Chief Shepherd’s Message

By Mary O’Malley

Finnsheep have as much to offer sheep breeders today as they did when they were first introduced to the United States in 1968. The inherent and unique ability of the pure bred Finn to produce viable multiple lambs at birth is a trait that reaps financial benefits whether your flock is large or small, pure or crossbred.

Next year we will celebrate the 50th year anniversary of Finnsheep in America! Our Finnsheep Hall of Fame recipients, Dr. Charles Parker (2017) and Brian Magee (2016, see ST 91) were there at the beginning. Read more and be inspired by Dr. Parker’s perspective on the benefits of Finnsheep in this issue.

If you missed the meeting, you missed a lot. Besides Dr. Parker’s informative talk, we awarded a scholarship, discussed ads, sales and other things which the notes won’t adequately capture. But, catch up now! See pages 5-6.

association noun
1. (often in names) a group of people organized for a joint purpose
2. a connection or cooperative link between people or organizations

That is what the FBA is, a group of people, with a shared interest and joint purpose to maintain the unique breed of sheep known as Finnsheep. You are the association. While the business of registering animals is contracted out to Associated Registries, all the other work is volunteer.

Share your experience with your Finnsheep by writing for Short Tales or other sheep publications. Pictures of your sheep or projects are also welcome for inclusion in ST. Excellent pictures can be utilized for magazine ads and can be sent to Anne-Marie Elkins. Plan now to attend next year’s meeting, participate in the sale, consider running for the board of directors. Ask not what the FBA can do for you, but what you can do for the FBA....and Finnsheep!

PLAN NOW FOR THE MAY 2018 FINNSHEEP SALE!!!
Don’t Miss This Opportunity
See Details Page 6
Thank you
Mary Tucker!!

Mary Tucker has served the FBA tirelessly in many capacities over the last several years. In addition to being our recent secretary, she has been the FBA president, SHORT TALES editor and a board member. Her husband Herb, also served as FBA secretary. Mary and Herb are retiring to North Carolina. We with them all the best and extend to Mary our heartfelt appreciation.

FBA Advertisements and Secretary

Thank you to Anne-Marie Elkins of Muddy Pig Ranch for agreeing to become the FBA secretary in addition to her work on the FBA ads. You still want to contact Associated Registries for questions regarding registrations and membership fees. This work is contracted to them.

An FBA ad runs 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. In addition the FBA has been running one full page ad per year in these magazines with participating farms listed. 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 puts one full page ad in each of the 3 major sheep magazines each year. 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.
Adding PEP to a flock with Finnsheep:
Performance, Efficiency and Profitability

Reflections by Dr. Charles Parker on Finnsheep, their unique genetics and their awesome possibilities
By Mary O’Malley, FBA President

At the May 2017 meeting of the Finnsheep Breeders Association, Dr. Charles Parker, PhD, Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University was inducted into the Finnsheep Hall of Fame for his outstanding research with, and support of Finnsheep. During his remarks at the presentation, he shared his extensive knowledge of the overall sheep industry and his perception of how Finnsheep fit into the bigger picture of raising sheep in America.

Growing up on a Merino sheep farm, Parker was well aware of the influence the “Merino Craze” had on Ohio’s sheep industry. Wool prices as high as $2.75/ lb. were recorded in 1812 at the woolen mill in Steubenville Ohio. In 1867 the Ohio sheep inventory was 7.7 million. Today there are 117,000 sheep in Ohio.

In 1968, Dr. Parker invited Dr. H.P. Donald of Scotland to speak at the Ohio Sheep Day on the benefits of Finnsheep, particularly their unique trait of prolificacy. Having obtained a doctorate in Animal Genetics at Texas A & M and with an interest in genetic selection for reproductive and growth efficiencies of sheep, Parker was intrigued with Dr. Donald’s research. Finnsheep arrived in the United States in 1968 and would be studied at Pipestone, MN; OARC, Illinois; Wooster, Ohio and Dubois, Idaho. Finns were introduced at Ohio Agriculture Research and Development Center, (OARDC) in 1971. More studies have been done with Finnsheep than any other breed.

Dr. Parker noted that the U.S. Sheep industry has had many transitions. Initially raising quality fine wool was the focus which in part explains the Merino sheep craze. Gradually breeders shifted toward dual purpose breeds and later to meat production breeds. Currently hair sheep like the Katahdin are enjoying significant popularity due to their parasite resistance, meat quality and the added bonus of no shearing necessary.

The most profound change in the sheep industry has been the decline in inventory. In 1942 there were 56.7 million sheep in the United States. Currently (2017) there are 5.2 million. This doesn’t make sense, when, as Dr. Parker notes “Sheep are biologically beautiful animals and respond to quality care and management. They are ideal for small rural farm enterprises as they require low investment costs and can efficiently utilize renewable resources for food and fiber production.”
Dr. Parker’s reflections continued:

According to Dr. Parker, “Our industry’s greatest need is to increase the lbs. of quality lamb produced per ewe per year.” Current lamb meat production stands at 95 -100 %, meaning one marketable lamb produced per ewe. Until the early 1970s, most of the sheep related research identifying issues that affected lamb production focused on management techniques like predator control, nutrition and health care. At OARDC, Parker researched the genetics of resistance for internal parasites and conducted nutritional studies on optimal nutrition for high producing ewes. Dr. Parker noted that overall lamb percentage has increased by only 14 % over the last 35 years and emphasized that lamb meat production can be doubled by using prolific genetics. This is where the Finn stands out.

Crossing purebred Finns with a meat production breed can significantly increase production. A 1972 study at the U.S. Meat and Animal Research Center (Nebraska) showed Finn-cross market lambs to have a growth rate equal to other breeds. Breeding a purebred Finn-sheep or ½ (F-1) Finn ram to a ewe with no Finnsheep ancestry will result in increased number of lambs born and hybrid vigor which in turn leads to profit. A shepherd raising market lambs can increase the lamb crop percentage by 25% in one generation by introducing an F1 cross ram to the ewes of another breed.

Despite this proven research, Finnsheep have not gained the popularity one might expect from these numbers. Dr. Parker reminded us that the sheep industry in general has challenges competing with beef and chicken, yet marketing opportunities abound. Today, 35% of the U.S. population comes from an ethnic group that prefers lamb! These consumers seek a lamb that is in the range of 40 – 100 lbs. at the time of slaughter and provide another excellent opportunity for the small flock owner. Nutritionists encourage their cardiac patients to consume adequate amounts of omega 3 fats as they have been associated with decreased risk of inflammation and heart disease. While a variety of foods are known to contain desirable levels of omega 3, grass-fed lamb has been identified as having an ideal omega-3 to omega 6 fat ratio. According to Parker, “We are hiding “under a bushel,” one of the GREATEST FUNCTIONAL FOOD FEATURES--- Lamb could/should become THE RED MEAT HEALTH FOOD!”

Time at the meeting was also spent discussing options for promoting Finns through advertising and sales. It was acknowledged that breeders not having personal experience with a Finnsheep or Finn-cross may be reluctant to introduce a purebred or crossbred Finn to their flock. Fear of multiple births can be powerful! Finnsheep breeders can address this concern by sharing management techniques, but also by providing the F-1 cross ram. Dr. Parker challenged the members of the Finnsheep Breeders Association to highlight the Finns’ quality genetics: prolificacy. “The epic era of Finns has yet to be!”
FBA ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 27, 2017, GREAT LAKES FIBER FESTIVAL

Meeting attendance:
In person: Grant Blackburn, Naomi Smith, Terri Godfrey, Tim Beckwith, Gayle Workman, Walter Threlfall, Patty Krause, Mary O’Malley
On the phone: Megan Pennington, JoAnn Rowley, Mary Tucker, Kerry Mower, Elizabeth Kinne Gossner, Pat Maas, Deb Kirsch

Secretary report: review of minutes from previous year

Treasury report: See page 7. The budget proposal for 2018 was passed. There was a brief discussion regarding additional venues for advertisement. Grant suggested RFD magazine as a possibility for reaching more interested buyers. Elizabeth Kinne Gossner encouraged people to submit flock pictures for use in advertising pictures (send to Anne-Marie Elkins at muddyPigRanch@gmail.com).

Grant shared his concerns about making the treasury accessible should someone else need to take over unexpectedly. Currently he uses Quickbooks. Two options were considered: putting the information on a laptop that could be transferred to the next treasurer or putting the information on the cloud. Grant will look into the pros and cons possibilities and discuss it with the Board.

New Business:
1. Finnsheep Hall of Fame: Dr. Charles Parker, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University is the second member of The Finnsheep Hall of Fame. Dr. Parker was presented with a sheep bell, and a bottle of wine. He shared his unique perspective on the sheep industry and his optimism about the role the Finnsheep have to play (see pages 4-5).

2. Finnsheep Scholarship Winner: Siri Swanson (see page 7)

There is a possibility of funding the scholarship with a fleece sale was considered. Deb Kirsch contacted several New York fiber festivals. Rhinebeck (NYSWF) and the Finger Lakes Fiber Festival both said no, but the Central New York Fiber Festival said possibly. Deb will pursue this further with Pamela Handle. Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival will discuss this at their next meeting. Currently however, Grant assures us that we can afford the scholarship without any additional activity!

3. Breed Standard Picture: Dr. Threlfall distributed the breed standard picture drawn by a medical illustrator and asked for feedback. The illustration was generally positively received. There was some discussion regarding the presence of wool on the belly. Members on the phone asked for a copy to review.

What do you think? Does this say “FINN” to you? Please share your impressions. Email Dr. Threlfall at wrtdvm@gmail.com

4. Organization goals: SELL MORE SHEEP! See #8

5. Election of new members to the Board of Directors: Elizabeth Kinne Gossner (New York) and Kerry Mower (New Mexico) were elected to the Board.

6. Coefficient of Inbreeding, (COI) Prior to the meeting the board received information from Will Stewart on adding COI calculations to the FBA website. Will was unable to attend the meeting to present the information. This can be looked into in the future.

6. Selection of a location for the 2018 FBA meeting. The FBA meeting has been held in several locations, always in conjunction with some sort of sale or show, including Denver, CO., Louisville, KY (North American International Livestock Exhibition), West Friendship, MD (Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival), Wisconsin,
FBA ANNUAL MEETING, cont.
and Rhinebeck, NY (New York Sheep and Wool Festival). After some discussion it was decided to return to Wooster because of the potential for a sale and the central location. Mark your calendar now for Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 7 p.m. Best Western, Wooster, Ohio. HOWEVER….should THE BANNER Sale date be changed to Saturday, May 26, our meeting will be held on Friday, May 25. We’ll keep you posted!

7. Finnsheep Sale. Greg Deakin of THE BANNER Sales joined us to discuss the potential of a sale featuring Finnsheep as well as Finn-cross sheep. Greg said it is entirely possible for him to add classes for the Finn-sheep breed. Currently the show has been on Saturday with the sale on Sunday. But in 2018 the show may be on Friday and the sale on Saturday to allow the Amish farmers to participate (and buy!). Ewe and ram lambs as well as yearlings are eligible for sale. Note, that Dr. Parker encouraged bringing an F1 ram to the sale. (see article on pages 4-5). Someone asked how important the “RR” gene was to the commercial sheep industry. Greg said he did not think it was that important. The sale is advertised in THE BANNER magazine, but also in other agriculture publications like The Lancaster Farmer. Greg noted that there is also Border Leicester fleece sale and Finnsheep breeders might be interested in that too. See additional information on how to enter the sale on page 5.

PLAN NOW FOR THE 2018 GREAT LAKES SHOW AND SALE
to be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster Ohio
Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-27, 2018).

A necessary goal for all shepherds is to sell their sheep, but finding customers is not always easy. With this in mind, a decision was made at the recent meeting to go forward with a Finnsheep Sale to be held at the 2018 Great Lakes Show and Sale. While this and other BANNER sales have always been open to all, Finnsheep participation has been limited. Naomi Smith, however has participated consistently and has positive experiences.

Both pure bred Finnsheep and F-1 cross-bred sheep registered with the Finnsheep Breeders Association are eligible for sale. Dr. Parker comments at the May meeting as well as Brian Magee’s comments at the 2016 meeting highlighted the value that a F-1 crossbred Finnsheep brings to a flock with prolificacy. (see pages 4-5 of this issue as well as Finnsheep for the Commercial Market on our website. Buyers interested in incorporating a Finn into their flock are likely to attend a BANNER sale.

Information on how to enter and participate in this and other sales can be found on THE BANNER website: http://www.bannersheepmagazine.com/salesportal.html Click the sale entries link to find specific information about how to enter the sale. Sale deadline is approximately 10 weeks prior to the sale, (so about March 15 for the Great Lakes Sale). Entries may be made on-line or through the mail. If you do not have access to the internet (or prefer not to use it!), call THE BANNER office at 309-785-5058 to request information on how to enter the sale.

The Show prior to the sale is the opportunity for you to present your sheep to the buying public. Naturally you will want your sheep to be neat, clean and well behaved (just like your children if you have them). See Short Tales Volume 89 available on our website for tips on Finnsheep and the Show Ring.

Many consigners at the sale stay at the BEST WESTERN in Wooster, Ohio. For information call: 330-264-7750 or 866-264-2057
### FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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2017 FBA Scholarship Winner
Siri Swanson

It all started with chickens! Siri joined 4-H when living in a Boston Suburb, but her interest in livestock and farming grew to such an extent, that when she and her family moved to Vermont she was able to pursue her dream of raising sheep. Siri started, as do many in 4-H, with market lambs, but after researching carefully she chose Finnsheep for her breeding program. Unlike many youth whose parents are knowledgeable in livestock, Siri started her farm herself. She purchased her first Finnsheep with fair premium money and applied for and won the Youth Conservationist Award of a Finnsheep in 2014. Siri, courageously took her Finns where few Finns have gone before, into the show world. While initially enduring the rolled eyes of others, she went on to win many ribbons, both for her showmanship and for her beautiful Finns.

In one of the letters of recommendation: “One of the reasons Siri is so well known and liked among our shepherd community is because of her impact on the rest of us. Siri seeks out new experience and knowledge which she brings back to our small Vermont sheep program. Siri has been awarded several Shepherd’s awards at our county fair because of her contributions. Younger 4-Hers look up to her and have been guided and taught by her at least once. Participants older than her have raised their own standards and worked a little harder thanks to Siri’s influence. Just about every shepherd in Orwell calls Siri before they go to the vet!”

Siri has been a junior member of the FBA for several years and an enthusiastic promoter of Finnsheep. She brought her Finnsheep to the NYSWF at Rhinebeck for the last 2 years for the breed display. She plans to attend SUNY at Cobleskill and study livestock nutrition. Her goals related directly to her Finnsheep experience. To quote from her essay: “As we all know, every Finn breeder ends lambing season with a surplus of lambs. One of the most critical things I learned from my flock is the attentiveness required toward ewes raising multiple lambs in harsh Vermont winters. Because my Finn ewes reliably deliver and feed multiple lambs I have spent more time learning about different nutrients and ways to supplement them into their diets. During this experience, I have come to find an interest in livestock nutrition and a potential career in it.”

Finnsheep Breeders Association
2018 Scholarship Award

The Finnsheep Breeders Association is offering a $250 scholarship to a current high school senior, college freshman or sophomore 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 26, 2018. 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, 2018. Please note, the essay and the response to the questions must be typed!!!
Questions: please contact Mary O’Malley at johnandmaryomalley@yahoo.com
Finnsheep Breeders Association Organized

Reprinted from the December 1971 *Sheep Breeder Magazine*

A Finnsheep Breeders Association has been formed in the United States. The organization is called the Finnsheep Breeders Association and was formed for the improvement, identification and recording of Finnsheep. The breed is a native of Finland and the first animals of the breed were imported from Ireland to the United States by the University of Minnesota and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1968. A second importation was made in 1969. Since then Finnsheep have become available from Canada and a number of private flocks have been established, although many of the Finnsheep are kept on State and Federal experiment stations.

Imported Finnsheep and their descendants will be registered in the new association. Two classes of registration have been established. The purebred Finnsheep will be recorded in Class I. Provision has also been made for registration and maintenance of pedigree identification of crossbred and backcross progeny of Finnsheep, known as Class II registrations. The latter require that one parent shall be a purebred Finnsheep.

Dwight Holaway of Pipestone, Minnesota has been named president of the new association and John F. Redding of Asheboro, North Carolina, vice president. Mr. Holaway will also serve as acting executive secretary with the association headquarters located at Pipestone, Minnesota. W. J. Boylan, Professor of Animal Science and Genetics at the University of Minnesota, was elected a director. Dr. Clair E. Terrill of the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, Maryland, and Dr. Hudson A. Glimp of the USDA, Agricultural Research Service, Clay Center, Nebraska were named as consultants to the Association.

An important objective of the association is to encourage and support breeding research to discover how the Finnsheep breed can be used most effectively in cross-breeding to improve efficiency of commercial lamb production. The association also has the objective of striving to continuously improve and promote Finnsheep in the interests of more profitable sheep enterprises. Production records are required for registration and every certificate of registration will include information on numbers of lambs born from animals in the pedigree. Finnsheep have lambing rates that are about double those of most domestic breeds in the country. Flock averages of three, four, and five lambs born per ewe have been reported in Finland. They are expected to be very useful in cross breeding to increase efficiency of lamb meat production and to develop more productive strains of sheep. For more information contact: Dwight Holaway, Secretary, Finnsheep Breeders Association, Pipestone, Minnesota 56164.
**ETHNIC HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

Ethnic holidays factor significantly in the demand for lamb and mutton. This ethnic calendar is adapted from the Maryland Small Ruminant Page. Visit [http://www.sheepandgoat.com/ethniccalendar](http://www.sheepandgoat.com/ethniccalendar) for more information.

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Arkansas

Kelli Otting
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Our flock is tested annually for OPP & Johne’s. All are tested for Scrapie resistant gene (R) status. Ponker Farm Finns are loving and friendly.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

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