CHIEF SHEPHERD’s MESSAGE:

First, it is an honor to be able to send this message to you. We all have an interest and love for sheep. In Ohio this has been a hot summer but we have been fortunate to have received ample rain in most areas for our pastures and hay. It has been spotty so all would not agree.

Those of you owning Finnsheep learned to appreciate their virtues and know their limitations. No sheep breed is perfect but the addition of Finns can be perfect for many flocks. Having raised Finns for 41 years I have had the privilege to talk to many sheep owners. Many have seen the value of a Finn flock or the incorporation of Finns into their existing flocks. I have also endured the comments of many regarding small lambs, too many lambs, not a meat sheep, etc. In the beginning of my experience with Finns I saw value in the addition of Finns into our commercial Dorset flock to increase lambs per ewe and milk production. It was very successful. I then started raising purebreds to have a source of genetics for our crossbred commercial flock. Again Finns are not for everyone. However, if one can envision the potential usefulness of the Finn breed, they should develop a plan and try it. Doing the same thing over and over does not result in progress.

I know I am preaching to the choir. However, I am uncertain if we as Finn owners and breeders have been vocal and proud enough of our breed to promote it. Our future as a breed has one of two pathways. We continue to love our sheep and keep its value contained to us and struggle as a breed OR we know the facts and spread the word. We must believe whether we own two Finn ewes or 100 and whether we raise them for the number of lambs, milk production, wool, disposition, etc. in all the qualities of the Finn so we can educate others in hope they will hear something to create interest and give them a try. Finns promote themselves as best they can but they need our help. Let’s all learn more about our breed and tell other shepherds.

Thank You.

Walter Threlfall, DVM
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Please consider writing for Short Tales. Submit your articles, pictures, questions and/or ideas to Mary O’Malley at MaryFinnsheepbreeder@yahoo.com

Thank you Anne-Marie Elkins!!
Anne-Marie has been serving as secretary and coordinating Ads for the FBA for nearly 2 years. Her organizational skills and willingness to help have been greatly appreciated!! She now would like to turn her attention to other things!

Thank you to Joanna Porter Bullock for stepping up and taking on the secretarial duties. If you wish to help the FBA with its secretarial or other needs in the future, please contact Walter Threlfall at wrtdvm@gmail.com

FBA ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 25, 2018, GREAT LAKES FIBER FESTIVAL

Meeting attendance:
In person: Grant Blackburn, Naomi Smith, Walter Threlfall, Paul Hunter, Mary O’Malley, Jan Hamby, Dale Hamby, Amy Cook, Jason McCune, Meaghan Page, Siri Swanson
On the phone: Elizabeth Kinne Gossner, Laurie Moxley, Anne Marie Elkins

Treasury Report: The book keeping function has been moved to Associated Registries in Kansas. They now handle registrations and accounting. Transition started in January and is now complete. FBA still has control of assets and accounts. AR handles day-to-day
Grant presented a comparison between May 2016/2017 and May 2017/2018. To summarize:
Dues are up about $400+ increase; Directory income is up slightly
Other income: Youth membership static; New membership down a little.
Registrations increased over $1500 increase this year.
Expenses maintained at roughly same costs; Estimated $100-$200/month increase in expenses due to AR taking over day-to-day clerical work. Budgeted as contract labor.
Budget will be roughly the same as last year. Do we want to increase marketing?
No one applied for the scholarship in 2018.

Finnsheep Hall of Fame: Two awards were presented this year:
Grace Hatton: An enthusiastic promoter of Finnsheep, Grace wrote articles for several magazines about her experiences raising a small flock of purebred Finnsheep, and spinning and knitting Finn wool. A Finnsheep lambswool lace scarf was featured in Spin Off magazine and on Ravelry. Grace served as an FBA director, secretary and Short Tales editor. Elizabeth read an article written by Grace about Grace’s experience with Finns. (see page 5)
Veteran Finn breeder, Naomi Smith also received an FBA Hall of Fame Award. Naomi thanked all who participated in the Wooster show. See page 4 for an article highlighting Naomi’s impressive life.
**Non-profit status location of FBA:** Proposal to change the location of the non-profit status from Minnesota to Kansas. The FBA was originally incorporated in Minnesota. Since we have consolidated some of our organizational activities under the Associated Registry umbrella the board is considering moving the non-profit status to Kansas to be under the Associated Registry office. AR is now the first line of contact for secretarial and treasurer questions.

**The Purpose of a Breed Organization**

Grant Blackburn presented an overview of the purpose of a breed organization and the importance of maintaining unique Finn genetic traits by careful breeding and pedigree maintenance. As Grant noted in the January 2000 issue of Short Tales (#43), “In the macro sense the FBA is a seed stock producers organization principally providing a national recording system for pedigree Finnsheep and a focal point for Finnsheep breeders at large.” The broader, nationwide and perhaps even global aspect of one’s breeding program are not necessarily something that FBA members consider when they are registering their sheep. Members are understandably focused on their own goals. Yet, the impact of preserving the uniqueness of the breed is a responsibility that all members share.

The most unique genetic trait of Finnsheep is prolificacy. The original reason Finns were imported to the US was to increase lambing percentages in commercial flocks. Members have a responsibility for ensuring that purebred genetics are there for future generations.

Meeting attendees reviewed and discussed **THE BANNER’S Report of Registration by Breed** (reprinted by permission in ST 97, page 3). This report, which presents sheep registrations since 1993; shows trends in sheep popularity with Katahdins enjoying current “most popular” status. Finn registrations have remained steady though they are less then 5% of registered sheep in USA. This is, perhaps in part due to the prolificacy trait. A little Finn can go a long way in a commercial flock.

It was noted that Finnsheep registration numbers are up, but folks wondered if this is enough to keep the breed viable. There is a big difference between sheep enterprises east and west of the Mississippi River. In the East there are smaller flocks and often an emphasis on fiber. Elizabeth Kinne Gossner commented that on her New York farm, pre-orders are down and that many of her customers seek the novelty value of unusual colors. Laurie Moxley (Missouri) has been focusing on the dairy market, but is considering moving more toward fiber. She notes that while Finns are an optimal breed for small flock owners, some find the large litters (especially above 5) undesirable because they are labor intensive.

Out west there are commercial breeders who raise their sheep on range land. While the operations may incorporate Finn into their flock they tend to prefer the larger breeds. Paul Hunter that many commercial breeders in the northern plains (Minnesota, North Dakota etc) know the value of incorporating Finn into their flock but want RR white Finns. Though it seems that the concern over scrapie is significantly less than in previous years, it will probably take some time to change the current preference for RR sheep.

**BREED PROMOTION**

Ideally FBA members will continue to educate other sheep breeders and potential sheep breeders on the benefits of raising Finnsheep. There are at least two markets to appeal to: fiber and commercial. FBA members can help commercial breeders understand how F1 crosses will increase the lambing rate without creating labor intensive large litter sizes.

There was some discussion on providing new member kits. A basic brochure is available on the Association page of the FBA Website that anyone can download: [http://www.finnsheep.org/finnsheep-breeders-association-inc/](http://www.finnsheep.org/finnsheep-breeders-association-inc/). Amy Cook suggested that this brochure be sent along with new pedigrees so that they can be given to new owners along with the pedigrees. (Mary sent Jeff at Associated Registries a stack of these brochures which she had printed using Vistaprint). It was suggested that members who would like to have a larger amount of brochures for distribution at a fair or festival could ask a board member to have some printed and mailed to them.

**ELECTIONS:** Siri Swanson of Dancing Moon Farm in Vermont was elected to the Board of Directors. Joanna Porter Bullock was re-elected to the board to serve a second term.

2019 Annual meeting date and location: May 24, 2019; once again in conjunction with the Great Lakes Show and Sale, Wooster, Ohio. L
Naomi Smith, Finnsheep Breeder Extraordinaire
by Mary O’Malley

Legendary Finnsheep breeder, Naomi Smith was inducted into the Finnsheep Hall of Fame at the May 2018 meeting of the Finnsheep Breeders Association. Naomi graduated in 1953 from Cornell University with a degree in animal husbandry. She and her husband Joe Smith would manage Angus cattle for many years before beginning their own farming venture. An article by Dr. Charles Parker, (a former roommate of Joe’s and an expert on all things sheep) highlighting the benefits of raising Finnsheep intrigued Naomi. She proposed to raise breeding sheep, not market lambs. The Finn, with its excellent maternal instincts and ability to forage seemed a good fit for their mountainous property. The trait of prolificacy would ensure they could grow their flock quickly.

In her over 30 years of breeding Finns, Naomi has developed a keen understanding of Finnsheep. She notes that the early Finns were smaller, similar in size to a Shetland. Through careful breeding, she and other breeders have increased the size of the Finn-sheep so that currently a mature Finn ewe will range in weight from 130-180 lbs and a mature ram can be expected to weigh from 170-240 lbs. She will only sell rams from litters of triplets or more. Twin rams will be sold for the ethnic market.

A spry 85 year old, Naomi keeps going at an age when many people have turned into couch potatoes. Naomi continues to do a great deal of her own farm work, writes articles on Finnsheep for a variety of sheep publications and participates in farm related workshops and sales. It has not always been easy to maintain this enthusiasm as her personal life has contained heartbreak and loss with the untimely deaths of each of her 4 children as well as her husband. As Naomi puts it, the sheep are a reason to keep going. The joy of seeing newborn lambs, and the challenge of keeping the flock healthy are reason enough to get up in the morning.

Naomi’s enthusiasm and excellent ideas have been a guiding force in the FBA for many years. She recognizes the value of a breed organization in preserving the unique qualities of a purebred animal (whether Finnsheep or Angus cattle). She has served the FBA as president, director, and secretary. Her knowledge about the organization is so vast, that nearly any question can be answered if you simply “ask Naomi”.

A tireless promoter of Finnsheep, Naomi has traveled all over the country in her pickup truck, Finns in tow. In recent years, she has been a regular participant in both the Great Lakes Sale (May) and the Rhinebeck Sale (October). Participating in the 2018 Great Lakes Show and Sale myself this year, I can tell you that many people stopped by my sheep and asked for.... Naomi! This is in part due to the personal attention Naomi gives prospective and eventual buyers. Jason McCune a breeder in Ohio commented that Naomi writes him a handwritten letter every year and calls to make sure things are going well. In this technologically sophisticated world, it can be hard for a breeder without a computer to keep up, but Naomi manages. Her example is one from which every shepherd can learn.

Note: this article also appears in the 2018 July/August of THE BANNER
Hall of Fame Recipient Grace Hatton

MY JOURNEY WITH FINNSHEEP

What brought me to Finnsheep in 1985 was their prolificacy. I’d raised dairy goats for a while and wanted to get away from the twice daily milking routine. The first sheep I had was a grade Suffolk ewe. She was several years old and only had single lambs. I did a little research and bought a Tunis ewe because of what I had read about their prolificacy with the same result. Eventually I guess I might have had twins from one or the other, but I was accustomed to my Nubian dairy goats frequently have twins, triplets and even quads now and then.

There was no way I could afford to keep sheep that had single lambs or even twins. We live in the Poconos in Northeast Pennsylvania and winter lasts a long time and hay needs to be fed for at least six months of the year. And that hay and grain needed to be brought in. The main crop harvested from our county is rocks. Fact: the bluestone from quarries along the Delaware River paved New York City’s sidewalks.

I bought my first Finn ewe in 1985. After a disastrous first purchase of a Finn ewe that had OPP, we found another breeder, Brian Magee. So our little Finn flock started off OPP negative and soon began to produce the numbers of lambs I had hoped for from everything I had read.

We never had more than half a dozen ewes at any time. Out of curiosity I decided to see if I could breed them twice a year. I had read about how Finnsheep were managed on smallholdings in Finland and some were managed to lamb twice a year in that country.

Finnsheep developed in Finland because the length of the winters severely limited the number of animals that could be overwintered, but the grass grew like crazy during the brief summer under the midnight sun. Very few ewes were fed over the winter, and yet lots of lambs were produced to eat all the grass.

It was hard to lamb in late March here because there was the very real possibility of temperatures of around 10 above zero. A couple of times in the early 80’s here the overnight temperature mid-winter had dipped to 25 below zero. But by lambing in late March or early April, I could wean lambs and rebrand the ewes at about five or six weeks post lambing. Lambs had creep feed available from birth. The ewes usually had smaller litters in the fall, and the milder weather at lambing time was very welcome. One of my best ewes, Hannah, dropped five lambs one spring and five more in the fall of that same year. That year our six ewes, including one yearling, produced 26 lambs.

Martha, my best ewe ever in terms of lifetime production, was the offspring of two Magee Finns and had triplets as a yearling and then two more lambs that fall. She had quads the following spring and was not bred for fall lambing that year. As a three year old she had quads in the spring and triplets in the fall. I can’t locate the rest of her production, but it was phenomenal.

Several of our rams came from Stillmeadow, bringing more milk, more correct udders, good natured temperaments, spotted and grey fleeces.

Our soil is very dry and sandy and we only have a couple of acres of pasture and then there are the bears. After losing a ewe to a black bear, we learned to lock the sheep in the barn at night year round and to top our 4’ woven wire fence with electric.

Having sheep here was very labor intensive and could never be much more than a hobby. The farm has been in the Hatton family since the 1850’s and we love it, but most of it is wooded or ledge and all of it on a slope.

A few years into raising sheep I learned to spin on a spinning wheel and then fell in love with the beautiful, lustrous Finn wool. Shortly thereafter, my husband was given an antique spinning wheel from the early 1800’s which he restored for me. Then word got around and soon he was restoring antique spinning wheels so they could actually be used for spinning for folks all over the USA.

The sheep led us both on a long and pleasant journey. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to own such lovely animals as our Finnsheep.
## FINNSHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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June 2017 through May 2018

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| **Total Income**                      | **17,053.78**|

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| **Net Ordinary Income**               | **5,907.74**|
| **Other income**                      | **34.70**   |
| **Net Income**                        | **5,942.44**|

## FBA BALANCE SHEET
As of May 31, 2018

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| **Liabilities and Equity**              | **Net income**                                 |
|                                        | 4,005.42                                        |
| **Total Equity**                       | **29,406.44**                                   |

| **Total Liabilities & Equity**          | **29,406.44**                                   |
Finnsheep Breeders Association Directory

Join this list for $30 per year, your listing will appear on the website and in the Short Tales Directory

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Finn x Wensleydale, white, natural colored; fleeces and pelts

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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.

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Finnsheep Breeders Association

Finnsheep breeders are now found across many States producing purebred and crossbred Finnsheep. Breeders look to the Finnsheep Breeders Association, Inc. to provide record keeping of registrations and transfers of the breed. Since the 1971 inception of the Finnsheep Breeders Association, Inc. the organization has drawn on the expertise of leading research authorities to enhance the Finnsheep breed and provide leadership in promoting the Finnsheep qualities and characteristics.

Mission Statement

The American Finnsheep Breeders Association:

* Provides a national pedigree breed recording system for Finnsheep
* Maintains the Finnsheep breed standard for the USA. Promotes animal health within the breed and nationally
* Fosters and promotes the proliferation and marketing of Finnsheep within the national sheep industry and abroad