Chief Shepherd Message
by Mary O’Malley

January, the perfect month for reflection and looking forward. During 2016, the number of Finnsheep registered with the FBA grew from 597 in 2015 to 685! Membership in the organization increased. Welcome new members and welcome back old!

Brian Magee received the inaugural Outstanding Shepherd award for our Finnsheep Hall of Fame at the annual meeting in May. If you have not read about Brian’s work, the summer Short Tales, Vol. 90 has his interesting story. Please nominate someone for this year’s Finnsheep Hall of Fame.

Revisions were made to our registration and work order forms, and on the website to facilitate easier registrations.

Jill Christensen of Stentorp, Finland shared her experience raising Finnsheep in Finland with FBA members and Finnsheep fans on the east and west coast. If you were unable to attend, I hope the article on pages 6-11 will help satisfy your curiosity. A variation of this article will appear in the March-April issue of SHEEP!

Walter Threlfall, DVM joined the Board of Directors and has written an informative article on a challenge all shepherds face: the buying and selling of healthy stock. A shepherd wants to sell good stock because that is how their reputation will be built, and a shepherd wants to buy good stock because that is the future of the farm. Read Dr. Threlfall’s article (page 3) for insight that is helpful for all shepherds.

The FBA scholarship was established at our 2016 meeting and we hope to award the first scholarship in 2017. An important requirement is that the student or parents be members of the FBA for at least 2 years. For more details see Short Tales Vol 91. deadline: 2/27/2017!

Hope to see you in May!

Mary O’Malley

FBA ANNUAL MEETING
7 p.m.. SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017
Great Lakes Fiber Festival, Wooster, Ohio
ISO: Secretary for the FBA

Mary Tucker has been our secretary for some time. She has been a tireless advocate for Finnsheep and an enthusiastic supporter of the FBA, but she is ready for someone else to take on the secretary position.

If you wish to help FBA with its secretarial needs: assisting the President and board of Directors, keeping us organized, responding to inquiries about Finnsheep, and sending welcome packets to new members, this volunteer position may be for you!

Please contact Mary O’Malley at 301-421-9520 or johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com or maryfinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com if you are interested.

FBA Advertisements

Thank you to Anne-Marie Elkins of Muddy Pig Ranch for agreeing to work on the FBA ads which run in every issue of the major sheep magazines: The Banner, The Shepherd and SHEEP!. This ad features a picture of a Finnsheep and basic contact information for the organization. Elizabeth Kinne Gossner has provided the pictures for many of the ads in recent years. If you are interested in submitting a photo of your Finnsheep for possible use in an ad, please contact Anne-Marie at 110 West 6th St #318 Ellensburg, WA 98926 or at muddypigranch@gmail.com.

The FBA will continue to run one full page ad per year in each of the 3 major sheep magazines. The cost of the ad is split between the participating farms and the FBA. This is a great way for you to get your farm listed in a major sheep magazine. Mary O’Malley will continue to contact the membership via email when it is time to place these ads so if you don’t use email but want to participate, please write her at 1600 Ednor Road, Silver Spring, MD 20905 or call me at 301-421-9520.

FBA Board of Directors

Consider running for the Board of Directors. A Director assists in managing the business of the association. There are 7 directors who each serve a 3 year term. Serving on the board is a great way to learn more about Finnsheep and make friends across the country. We value everyone’s perspective and experience. Submit a short bio for the upcoming Short Tales to Mary O’Malley (address above). Nominations can also be taken “from the floor” at our meeting.
Health Concerns when Buying and Selling Sheep  by Dr. Walter Threlfall, DVM

I have been asked to address the following “concerns raised regarding health issues (and heartache) that arise sometimes after buying sheep” by Finnsheep breeders and purchasers. I will make my best suggestions realizing they are suggestions and each purchaser has the option to modify the recommendations as their management and economics will require. First, I will acknowledge the costs and sometimes close profit margin when raising sheep. I also realize veterinary expenses have increased over the years and veterinary investment into the sheep operations must be closely managed for them to remain profitable. First, I will address internal and external parasites. All purchased animals should be thoroughly examined with a bright flashlight looking for external parasites. These will be more obvious on white wool sheep since the parasites are generally dark in color. Taking time to notice movement of parasites in the wool or on the skin is worth the examination. Do not be in a rush in your examination.

Internal parasites are best determined by the use of a fecal egg count to determine the type and number of parasites present in the animal. All sheep will have some parasite eggs. The method used to determine parasite eggs present will depend to some degree on the parasite. For example, lung worms are found in more moist climates but could exist elsewhere and have use a fecal test different from the one routinely used in most areas of the country. Most “fecals” will have feces mixed with a fecal solution composed of a hypertonic salt or a hypertonic sugar solution. Some of these solutions are permitted to stand with eggs rising to the top of the solution in a tube while others are centrifuged to force the eggs to the bottom of the tube. If sheep are primarily having problems with the “barberpole” worm (Stomach worm which is a major cause of death in lambs) a FAMACHA chart can be used to compare the mucus membrane color of the eye to the color of a commercial chart available chart to determine the extent of involvement of the parasites in the animal. This test primarily determines the degree of anemia and is used for these worms and does not work well for the determination of other internal parasites. The cost of the fecal examination is a good investment for the results obtained. An owner can with practice and drawings of the parasite eggs become very efficient doing these assays. If not, having your veterinarian selectively sample some of the animals in the flock will work excellently. Not all animals require testing.

In regard to general health all animals should be thoroughly examined at the seller’s farm before purchase checking the animal thoroughly for “everything” from teeth to udder or testicles and feet and everything in between. If the animal is purchased it should be isolated upon arrival to the buyer’s farm. This means a separate building if possible with separate water and feed containers. No cross contact through fences. This group of stock should be fed and watered last when doing chores due to possible spreading of bacteria and viruses. They should be maintained isolated for approximately for 30 to 40 days with no signs of abnormalities. Any conditions such as coughing, diarrhea, etc. should be examined as soon as possible by your veterinarian. Needless to say that animals which appear sick, are coughing, have diarrhea, or are thin should not be purchased. The additional cost of isolation or veterinarian examination could be money well spent once you have purchased the animals. Not purchasing some of these animals may be a better decision.

Any animal for any reason which does not look to be in a healthy state should not be purchased, or examined immediately upon return home, and/or treated immediately.

Genetic flaws in animals are usually a very good reason NOT to purchase an animal. It may be in your flock for a very, very long time!

Best wishes,

Walt

Walter R. Threlfall, DVM, MS, PhD, DACT
REGISTRY REPORT 2016
Total sheep registered: 685

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# FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Profit & Loss January through December 2016

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| Advertising             |            |            |
| Web page                | 45.00      | 240.00     |
| Advertising other       | 3,775.75   | 4,407.30   |
| **Total advertising**   | 3,820.75   | 4,647.30   |
| Bank Service Charges    | 65.00      | 0.00       |
| Contract labor          | 3,899.50   | 3,996.65   |
| Data base maintenance   | 630.00     | 330.00     |
| Dues                    | 0.00       | 50.00      |
| Insurance               |            |            |
| Liability insurance     | 1,006.00   | 0.00       |
| **Total insurance**     | 1,006.00   | 0.00       |
| Meeting                 | 254.79     | 142.57     |
| Miscellaneous (gifts, etc) | 349.17     | 221.71     |
| Paypal fees             | 164.13     | 156.91     |
| Postage and Delivery    | 366.52     | 222.74     |
| Printing and reproduction | 629.23     | 1,561.51   |
| Stipend                 | 300.00     | 450.00     |
| Supplies                |            |            |
| Office                  | 8.12       | 102.68     |
| **Total Supplies**      | 8.12       | 102.68     |
| Total Travel            | 430.00     | 0.00       |
| **Total travel and ent** | 430.00     | 0.00      |
| **Total Expense**       | 11,932.21  | 11,882.07  |
| Net Ordinary Income     | 3,017.29   | 1,399.50   |
| Other income/expenses   |            |            |
| total Income            | 5.00       | 0.00       |
| Net other income        | 5.00       | 0.00       |
| **Net Income**          | 3,017.29   | 1,399.50   |
Finnsheep breeders and fiber enthusiasts on the east and west coast have gained a deeper appreciation for Finnsheep and a better understanding of Finland thanks to Jill Christensen's talk *Finnsheep as the Source of Creativity* which she gave on her recent visit to Dancing Waters Farm in Rochester, WA and Honeysuckle Farm in Silver Spring, MD. Jill and her husband Heikki Vendelin were visiting family in Washington State and contacted the Finnsheep Breeders Association with the hope of meeting with other Finnsheep breeders.

Stentorp, Jill and Heikki's farm, is located on a large island in the world's largest archipelago in the southwest corner of Finland. This area on the Baltic Sea is home to small farms and fishing villages and also boasts a large tourism industry. Trained as a chemist, and employed in food safety inspection, Jill knew she would want to do something more in keeping with this beautiful region when she moved to Stetorp in the 1980s. Her neighbor owned sheep and she herself was a knitting enthusiast and fiber fan. It wasn’t long before she acquired her first sheep and the journey to a full-fledged, sustainable sheep farm was begun.

During her talk, Jill shared some basic information about Finnsheep who belong to the group of Northern, short tailed primitive races. Recent DNA and archeologic studies show that the breed is one of the oldest brought to Europe during the Bronze Age (2500 to 3700 years ago). Sheep came to Finland from Russia in the east and Sweden in the west. The Vikings sailed all around northern Europe via the northern Atlantic Ocean under sails made of wool. More sails were needed in order to increase their ability to travel far and wide, so the Vikings populated the area with sheep. Genetic studies have made it possible to follow the sheep routes to Finland where there are three different genetic patterns: Landrace, Aland sheep and Kainuu Grey. The Kainuu Grey lambs are born black, but start to fade very early.

There are a total of 150,000 Finnsheep on 1500 farms in Finland. Approximately 30,000 of these are registered purebred Finnsheep ewes. There are 70 ramlines of which 30 are alive. In Finland, a specialist in Finnsheep will consult with a farm and suggest a ram from another farm to purchase to strengthen the bloodlines in your flock.

In Finland, the adult Finnsheep ewe weighs 143 – 165 lbs. (65-75 kg), while the adult ram weighs 187-231 lbs. (85-105 kg). This is quite similar to Finnsheep weights recorded in the United States. The Finnsheep head and legs are free from wool, though they occasionally have a small wool formed fringe. Rarely, Finnsheep rams develop horns and until 1960 it was not possible to register a ram.

As in the U.S., the high fertility of the Finnsheep is an asset. A Finnsheep ewe’s maintenance cost compared to the amount of produced lamb meat is lower than other breeders because of her ability...
to produce at one year of age and her ability to produce multiple lambs. Ewe lambs can be mated as early as 4-5 months; however, the recommended weight for breeding a first time breeding ewe is at least 100 lbs (45 kg). It is not unusual for a ewe at her initial lambing to produce twins or even a singleton. The average first lambing is 1.9 lambs per ewe. However in later years, a ewe will produce an average of 2.8 lambs per lambing. A typical birth weight, taken at 3-5 days would be 8 lb. (3.63 kg). Finnsheep ewes produce single lambs in 10% of lambings, twins in 40% of lambings; triplets also in 40%, quadruplets 10% and quintuplets in 2% of lambings.

Finnsheep ram lambs may be fertile as early as 4 months of age. Finnsheep breeders in Finland and here in the U.S. learn to separate those ram lambs from their mothers before this time to avoid “surprises”. The Finn ram’s activity level and high libido make it easy for him serve flocks of 50 ewes; in addition he has strong flock instincts. Studies have shown that the weight of the ram’s testes compared to the live weight of the ram is higher than in other sheep breeds, another sign of his fertility. Sheep breeders throughout the world seek these strong traits and as a result semen importation from Finland is available.

In Finland the main focus for breeding is meat production, so attention is paid to growth rate and an increase in muscle size. To achieve this goal, crossbreeding with Texels and Dorsets is increasing. However, many shepherds continue to breed purebred Finnsheep because of their preference for this multipurpose breed and to ensure that the unique genetic traits of the Finnsheep are preserved.

Jill breeds only purebred Finnsheep, and while Stentorp sells Finns for breeding and to the meat market, great attention is paid to the Finnsheep wool. Finnsheep are known for their soft, lustrous wool and large scale of color genes. Of the nearly 30,000 registered Finnsheep in Finland, white sheep make up 60% of the registered Finnsheep in Finland according to the MTT Agrifood research center (2015-16 statistics); black sheep comprise 23% of the population and brown, 14%. Kainuu Grey sheep, found near the Russian border have a distinctive genome. Currently, few in number (319 registered), it is hoped that with careful breeding, the numbers will increase. Multicolored Finns, those known in the U.S. as carrying a piebald and/or HST (head, socks and tail) pattern are also few in number.

In Finland, Finnsheep breeders are encouraged to breed like color to like colors, black to black, white to white, etc. in order to keep the genetic colors clean. Jill’s sheep are a rich brown as she breeds mostly brown Finns. Comparing pictures of her flock over the years, it is obvious that her sheep’s fleece is a deeper brown now, then when she started. Interestingly, brown and black sheep were defined as endangered at the end of the 20th century. Consumer interest in natural colors as well as EU subsidies for environmental work with native breeds have encouraged shepherds to invest their time and resources in raising black and brown sheep, with the result that their numbers are increasing.

Besides the Kainuu grey, Aland Sheep are another slightly different, Northern short tail, primitive sheep found in Finland. They inhabit the Åland Islands, part of the Finnish archipelago sea in the
Baltic sea. The Åland sheep are thought to descend from an ancient sheep indigenous to Swedish Gotland and introduced to Åland during the 1600s. Like they Kainuu grey, they are few in number and efforts are being made to preserve them.

Jill has observed that certain wool quality traits can be inherited. The strongest hereditary connection is between the wool crimp and the grading quality of the wool. In addition, the wool crimp, the grading quality and the staple length seem closely connected. She observes that an increase in curl or crimp is associated with shorter, denser wool. With an increase in crimp frequency in a 3 cm (1.18 inches) section, the diameter of the wool fiber decreases. The luster of the wool is affected by feeding and the general health of the sheep.

In order to identify some objective, but readily recognizable qualities that shepherds could use to evaluate the wool on their home flock, Scottish Fiber specialists from the Macaulay Land Use Institute, http://www.macaulay.ac.uk/, Finnish agricultural scientists and shepherds like Jill joined together for the Fine Finnwool Project. Participants in the project, which ran from 1997 through 1999, looked at 800 purebred, 6 month old, Finnsheep lambs in Finland. Wool was evaluated on three sections of the body: 1) the shoulder, 2) the midsection and 3) on the face of the leg above the britch. The consistency or evenness of the wool in the three sections was graded on a 1-5 scale with 5 being the most consistent. Next the density of thickness of the wool on the body was examined, again on a 1-5 scale with a 5 being the densest. The crimp or number of curls in the fleece in a 3 cm section (approximately 1.2”) is counted. For many of us, the easiest measurement tool is to use would be our thumb, tip to first knuckle, or the bone between our knuckles on our index finger. Other qualities evaluated included the length of the staple, the luster, or reflection of light in the wool and the presence of guard hairs. The yield or weight of the wool was also measured.

In 2007, M-L Puntila, K. Maki and A Nylander would utilize this information as well as other work to publish Genetic Parameters for Wool Traits in Finnsheep Lambs. In the Agriculturutal and Food Science Journal. The complete study can be found here: http://ojs.tsv.fi/index.php/AFS/article/view/5872/5070

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Shepherds attending the talk were naturally curious about the differences and similarities between raising Finns in Finland and raising them here in the states. Lambing occurs in the sheep house in late February. Jill likes to be available as much as possible during lambing season just to make sure mothering gets off to a good start. Concern over appropriate vaccinations, the proper use of anthelmintics, and nutrition during pregnancy and lactation are shared by Finnbreeders in both countries.

In April or May, depending on the weather, it's time to head to the islands. While we worry about rotating pastures during the summer, the sheep of Stentorp roam free on nearby islands in the Archipelago. Jill and Heikki utilize three islands, one specifically for the ram lambs and another for ewes and their ewe lambs.

Property owners often rent sheep to keep vegetation under control. They will pay and even put up fences to accommodate the flocks. While the islands have sources of fresh water, the sheep often seem to prefer the brackish water of the Baltic Sea. Surrounded by Finland, Sweden and Denmark, the Baltic Sea opens to the Northern Atlantic Ocean at the Danish Straits.

The mixture of salty ocean water with freshwater from the approximately 200 freshwater rivers and abundant freshwater run-off from surrounding lands creates a refreshing salinity that is actually rehydrating. It clearly appeals to the sheep who probably also absorb important minerals when quenching their thirst.

Predators like wolves, bears and coyotes are not generally a problem during the summer on the islands as the water creates a natural barrier, though they can be an issue for shepherds 100 km (62 miles) north of Stentorp. In the winter, when the water is frozen and it is possible to walk, or even drive between islands, predators can walk to the island; fortunately, the sheep are not roaming free at that time.

To make a living from raising sheep, Jill and Heikki use all available resources. Besides sheep for breeding and meat production, they have developed the wool side of their business. Like wool markets throughout the world, Finnsheep wool suffered from the introduction of synthetic fibers during the 20th century. In recent history, sheep production has been extremely important to the survival of the resourceful and resilient Finnish people. Families raised a few animals for their own consumption and to provide the raw materials to make their clothing. The days of spinning your own wool into yarn to knit into stockings are remembered! This may explain the lack of popularity of hand spinning, but other fiber crafts are experiencing a resurgence. There are a few small spinners that sheep breeders like Jill utilize to process their wool.
Stentorp’s gorgeous fleeces are washed, carded and spun into wool. Local residents hand knit the yarn into a variety of garments. We were treated to a display of many beautiful items. Jill’s unique designs often tell a story. There are sweaters (pullovers) that contains the symbols of the Kalevala, the national epic poem of Finland. Other sweaters contain symbols from Viking lore. In addition there are sweaters with designs inspired by the sheep themselves. Sheep skins are sewn into garments like vests and booties. For pelts designated for garments, the sheep are shorn approximately 6 week prior to slaughter to obtain an ideal staple length. These wool products as well as pelts and yarn are marketed at craft fairs in Europe.

During the summer, when the sheep are grazing nearby islands, Jill and Heiki invite tourists to the farm. Stentorp is a popular destination for school groups in May and tourists from May through September. Open air concerts add to the attractions. The sheep house is thoroughly cleaned and adorned with products for sale and interesting fiber and art exhibits. Jill wondered if members of the Finnsheep Breeders Association would be interested in sending products and information for a display. If this interests you, please let me know so that we can work together to send over a package.

Finland now tops my lists of ideal vacation spots because of the enthusiasm for sheep in general and Finnsheep in particular, the beautiful countryside, fascinating history and delightful people. Stentorp has a cottage by the sea waiting and ready for you to rent. Learn more about Stentorp at www.stentorp.fi and about Finland at http://www.visitfinland.com/

Grace Ellis, a 4-H club member from Knoxville, Maryland milks her purebred registered Finnsheep Aine. When it was time to wean Aine’s lambs, Grace decided to learn about milking a Finn ewe, both for a 4-H project and for her own personal interest.

The milking looks successful and the milk looks delicious!

Grace took this experience a step further when she and Aine entered the Decorated Lamb and Lead contest at the Great Frederick Fair. Grace dressed Aine as a farmer while she wore a milk carton that she had painted with various facts about sheep milk! Grace was rewarded for these efforts with Grand Champion! Congratulations Grace!
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_______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