

American Black Welsh Mountain Sheep Association Newsletter February 2002

Voting Results

We had 40 voting members eligible to vote in this election. We received 33 ballots back. This does constitute a quorum of the members who could vote in this election. Voting results are as follows:

President Tom Wyman 33 votes

Vice President Ed Lutkewich 32 votes
Abstain 1 vote

Secretary/Treasurer Eugenie McGuire 32 votes
Abstain 1 vote

Board Members – 2 Year terms

Suezanne Corriera 27 votes
Jodi Milske 28 votes
Niki Sawyer 30 votes
Abstain 2 votes

All officers and board members are elected.

Registry Update

We finished the 2001 year by registering 303 sheep and transferring 27. These figures do not include Tom Wyman's flock, as I am still correcting the original data. However he has about 200 living sheep.

2002 is starting off well. I have already processed registrations for 16 sheep and done 6 transfers so far this year.

Breeding Reports

Enclosed with this newsletter is a breeding record sheet on which you can send your lambing data. We are still working out some issues with the headers on these sheets. If you look at the Birthing Summary sheet these are the fields and what I need to see in them. The first field is a listing of all female sheep in your flock, their registration number and the federal tag number. If there is no tag number listed that means I do not have your current federal ID for your sheep. Next is a space to put the date the lamb or lambs are born (abbreviated lamb born), the name (you do not have to include your prefix, I will add that automatically) and the tag number. If you are giving me both federal and farm tags explain it. I need the ear, color and number for all tags. Please also tell me if you have lambs

that are stillborn as they are still entered into the system to provide accurate progeny data on the parents. We are not using the Colour or Horns fields. If you wish to include the genotypes at codon 171 and 136 or birth weights here that is fine. The sire can be either the name of the ram or his registration number. When you are done lambing, please return them to me and I will enter them as birth notified. Later, when you wish to register any of these lambs it is much easier for me to do the work so I'd really appreciate getting the birth information.

Flock Census and Annual Report

I have gotten back less than half of the flock census reports. With a total of 18 flocks reporting census results and those results entered into the computer system we currently have a total North American population of 54 rams and ram lambs, and 189 ewes and ewe lambs. I have not yet finished entering Tom Wyman's flock census data. I still don't have census data from the remaining 21 flocks. I have included a census form in your packet this time if I have not received the form back from you. If for some reason things have crossed in the mail, my apologies. Please correct and return these forms, they are critical to documenting the living population of Black Welsh Mountain sheep in North America and ensuring that our flock book is accurate when published later this year.

Club Donors

I keep an ongoing list of members who have graciously donated extra to help the club. If you have donated money or fleece to one of the wool pools **thanks**, your support is allowing us to put additional ads in various sheep and farming magazines and is generating interest in the breed. Donations received recently are currently earmarked to pay for the registry software unless specifically directed elsewhere.

Jodi Milske \$10.00

Helen Moore \$10.00

Tom Wyman \$40.00

Stanley Ward \$200.00 for Ads in ALBC News

Tim and Linda Miller \$40.00

Victoria Kotrotsios \$1.00

Federal Scrapie Eradication Program

By now everyone should have been issued your Federal Scrapie Eradication Program premises ID number. Please send me the details about your sheep. I need to update the registry database to include your premises ID and individual sheep tag data.

Show Successes

Victoria Kotrotsios reports: "I competed in a county fair 2001 and my ram Foxfire was in the running for champion ram, he was third. The judge was a national judge so I felt that Foxfire had done well. His fleece was second in the medium fleece class; Pat Bull was the judge of that. Pat Bull is well known nationally in the spinning guilds and fiber arts. Blue Bonnets fleece was third. With luck I will try to show the breed in CA."

Congratulations!

Show and Sales Support

The Association can provide you with breed brochures, membership applications and some lovely knitted samples made from Black Welsh wool if you are showing your sheep. Just give me a few weeks notice as to what you need and I can send the information out to you.

Web Site

If you are a current voting member and wish to have your farm listed on our web site please let me know.

Secretary/Treasurer Notes

Overall 2001 was a very busy year. We started and developed the registration database. Most of the office expenses were related to either purchasing the software package for the registry or to photocopying costs for the previous registration papers that have been sent in. The association records are fully open to the membership. If you wish to see or review any of the records please ask me. I will be glad to provide the data to any current member. Plans are still to produce the first flock book later this

year. I am hoping to get all the census data corrected before publication.

Club bank balance is currently at \$123.33 before taking out the costs of publication for this newsletter.

Inflows

Donations Received	2,042.00
Dues Received	560.00
Gross Sales	64.00
Registration & Transfer Fees:	
Register Ewes	730.00
Register Rams	220.00
Transfer Fees	175.00
Other	520.00
Total Registration & Transfer Fees	1,645.00

Total Inflows 4,311.00

Outflows

Ads	414.20
Bank Charges	170.75
Newsletter:	
Postage	252.67
Printing	243.55
Total Newsletter	496.22
Office	3,258.28

Total Outflows 4,309.45

Overall Total (28.45)

The figure for Registration and Transfer Fees: Other represents the funds that Oogie McGuire paid in advance. As the McGuire's are registering and transferring sheep they are using this credit. The money was sent to the Association in advance of the services so that we had enough money to pay for the registry software. For 2001 McGuire's registered 27 ewes, 13 rams and transferred 17 sheep. The McGuire's fully expect to use the remaining credit in 2002.

Editors Notes

Please send articles, we need them.

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