in Finnsheep in particular and sheep and agriculture in general. Please mention this award when you are selling breeding stock. You never know when you will spark an interest. We have been fortunate in meeting some fine young shepherds through our connection with the Youth Conservationist Program. And there are certainly other young people out there interest in Finnsheep.

Finnsheep Breeders Association
2017 Scholarship Award

Eligibility
The Finnsheep Breeders Association is offering a $250 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 Finnsheep Breeders Association (minimum membership 2 years). Applicants must be attending or have been accepted to a technical, vocational, community college or a university. All academic majors will be considered. Preference will be given to those with agricultural career goals.

The scholarship will be awarded at the FBA annual meeting which will be held in Wooster, Ohio on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

Payment will be made upon provision of college acceptance documentation and/or evidence of attendance.

The Selection Criteria:
* Experience and involvement in the sheep industry, (4H, FFA, family business)
* Career goals
* Community service and leadership
* Academic record (Official High School or College Transcript)
* Essay (500 words)
* Two letters of recommendation

Deadline for submission: February 27, 2017. Please note, the essay and the response to the questions must be typed!!!

The application is included in this issue of Short Tales ( page 7). If you have additional questions please contact Mary O’Malley at johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com or at 1600 Ednor Road
      Silver Spring, MD, 20905
FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

Phone #: _________________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s names: __________________________________________________________________

Are you or your parents current members of the FBA __________ Date joined: ____________

Name of school you are, or are planning to attend in Fall 2017: _______________________

Anticipated major area of study: ___________________________________________________

High School attended: ____________________________________________________________

Please answer the following questions (use additional paper).

1. What are your career goals and why have you chosen them?

2. What has been your experience with Finnsheep and the sheep industry (examples: 4-H, FFA, family farm, employment)

3. What Leadership and extracurricular activities have you participated in during the last 2 years?

Essay Question (typed, double space, maximum of 500 words):

How has your experience with Finnsheep affected your current career goals?

Please return your completed application, essay and two letters of recommendation by February 27, 2017 to:

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There is space to enter Your personal farm Directory listing The Breeder Directory Listing of $30 includes listings on the FBA website directory and in SHORT TALES
Finnsheep Breeders Association
Membership and Breeder Directory Form

Instructions: Print, complete and mail this form and your payment to:

Finnsheep Breeders Association PO Box 231 305 Lincoln Wamego, KS 66547

Name_______________________________________ Membership #_________________Date _______
Address_________________________________City_________State_______zip___________
Website_______________________________________________ Phone #_________________
Fax #________________ Email___________________________________

Memberships:
______New Adult Member, applying, one time only ($35.00)
_______Yearly activity fee, necessary to register sheep ($25.00)
______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