

NTSRI NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

By Bill Kerns

Greetings NTSRI Members,

It is a pleasure to serve as your new President and to be supported by the Directors (BOD) and Alternates you have put in place. Much has happened since we last visited at our NTSRI Members' Meeting in Wooster, OH. The following are a few items that I wanted to share with you.

Going forward, all NTSRI meetings will be open to the Membership and we encourage you to get engaged. Our meeting schedule will be posted on the web site and meeting agendas with contact information will be available from your Director if you wish to join. The BOD is prepared to start each meeting with a Members' discussion session. Please let your Director know if you have points for discussion so they can be added to the Members section of the agenda. Minutes will be published on the web site and/or in the newsletter in a timely manner.

At our 29 July BOD meeting we discussed and agreed to align Directors with Standing Committees as directed by our Constitution. Additionally, the BOD wishes to engage more of the Membership in the management of the organization by transitioning, over time, the Leadership of all standing Committees away from Directors, to the Membership. This should accomplish two very important things: spread the knowledge of the workings of NTSRI over a greater number of Members and identify future leadership across the US and Canada. Director responsibilities have been agreed as follows:

- Bill Kerns (President) -Treasury
- Eric Irvine (V. President) - Associated Registries and Youth
- Dale Huhnke (Secretary) - Publicity-Advertising & Recording Secretary
- Tammy Serafin - Membership
- Paul Cassell- Newsletter-Website
- Dan Kleman - Show-Sale
- Robin Swartz - Audit-Annual Election

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The Youth Committee will be co-chaired by 2 individuals going forward, one will lead the National Tunis Junior Association and the other will direct the futurity, lead line and buyer credit activities. The BOD is in discussions with interested candidates; if you would like to help with the Youth Committee, please contact your Director and volunteer.

We will also be looking for new volunteers from the Membership for the following Committees:

- Registration Management (1-3)
- Publicity-Advertising (1-3)
- Membership (1)

Membership management will be transitioned back to NTSRI from Associated Registry. This volunteer will handle our membership payments and membership information. They will interact frequently with many Committees and the Treasurer.

Please contact your Director or me if you would like to volunteer or learn more about these positions.

The BOD will also be looking for Member volunteers who would be willing to contribute up to 5 years to be Treasurer or recording Secretary. The Treasurer should have electronic check registry experience (Quicken), computer/internet skills, email access, online Banking experience and ideally close proximity to a Bank of America branch. The Treasurer will manage the budget, banking and accounts with the President and BOD. The recording Secretary should have MS office skills, computer/internet skills and email access. The recording Secretary will assist the Secretary of the BOD and Committees in organizing and reporting information.

Please let us know if you are interested to serve in any capacity. Write to me or your Regional Director.

Full committee membership and treasurer and recording secretary appointments will be confirmed as soon as possible and communicated to the Membership.

The BOD has agreed to implement an electronic registry that will link from the NTSRI website to Associated Registry in Iowa. Agreements have been signed with a software provider and planning is underway. This is a huge step forward for NTSRI. We will be initiating this project very soon and hope to have fillable forms for all needs on the NTSRI website in a couple of months. Forms will

cover registrations, membership renewals and other items like NAILE payments. These improvements in operations and efficiencies should provide immeasurable benefit to the Membership. We will always have options for pencil, paper and stamps for those who wish to do so. Watch for further information on this topic over the next month or so on the web site.

On a sad note....our newsletter has been aptly managed by Louise Dunham from Zanesfield, Ohio for the past 9 years. During this time, our Newsletter has grown and matured, with comprehensive coverage of everything from show results to recipes, to how to stories told by members....now advertising in the quarterly newsletter. With this issue, Louise will leave her Newsletter editor position with NTSRI. We are extremely grateful for the time, effort and support Louise has given to the Newsletter and the organization; we are looking forward to the continued support she will give to NTSRI and the Tunis breed going forward. Kindest regards from the Membership. Thank you, Louise.

Obviously, this leaves a gap that we need to fill soonest. I hope there may be someone interested to become the new newsletter editor. Please contact me or your Director if you have interest in this position.

The BOD has been very busy in the past 2 months. I'm looking forward to the next year and hope we can all work together to move the breed and the organization forward. On behalf of the BOD I wish you a great show season and safe travels.

Kindest regards, Bill
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Treasurer Report-30 July 2012

Our transition to Bank of America is almost complete. On a year to date basis, our income as noted in the table below by category, was \$19,244.80 and our expenses were \$20,823.79. Our cash accounts total \$21,479.18.

Itemized Categories - YTD:4
1/1/2012 through 7/30/2012 (Cash Basis)

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
INCOME							19,244.80
	Bad Check Payment						202.00
	Interest						3.81
	Newsletter-Web Site						85.00
	Publicity-Advertising						3,061.29
	Registry-Membership						13,193.45
	Show-Sale						429.25
	Youth Income						2,270.00
EXPENSES							-20,823.79
	Bad Check Bank Fee						-110.00
	Bad Check Expense						-145.00
	Newsletter & Web Site						-1,137.96
	Publicity & Advertising						-4,277.23
	Registry & Membership						-5,558.95
	Secretary & Treasurer						-325.57
	Show & Sale						-2,895.83
	Youth Expenses						-6,373.25
OVERALL TOTAL							-1,578.99

Bill Kerns, Interim Treasurer

NTSRI Board of Directors and Membership Meeting - November 12, 2011 - Louisville, KY

The meeting was called to order by President, Tammie Serafin. Attending were, Paul Cassell, Bill Kerns, Bob Bartholomew for Robin Swartz, Eric Irvine, Dan Kleman, Dale Huhnke.

The minutes of the July 2010 BOD Teleconference (last half), the May 2011 BOD meeting and the August 28, 2011 BOD conference call were discussed. It was agreed that Eric Irvine will provide the names of the junior members participating in the 2011 All American so that Dan Kleman can ensure that the checks previously approved for the juniors may be issued. Mike Cass will be asked by Tammie Serafin to prepare a proposal for the production committee. After the discussion the minutes were unanimously approved on a motion made by Dale Huhnke and seconded by Eric Irvine.

Next, the resignation of Treasurer Sally Barney was considered. A motion made by Dan Kleman and seconded by Dale Huhnke to accept the resignation failed. Discussion took place concerning the years of service provided by Mrs. Barney and her substantial institutional knowledge. Bill Kerns will contact Sally Barney and ask her to reconsider. Post Meeting Note: Sally relayed to Bill that she had spent 8 years supporting the BOD and as Treasurer. She was very positive, but had decided to move on. Sally did agree to work with the BOD and assist in the transition to a new Treasurer from now to Wooster. She offered some suggestions and agreed that an announcement to the membership may encourage others to express their interest.

The Board unanimously agreed to table the budget discussion until a December teleconference call on a motion made by Dan Kleman and seconded by Eric Irvine. It was agreed that Sally Barney would be asked to attend the teleconference.

Next, the board considered the written reports of the Show & Sale Committee, the Promotions Committee, and the Newsletter and Website Committee. Those reports were accepted with the understanding that budget decisions would be made at a later date on motion made by Dan Kleman and seconded by Dale Huhnke.

An extensive discussion with Youth Committee chairperson Kelly Stumpe took place. It was reiterated that money from the NAILE Sale will go to the youth show. The report was accepted on motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Dan Kleman.

The Board also approved that all junior exhibitors will receive at least \$5 for each class shown at the NAILE Junior Show on motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Bob Bartholomew.

OLD BUSINESS**NTSRI JUNIOR ASSOCIATION:**

The NTSRI Jr. Association was also discussed. The board voted to have Jeff and Julie Munsey take charge of getting the junior association going. The motion was made by Bob Bartholomew and seconded by Eric Irvine.

The Munseys were authorized by the board to start the process of posting via a mailing to members thru the Newsletter office and accepting applications for positions therein; this should be done as soon as possible as part of a mailing to members of other materials detailed below. The board will review both proposals submitted for the youth association and reconcile them in the December meeting per motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Bob Bartholomew.

NTSRI SPONSORSHIP OF JUNIOR SHOWS:

Kelly Stumpe will provide to the board a summary of the NTSRI sponsorship items and amounts for the key junior shows.

NEW REGISTRATION/CHRISTENING FORMS:

The board approved that a letter be sent to the membership advising it of the christening lottery, new registration and work order forms, and the membership dues reminders via the Newsletter office. It was discussed and agreed that any duplicate name requests would be resolved by a lottery. The motion was made by Dan Kleman and seconded by Dale Huhnke.

On Motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Bob Bartholomew, the BOD approved that from 1/1/2012 on no sheep name will appear on a registration paper without christening. Sheep that are not christened will simply be denoted with a flock name and tag number. (eh, Windy Hills- WH 0001)

WOOL PROMOTION:

On motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Eric Irvine, the BOD approved \$500 for use in wool promotion as requested by Louise Dunham and Kim Day.

NEW BUSINESS**YOUTH FUTURITY:**

On motion made by Eric Irvine and seconded by Paul Cassell, the BOD approved that eligible ewe lambs sold in all public auctions will be eligible for futurity nominations. On motion made by Dan Kleman and seconded by Bob

Bartholomew, the BOD approved a \$25 non refundable nomination fee for futurity lambs and a \$100 group nomination fee to allow all eligible ewe lambs sold at public auction, by a farm, to be nominated.

ELECTION OFFICER FOR 2012 BOD ELECTION:

On motion made by Dale Huhnke and seconded by Bob Bartholomew, the BOD approved Kathy Niese as the 2012 election officer. Kathy should liaise with Tammy to learn the process, paperwork and timeliness.

NAILE FEE:

This item was discussed, but no action was taken by the BOD.

BREED STANDARD AND GUIDELINES:

Much discussion took place concerning updating the breed standard and guidelines. Although a motion was made by Bill Kerns and seconded by Dan Kleman to appoint a committee to look into the issue and advise the BOD, the motion was withdrawn after the discussion.

CANADIAN RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TRANSPORTING SHEEP: Bill Kerns advised that new rules would prohibit exporting of sheep to Canada unless from a farm in the voluntary federal scrapie program. Bill plans to write a letter in opposition to these rules.

Next, an executive session was held for personnel matters. No action was taken in executive session.

On motion made by Bob Bartholomew and seconded by Dan Kleman, the BOD required that the president or secretary advise the BOD alternate any time that they receive a proxy for a BOD member.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 11/12/2011

The meeting was called to order by President, Tammie Serafin

The membership meeting was well-attended and the following items were discussed.

- The BOD's action on the NTSRI Junior Association (see BOD minutes for details)
- The events at the 2011 NAILE
- The various promotional items including the Tunis Pride Photo Contest, the pop tops for charity, the 2012 calendars, the contract for the 2012 National Sale at Wooster, Ohio which established minimum bids of \$300 for yearlings and \$250 for lambs
- The 2012 All American which will be held in Des Moines , Iowa on the weekend after July 4, 2012, Kate Lambert is the show superintendent
- The Board's approval that all junior exhibitors will receive at least \$5 for each class shown at the NAILE Junior Show
- The new Christening program (see BOD minutes for full details)
- The \$500 granted for wool promotion (see BOD minutes for full details)
- The BOD's action on the production committee (see BOD minutes for full details)

At this time the floor was opened for comments by the membership and the following as discussed:

- Paul Cassell requested that the membership provide ideas about junior show sponsorship
- Bill Kerns discussed the new registration forms
- Bill Kerns discussed the Yearling Ewe Jackpot show™
- Mrs. Charest asked that the BOD consider making the scholarship available to additional persons and ages.
- There was lots of support from the membership for rotating the national junior show as long as the NTSRI continues to also support the All-American

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

NTSRI Board of Directors Meeting - December 4, 2011 - Teleconference

Meeting was called to order by President Tammie Serafin at 4:05 pm EST. Directors present at the meeting were Bill Kerns (Region 1), alternate Bob Bartholomew (Region 2), Eric Irvine (Region 3), Dan Kleman (Region 4), Paul Cassell (Region 5), Dale Huhnke (Region 6), and Tammie Serafin (Region 7).

Tunis Directory and Brochure:

Dale Huhnke reminded the board that the 2012 Directory rates/information are with Louise Dunham to be mailed with other items to the membership. New to the 2012 Directory were the champion ram and ewe photos from the National Sale in Wooster, National Show at the Big E, and the Junior Tunis Show at the All-American.

The Tunis Brochure layout and costs were distributed before the Louisville BOD meeting. Dale said that a final proof will be sent to the board prior to printing for everyone to proofread for mistakes and layout. Dale recommended that we use FedEx/Kinko's to print 5,000 copies and the costs will be around \$700.00. We can use the money from the profit we had from the 2011 Directory to pay for the printing which was \$1,600.00. Paul Cassell moved and Bob Bartholomew seconded that we print the Brochure and use Fed Ex/Kinko's and print 5,000. Motion passed.

Christening:

Bill Kerns led discussion on the Christening of the rams and ewes. Some Tunis Breeders asked that we revisit the Christening of names for rams and ewes to reflect the age of the ram and who had first ownership. After much discussion if the name of the ram or ewe that has old registration papers the name would be flock name and then the name of the ram/ewe. On January 1 if any duplicate names are received by Associated Registries the person

applying for the name will be asked to include the breeder name and name of the animal. After January 1 it will be first come and first served.

Newsletter Fee:

Bill Kerns pointed out that at the BOD KILE meeting in 2009 that the board agreed to have a fee if you wanted a hard copy of the newsletter. This fee was encouraged to the membership but they were not obligated to pay for the extra fee to get the newsletter and no fee was captured over the past two years. Bill wanted to know if we need to put that item on the membership form. Since the membership pays a \$20 dues it was asked to see a breakdown of where our dues go to. Bill asked Sally Barney for a breakdown and so Bill will email that information to the Board of Directors. It was decided by the board that this fee will be discussed at the membership meeting in May 2012 at the National Sale in Wooster for membership input.

Membership, Registration, and Christening Forms:

Bill Kerns emailed to all the Board of Directors revised forms that he has been working on over the last several months. There were concerns voiced by Board members that Associated Registries were not doing a satisfactory job in getting registrations out to breeders on time and getting data to the board in a proper manner and form. Prior to the Dec. 4 meeting, President Tammie Serafin emailed to the Board the membership, registration and christening forms Associated Registries have in their system that they use for other sheep breeds. After a lengthy discussion Paul Cassell made a motion and second by Bill Kerns to approve the forms that Bill Kerns designed. Dan Kleman asked for a roll call vote on this motion: Bill Kerns-Yes; Bob Bartholomew-No; Eric Irvine-No; Dan Kleman-No; Paul Cassell-Yes; Dale Huhnke-No; Tammie Serafin-No. Motion was defeated by a 5-2 vote.

Junior Board Applications/Letter to Membership:

Tammie Serafin announced that a Junior Board Application letter will be sent out to all the membership by Louise Dunham. Jeff and Julie Munsey states in the letter for junior members who want to apply for the Board need to have their applications in by December 31, 2011. With the lateness of the letter being sent out, Dan Kleman asked that the deadline be extended to January 15, 2012. Consensus by the Board that we will allow the Junior Board Leaders to make the decision on application deadlines. The board did not move on the January 15, 2012 deadline. Also included in the letter to the membership is the 2012 Directory rate card; and a letter written by Paul Cassell on the new christening procedures.

At this time in the meeting, Bill Kerns had to leave the conference call due to other business.

BOD liaisons to committees:

Bill Kerns suggested in the meeting agenda that a board of director should be in contact with the standing committees and report back to the board. This agenda item was tabled to discuss at a later date.

New Treasurer:

With the advent of Sally Barney wanting to retire as Treasurer with the NTSRI Board, Sally asks that we do accept her wishes. The board would like for her to stay on until a new treasurer is selected. The board will announce in a letter to the membership that we are accepting applications for a new treasurer. Applicants will need to review the Treasurer SOP and the Board will base their decision in selecting the new treasurer from the SOP. President Tammie Serafin will handle the applications for the treasurer position and membership will need to get their application in by February 1, 2012.

Volunteer for Secretary:

It was discussed to have a volunteer secretary to handle getting the minutes done and communicating to the board upcoming meetings. Some board members suggested that this position have a stipend. It was tabled to discuss this at the May 2012 board meeting when we have election of officers.

2012 Budget:

With the motion made at the Louisville meeting to continue business as usual for the next 60 days, our next conference call (within the next 30 days) will be a discussion on the 2012 budget.

Other Other Business:

It was moved by Dan Kleman and second by Eric Irvine that the new Tunis membership, registration and christening forms will be the same forms that Associated Registry is using. The motion passed. Dale Huhnke will send to Associated Registry the new Tunis logos and Bob Bartholomew volunteered to be the liaison with the Board and to Associated Registry.

Paul Cassell asked the board to review/comment the christening letter that he will write by noon (EST) Wednesday Dec. 7 so that the membership letter will go out by the week of December 5, 2011.

With no further business Bob Bartholomew moved and Paul Cassell second to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm EST. Respectfully Submitted, Bill Kerns

NTSRI Board of Directors Meeting - March 25, 2012 - Teleconference

On March 25, 2012, a telephonic meeting of the NTSRI Board of Directors was conducted. Attending the meeting were Dale Huhnke, Paul Cassell, Robin Swartz (for a portion of the meeting), Bill Kerns, Dan Kleman, Tammie Serafin, and Eric Irvine. The following business was conducted:

Youth Committee:

On motion made by Dale Huhnke and seconded by Paul Cassell, the board unanimously approved the appointment of Jeff and Julie Munsey as co-chairs of the youth committee. All members of the youth committee will continue to serve. (This motion was necessitated by the announcement by current chair Kelly Stumpe that he did not wish to continue as chair).

Budget:

On unanimous motion of the Board, all committee chairs are directed to prepare a document identifying what was actually spent for each line item in their budget in 2011 and the requested budget amount for 2012. Tammie Serafin will contact all necessary parties to ensure that this is prepared.

In addition, on motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Bill Kerns, the board unanimously approved the show & sale and pr committee's budgets on a provisional basis. In addition, the Junior Association is awarded \$1,000.00 in unrestricted budget to get started with its activities.

Secretary/Treasurer:

The board discussed the possibility of having a combined secretary/treasurer position. In addition, the board discussed hiring a "back office" person to provide administrative services to the NTSRI. This issue will be discussed more in the future and comment will be sought from the membership.

Temporary Treasurer:

On motion made by Dan Kleman and seconded by Robin Swartz, the board approved (with one abstention) that Bill Kerns will serve as the temporary treasurer until the NTSRI board of directors can hold further discussion on hiring a paid secretary/treasurer and/or "back office" employee.

Appointment of Troy Staples to the Newsletter Committee:

Next the appointment of Troy Staples to the Newsletter Committee was discussed. Paul Cassell, Eric Irvine, and Tammie Serafin were in favor of his appointment. Dale Huhnke, Dan Kleman, and Bill Kerns opposed his appointment. Therefore, the appointment fails.

Appointment of Eric Irvine to Show & Sale Committee:

On motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Dan Kleman, the board appointed Eric Irvine to the Show & Sale Committee.

Notice on website re SOPS:

On motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Eric Irvine, the board requested that the webmaster place a notice prominently on the first page of the website concerning the location of the SOPs on the site. Dan Kleman will contact the webmaster.

Show & Sale Committee to manage Stars of Louisville Sale:

On motion made by Dale Huhnke and seconded by Dan Kleman, the board approved that the Show & Sale Committee shall manage the 2012 Stars of Louisville Sale. Paul Cassell opposed the motion. Eric Irvine and Tammie Serafin abstained.

Redistricting:

On motion made by Paul Cassell and seconded by Dale Huhnke, the board approved the initiation of redistricting. Paul Cassell and Dale Huhnke will work on the issue and report back to the board.

Finalizing the Tunis Directory:

Posts asking for any corrections of entries in the new Tunis Directory will be placed before Easter on Tunis Talk and the NTSRI website.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for 4-22-12 at 2:00 pm. est. The NTSRI BOD meeting at Wooster will be held on 5-25-12 at 3:00 pm.

On motion, the meeting was then adjourned.

NTSRI Board of Directors Meeting - April 22, 2012 - Teleconference

PRESENT WERE: Paul Cassell, Tammie Serafin, Bill Kerns, Dan Kleman, Eric Irvine, Dale Huhnke, Robin Swartz and Walter Clark

The meeting was called to order about 2:00 PM EDT on Sunday the 22nd of April 2012, by Tammie.

Motion was made by Paul to dispense with reading of the March meeting minutes seconded by Eric. Motion carried.

Motion was made to approve previous minutes as noted below:

1. NAILE minutes-November 2011: Motion was made by Dale, seconded by Eric. Motion carried.
2. December 2011 minutes: Motion was made by Dan, seconded by Bill. Motion carried.
3. March 2012 minutes: Motion made by Bill, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Budget was presented by Bill for discussion. Advertising budget was discussed and money already spent on advertising was agreed. This included the Banner ad and two smaller ads in magazines. This line item in the budget will be reduced by about 40% for next year. The BOD felt that the level of general advertising exceeded its value for NTSRI. Tunis directory will be updated this year. Dale has two regions waiting on corrections. It was discussed and agreed that we would update every year as this is a revenue generating activity. The youth pop tab project was discussed. The award money approved this year will be distributed. NTSRI will not fund awards next year for this philanthropic initiative. NTSRI supports this initiative and we hope the collections continue as the support for the Riley Children's Foundation in Indianapolis is greatly appreciated. Thank you Dale for organizing.

Stars of Louisville Show and Sale generated about \$985 in revenue for NTSRI last year. Last year a hospitality dinner after the NAILE show in Louisville was funded by the NTSRI (\$744.00). It was a great success. It will be funded again in 2012. The Wool Show at Wooster is funded for 2012 at \$500.00.

The Youth account concept was discussed. In NTSRI we have 3 accounts, General Funds, CD and Savings. There is no formal "Youth Account". In the past the Treasurer had been instructed by multiple groups to show selected monies as belonging to the Youth. While this is doable, the monies are in reality all in one account. We discussed and agreed that in future, income and expense monies will continue to be "tagged" as to their source, however all funds are centralized in one account and managed by NTSRI. Other approved budget items are noted below for 2012.

NTSRI Approved 2012 Budget				
	Income		Expense	
	\$	%	\$	%
Registry/Membership	18,000	45.6	7800	19.88
Secretary/Treasurer	25	0.06	1630	4.15
Newsletter/Web Site	200	0.51	3625	9.25
Publicity/Advertizing	4745	12.2	5620	14.32
Show/Sale	14,280	36.17	14,675	37.4
Youth	2225	5.64	5889	15.01
TOTAL	39,475	100	39,239	100

We agreed for 2012 to commit 15% (\$5889) of budget (income or expense) to the Youth Committee. Futurity payments of \$1,300 for 2011 will be paid out at Wooster as planned. Next year the BOD and the Youth Committee have agreed to pay out what it collects. Income in 2011 was \$475.00. NTSRI will fund \$100 for 2012.

Funding for each youth show was agreed at \$300; these monies are used for premiums and/or entertainment as decided by the Youth Committee and local traditions. In the past, some of these funds were sent to the local show host where there was one. The Youth Committee will need to work with local show hosts to manage these funds as needed.

NTJA Youth Director Jacket's budget was approved @\$600.00. For 2012, 2 scholarships were approved @ \$250.00 each and 4 Buyer's Credits @\$50 for OH, MO, MA and KY. Dan made a motion to approve the income and expense budget as revised and presented above, seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Eric made a motion to Table the Secretary/Treasurer position discussion to the next meeting in Wooster, seconded by Robin. Motion carried.

There was much discussion of Louise Dunham's resignation. Dale made a motion to table it to the Wooster meeting, seconded by Dan. Motion Failed.

Paul made a motion to refuse Louise Dunham's resignation, seconded by Robin. Motion carried.

Dale made a motion to accept Kelly Stumpe's resignation, seconded by Dan. Motion carried.

Dan made a motion to accept Bob Bartholomew's resignation, seconded by Robin. Motion carried.

Tammie asked that we accept as alternates Eric Kleman to region 7 and Laureen Howe to region 2. Paul made a motion that we accept Laureen Howe and Eric Kleman as alternates to region 2 & 7, seconded by Eric. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at about 4:00 PM EDT.

NTSRI Board of Directors Meeting - May 25, 2012 - Wooster, OH

Present were: Robin Swartz, Paul Cassell, Bill Kerns, Dan Kleman, Eric Irvine, David Rock (proxy for Dale Huhnke); Absent was Tammie Serafin.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Irvine.

Before the BOD meeting began Vice-President Eric Irvine opened the floor with questions from the membership. Sally Barney raised the point of putting the Constitution on the web page. Discussed at the meeting that the Constitution is already on the Web page; Sally will confirm that it was there and that it was the most recent version.

There was discussion of christened names. A motion was made by David Rock to list christened names quarterly on the web site. It was seconded by Eric Irvine. Motion carried. This was for just 1 year and the Board was then to review how often this list changed; the thought was that if the list didn't change that much that a less frequent schedule could be implemented.

Paul Cassell made a motion to accept the electronically submitted minutes from the 4/22/12 meeting. It was seconded by Eric Irvine. Motion carried.

Treasury. Bill Kerns discussed our 3 accounts: checking, savings, and CD. He proposed consolidation the savings and CD into a money market account which will earn 0.9% vs. 0.05%. Dan Kleman made a motion that we only keep the checking account and consolidate other funds into a money market account. It was seconded by Paul Cassell. Motion carried.

Kathy Niese announced the winners of the 2012 election of Board of Directors in Regions 2 and 7. A concern came up on the position of names on the ballot. The decision was made to have the election officer draw nominees out of a hat and place the order on the ballots for the next election. Kathy was asked by the board to be the election officer for 2013. And Bill Kerns will be revising the Election Officer SOP by adding how the officer is to put the list of nominees on the ballot by drawing names out of a hat.

Jeff Munsey reported on the youth committee. They would like to have their own bank account so that the kids can manage their budget each year. Bill Kerns made a motion that Jeff Munsey submit in writing a proposal covering the ideas for a NTJA bank account. It was seconded by Dan Kleman. Motion carried.

Jeff Munsey requested more money for the youth jackets because the cost was more than expected. Paul Cassell made a motion to approve \$300.00 more dollars for the jackets. It was seconded by Bill Kerns. Motion carried.

Jeff proposed a NTJA jackpot show at Louisville, KY when it fits in to the show, time to be announced. The Board of Directors requested that Jeff prepare a proposal for consideration so we can understand how it is different from the existing Jackpot show

Dan Erwin spoke about the futurity changes. Nominated lambs would pay a \$25.00 that is non refundable.

Louise Dunham announced that there was more time to enter the wool show, which is May 26th at 8:00am. Louise Dunham also commented on the next newsletter deadline will be July 15th. The following tasks were assigned to Louise to be addressed prior to the next meeting of the Board:

Louise was asked to prepare for Board review and approval a listing of ad sizes that were available and a suggested rate scale for the ads so that all of the Membership could take advantage of this service, prior to the next newsletter if possible.

Louise was asked to present her thoughts on the order of articles for the Newsletter

Dan Kleman made a motion to table the code of conduct to the next meeting. It was seconded by Bill Kerns. Motion carried.

David Rock moved that we accept the slate of officers on the third ballot as follows:

President: Bill Kerns

Vice President: Eric Irvine

Secretary: Dale Huhnke

It was seconded by Eric Irvine. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Kleman announced that the NAILE show judge is Mark Johnson.

Motion was made by Dan Kleman to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Robin Swartz. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Swartz and Paul Cassell

NTSRI Membership Meeting at the National Tunis Show/Sale Wooster, Ohio May 26, 2012

Meeting was called to order by newly elected President Bill Kerns at 12:05 pm EDT. Directors present at the membership meeting were Bill Kerns (Region 1), Robin Swartz (Region 2), Eric Irvine (Region 3), Dan Kleman (Region 4), and Dale Huhnke (Region 6). The meeting was in conjunction with the National Junior Tunis Association Pizza Party after the National Sale show. There were many members present at the meeting.

Introduction of Region Directors

President Bill Kerns announced the newly elected board officers for the 2012-13 year. President will be Bill Kerns of Region 1; Vice President will be Eric Irvine of Region 2; and secretary will be Dale Huhnke of Region 6.

Bill Kerns asked Jeff Munsey to take the floor and introduce the new National Tunis Junior Association Board...Rachel Schambow (Region 6)-President; Lindsey Casey(Region 5)-Vice President; Ashley Bloom(Region 3)-Secretary; Jessica Swihart(Region 4)-Treasurer; Brianna Taylor (Region 1); Taylor Harrison (Region 2); Drew Ridgeway (Region 3 Intern); Oliva Brown (Region 4 Intern); Eliza Casey (Region 5 Intern); Morgan Munsey (Region 6 Intern); Jasmine Hill (Region 7) and Jacob Long (Region 7 Intern).

Bill Kerns asked Kathy Niese of the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association (OTSA) to give us an update on the evening meal and events. Kathy announced that at evening meal we will announce the 2011-12 futurity winners and conduct a fund raising auction of baskets donated by various Tunis breeders and Regions. Auction baskets need to be dropped off between 1 and 2 pm today for display before the evening's meal. Tonight's meal will cost \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 10 years old and under. The Auction proceeds will benefit the NTJA and the OTSA.

Bill Kerns called on Louise Dunham to give us the results of today's National Wool show. Louise announced that Marianne Turcheck is the chairman of the wool committee who handled today's wool show. The champion wool fleeces were awarded \$15.00 and the reserve fleeces were awarded \$10.00. Champion fleeces were exhibited by Heidi Barkley of Pennsylvania and Lynda West of Pennsylvania. And the Reserve fleeces were exhibited by Hope Mann of Ohio. There were four total fleeces in the contest. The fleeces can be viewed at the Rostraver Farm booth in Building #13 here at the Great Lakes Wool Festival.

Linda Cook announced to the membership that she was going to contact today's consigners to see if they were going to sign-up Tunis ewe lambs for the 2012-13 Futurity. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee will be requested for all who signed-up futurity ewe lambs.

Louise Dunham announced that several sale credits will be given out for tomorrow's National Sale. Jeff Munsey and the youth committee will handle the sign-up. Two \$100.00 sponsored by the New Jersey Tunis Association and two \$50.00 sale credits, one from NTSRI and one in memory of Peter Harris, will be given out tomorrow. You will need the youth's buyer's number when you enter the sale credit drawing.

Louise also announced the next deadline for the July newsletter as July 15. The new format/layout of the newsletter is being done by Debbi Brown. Louise is looking for photos from this weekend's national sale to put in the next newsletter.

Cynthy Kleman announced that someone from the Morning Star Fiber wool company is stopping by today at 1 pm to purchase Tunis fleeces if any Tunis breeder would like to meet up with the representative (after our meeting).

Dan Kleman announced that Jerry White, an Ohio Tunis Sheep Breeder (Butterfly Acres of South Vienna, Ohio), recently passed away. His wife, Bev, passed away a couple of months ago. Their daughter Brittney is going to disperse the flock of approximately 13 Tunis. Those with any interest please contact Dan.

Tom Mann, Vice President of the Ohio Tunis Sheep Association, announced that he has Tunis T-shirts for sale at \$10.00. Since there was a limited number of shirt sizes, Tom was going to take names and sizes of people that wanted to purchase T-shirts. Tom indicated that some of the proceeds will go toward the National Junior Tunis Association fund.

After these announcements, President Bill Kerns asked the membership if they had any questions to the NTSRI board of directors. Seeing none Bill asked for final announcements.

Dale Huhnke announced that he had a few more 2012 Tunis calendars available to sell. Funds from the calendars will go towards the youth. Dale also announced that the 2012 Tunis Directory will be out in the next few weeks.

President Bill Kerns reminded the members the upcoming National Tunis Show will be at the Missouri State Fair from Aug. 12-15. July 1 is the deadline to enter.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm EDT.

Respectfully Submitted

Dale Huhnke, Secretary

Congratulations to the 2012 "Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year" Award Winners!

The purpose of the "Bruce Hunt Shepherd of the Year" Award is to give recognition to someone who has contributed to the promotion and the preservation of the Tunis Sheep. The committee this year has decided to present two awards...one to Nancy Schmidt of Ohio and to Anna Rae Hodgkin of North Carolina.

Nancy has supported the growth of Tunis in the Midwest by providing Tunis for display at the Ohio State Fair's breed display for many years. She has been active in developing the older Mid East Regional Tunis Association and the current Ohio Tunis Sheep Association. Nancy has also supported the Tunis by showing at the Maryland Wool Festival and by giving away ewe lambs at their heritage breeds promotion. She has provided leadership skills to many different sheep organizations by serving in various capacities in the National and Ohio Tunis groups. Nancy received her plaque at the Ohio State Fair.

Anna Rae Hodgkin will receive her plaque at NAILE in this November. Anna Rae promotes the Tunis industry by being very active in a number of general agricultural organizations such as Farm Bureau and conferences. Anna Rae's attendance at various World and Sheep Conferences has benefited many sheep breeders as she has reported back to the group with the new information. Her interest in the history of the Tunis sheep has led her to become the Historian for the Tunis breed. As you can gather she is dedicated to the preservation of the Tunis breed and her flock reflects her interest in the traditional style of Tunis.

Congratulations to both of these women....you have moved the breed and the organization forward by your efforts! Thank You!

NEW MEMBERS:

Cheryl Allen, 4881 E. Trotter Trail, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140	Region 7
Debbie & Thomas Arthur, 1349 Lake Rd., Benson, VT 05743	Region 1
Brookgreen Gardens, Box 3368, Pawley's Island, SC 29585	Region 5
Philip & Mary Busman, 15620 Thompson Rd., Alpharetta, GA	Region 5
Teresa Cooper, 115 W Hibbard Rd, Owosso, MI 48867	Region 6
Mollie Davis, Box 393, Kinneer, WY 82516	Region 7
Jessica Fritsch, 6441 Austinville Rd., Columbia Crossroads, PA 16914	Region 3
Rebecca Haws, 2521 E. Velocipede Pike, Liberty, IN 47353	Region 6
Samantha Holbert, 9941 Mallory Rd., Sauguoit, NY 13456	Region 2
Angela & Wayne Hooker, 64 Hall Rd., Maidstone, VT 05905	Region 1
Christopher & Casey Huhnke, 406 E Michigan, Rolling Prairie, IN 46371	Region 6
Ronald Jones, 7238 Spring Valley Rd., Fries, VA 24330	Region 5
Jacob Keeney, 514 Gateway Dr W, Thurmont, MD 21788	Region 3
Emily & Siera Linton, 4902 W MLK Blvd, Plant City, FL 33566	Region 5
Scott Long, 29213 Monroe Rd 376, Shelbina, MO 63468	Region 7
Savannah Messick, 4580 Brownsville Rd, Harrington, DE 19952	Region 3
Tierra Messina, 8758 N. Main St., Evans Mills, NY 13637	Region 2
Brielle Michener, 234 Chestnut, Rehoboth, MA 02769	Region 1
Hayleigh Moore, 165 Trigg Rd., Bastrop, TX 78602	Region 7
Austin Ramsey, 2141 Devault Bridge Rd., Piney Flats, TN 37686	Region 5
Beth Ryan, 6368 Canfield Rd., Belding, MI 48809	Region 6
Trinity Serafin, 5193 N Dumbeck Ave, Albany, OR 97321	Region 7
Samantha Sessamen, 115 Scotts Lane, Tyrone, PA 16686	Region 3
Denise N. Shrewsbury, 2804 Independence Ridge, Breeding, KY 42715	Region 5
Ethan Simpson, 4580 Brownsville Rd., Harrington, DE	Region 3
Roger, Ashley & Jacob Todd, 7705 Powers Rd, Auburn, NY 13021	Region 2
Jonathan Trembley, 4497 Johnny Cake Ln, Albion, NY 14411	Region 2
Nathaniel Trembley, 13694 W Barre Rd., Albion, NY 14411	Region 2
Johanna & Candi Utzig, 3555 N Emerald Grove Rd., Milton, WI 53563	Region 7
Ruth Ann Wilkens, 191 Big Bear Rd., Connorsville, IN 47331	Region 6
Catherine Wissner, 620 CR 146, Carpenter, WY 92054	Region 7

NTSRI NEWSLETTER MISSION STATEMENT....

"The two main purposes of the NTSRI newsletter are to promote the Tunis breed of sheep and all activities connected with this breed and to educate all members or interested people about the breed in a positive, supportive manner."

NTSRI Board Approved...

May, 2005

The current list of SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for NTSRI are located at:

<http://www.tunissheep.org/association.htm>

YOUTH NEWS

TUNIS EWE LAMB FUTURITY 2012

The Tunis Ewe Lamb Futurity is off to a resounding start with 45 lambs nominated from 21 producers. The committee would like to thank the following breeders for their support: (number nominated)

John & Irene Bruns (3)	Westwind Farms (2)	Triple M Ranch (1)
MJM Farm (2)	Mom's Tunis (5)	Maple Hollow Farm (1)
Cass Hollow Tunis (2)	Harbor Acres (1)	Kellkenberg Family (1)
RQL Farms (6)	Triangle Farms Tunis (2)	Big Time Tunis (1)
Misty Lane Farm (1)	Dirk & Michelle Wise (3)	Jacci Erwin Tunis (1)
Michael Wise (3)	BWB Inc. (2)	S & T Tunis (2)
Stumpe Family Tunis (2)	Uptown Farms (3)	Small Fry Farm Cont. (2)

We are receiving many point forms daily from enthusiastic participants. A reminder to all participants: point forms should be mailed to: **Dan Erwin, 14101 Boundary Rd., Richwood, OH 43344**

Dan may be contacted at: 937.578.8303 or dcerwin4@hardinnet.com. Point forms and updated standings will be available soon on the Tunis web site.

Good Luck to all participants as you show your Tunis lambs!

WINNERS OF THE YOUTH BUYERS' CREDITS at the NATIONAL TUNIS SALE:

Emily Stumpe, MO	\$50 NTSRI
Frankie Irvine, PA	\$50 Peter Harris Memorial Award
Justine Swartz, NY	\$100 New Jersey Tunis
Olivia Brown, OH	\$100 New Jersey Tunis

WINNERS OF THE YOUTH BUYERS' CREDITS at the MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE:

Nick Stumpe, MO	\$50 Missouri Tunis Association
Sydney Baxter, MO	\$50 NTSRI
Michel Finklea, PA	\$50 Kenny Mayes Memorial Award

"Pop-A-Top" for Riley's Children Hospital of Indianapolis

The National Service Project by the Junior Tunis Members collected over 84 pounds of tabs for Riley's Children Hospital/Ronald McDonald House. The funds received from the recycling of tabs are a significant source of revenue for the "House at Riley" totaling on average between \$50,000 and \$70,000 annually. The funds are applied to the operating expenses and underwrite the approximate cost of operating three rooms for an entire year.

We had over 15 participants in the tab collection. The top three tab collectors got a visa gift card (1st place was \$50; 2nd place \$25; and 3rd place \$10). The winner was Hope Mann of Ohio who collected over 43 pounds of tabs. Second place was Robert Sliger of Indiana who collected over 10 pounds of tabs. And the third place winner was Jessica Swihart of Ohio who collected over 4 1/2 pounds of tabs. We got such a good response that we will continue this project for the coming year. So go out and collect those tabs junior members and senior members you can collect too!

2012 NTSRI SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE...Rachel Schambow & Emily Stumpe

Rachel Schambow lives in Janesville Wisconsin with her family. She has had sheep since kindergarten and couldn't imagine her life without them. Rachel and her family raise Tunis, Suffolks, and Cheviot sheep. She has been involved with Tunis Sheep with her Grandfather, Richard Sr. since 2003. Rachel is a graduate of Milton High School and has been accepted to the University of Wyoming-Laramie where she will earn a Bachelors degree in Zoology. She then plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to earn her DVM. She has been involved with many other sheep organizations in her lifetime. The National Tunis Junior Association is fortunate to have Rachel as our first President. She brings great leadership and experience to the National Tunis Junior Association. Rachel plans to keep showing Tunis sheep during her college career and will continue to maintain a strong Tunis flock even after school.

Emily Stumpe lives in Russellville, Missouri with her family. She has shown sheep for eleven years. Emily has been involved with Tunis sheep for the past seven years. She has been involved with showing and selling Tunis sheep on a national level at a lot of the major shows and sales in the nation. Emily has had great success with having National Champion Rams and Ewes along with many state fair and local county fair champions. Emily is a graduate of Helias Catholic High School and has been accepted to Lincoln University and will major in Agribusiness. After graduating from Lincoln University with a Bachelor's Degree, Emily is planning on attending the University of Illinois to pursue a masters degree in business and the food industry. After graduation Emily plans to continue her passion for raising and showing Tunis sheep.

JR ALL AMERICAN SHEEP SHOW - 2012 NATIONAL JR TUNIS SHOW

Des Moines, Iowa

63 Head!

July 6th – 8th, 2012**Jan. Ram Lamb**

Elliza Casey, GA
Kaleb Schakel, IN
Kaleb Schakel, IN
Sydney Baxter, MO
Christopher Huhnke, IN

Feb. Ram Lamb

Trinity Serafin, OR
Elliza Casey, GA
Olivia Brown, OH
Mitch Schmidt, MO
Morgan Munsey, IN
Jasmine Hill, OR

March Ram Lamb

Mitch Schmidt, MO
Jessica Swihart, OH
Omar Wahdan, VA
Omar Wahdan, VA

Slick Shorn Ram

Omar Wahdan, VA

Yearling Ewe

Trinity Serafin, OR
Kaleb Schakel, IN
Jessica Swihart, OH
Morgan Munsey, IN
Olivia Brown, OH
Elliza Casey, GA
Kalyn Swihart, OH
Mitch Schmidt, MO
Mitch Schmidt, MO
Elliza Casey, GA
Jasmine Hill, OR
Olivia Brown, OH
Omar Wahdan, VA

Jan. Ewe Lamb

Kaleb Schakel, IN
Jacob Long, MO
Kaleb Schakel, IN
Christopher Huhnke, IN
Olivia Brown, OH
Omar Wahdan, VA
Elliza Casey, GA
Omar Wahdan, VA
Kalyn Swihart, OH

Feb. Ewe Lamb

Kaleb Schakel, IN
Mason Baxter, MO
Olivia Brown, OH
Jacob Long, MO
Morgan Munsey, IN
Trinity Serafin, OR
Morgan Munsey, IN
Elliza Casey, GA
Kalyn Swihart, OH
Jessica Swihart, OH

March Ewe Lamb

Morgan Munsey, IN
Morgan Munsey, IN
Kalyn Swihart, OH
Jasmine Hill, OR
Jasmine Hill, OR

Slick Shorn YE

Elliza Casey, GA
Kaleb Schakel, IN
Morgan Munsey, IN

Pair of Yr Ewes

Kaleb Schakel, IN
Elliza Casey, GA
Mitch Schmidt, MO
Olivia Brown, OH

Slick Shorn EL

Casey Huhnke, IN
Elliza Casey, GA
Jessica Swihart, OH

Pair of Ewe Lambs

Kaleb Schakel, IN
Jacob Long, MO
Morgan Munsey, IN
Olivia Brown, OH
Elliza Casey, GA
Kalyn Swihart, OH
Jasmine Hill, OR
Omar Wahdan, VA
Jessica Swihart, OH

Young Flock

Kaleb Schakel, IN
Morgan Munsey, IN
Elliza Casey, GA
Olivia Brown, OH
Jessica Swihart, OH
Jasmine Hill, OR
Omar Wahdan, VA

Best 4 Head of Ewes

Kaleb Schakel, IN
Elliza Casey, MO
Morgan Munsey, IN
Olivia Brown, OH
Kalyn Swihart, OH

Market Lamb

Jessica Swihart, OH
Kaleb Schakel, IN
Christopher Huhnke, IN
Casey Huhnke, IN

Champion Ram – Trinity Serafin, OR
Res. Champion Ram – Elliza Casey, GA
Champion Ewe – Trinity Serafin, OR
Res. Champion Ewe – Kaleb Schakel, IN

Champion Market Lamb – Jessica Swihart, OH
Champion Fleece – Elliza Casey, GA
Top Gun Award – Elliza Casey, GA

ADDITIONAL AWARDS:**Tunis Ram Fleece:**

Omar Wahdan, VA
Elliza Casey, GA
Casey Huhnke, IN

Tunis Ewe Fleece:

Elliza Casey, GA
Omar Wahdan, VA
Omar Wahdan, VA
Christopher Huhnke, IN
Kaleb Schakel, IN

Jr Tunis Members competed in these contests against all other qualified participants:

Mason Baxter, MO 2nd Place Showmanship
Elliza Casey, GA 2nd Place Sr Skillathon
Jessica Swihart, OH 11th Sr Judging Contest
Elliza Casey, GA 3rd Place Sr Power Point

Morgan Munsey, IN 3rd Place Showmanship
Jessica Swihart, OH 6th Place Sr Skillathon
Kalyn Swihart, OH 6th Place Int. Judging Contest
Elliza Casey, GA 2nd Place Sr Essay

EXHIBITORS AT THE JR ALL AMERICAN: Mason Baxter, Sydney Baxter, Olivia Brown, Elliza Casey, Jasmine Hill, Casey Huhnke, Christopher Huhnke, Jacob Long, Morgan Munsey, Kaleb Schakel, Mitch Schmidt, Trinity Serafin, Jessica Swihart, Kalyn Swihart, and Omar Wahdan!

Northeast Youth Sheep Show Tunis Report

by Gregory, Julia & James Surgenor

The Tunis show was a huge success with 17 youth showing a total of 55 head of Tunis. Families came from across New England, but also as far away as Florida and Maryland so that these youth could show their Tunis flocks.

Brianna Taylor won Champion Tunis Ram with a beautiful February Ram Lamb bred by the Kerns and Windsong Farm in Massachusetts. Julia Surgenor won Champion Tunis Ewe with a long yearling ewe bred by the Dunhams and Darling Tunis in Ohio.

Gregory (14 yo) writes "This show has really been a great experience for me and my family. I enjoyed the 2012 Northeast Youth Sheep Show, and it is hard to believe how far I have come since my first 4-H show 7 years ago. As the oldest kid in my family, I remember in that first show when I showed up with a totally dirty sheep out of the field, some rusty hand shears, and no idea what to do. Thank goodness for Martha Robie and her mom, Deb, who took in a deep breath and helped me get that sheep at least presentable. Since then we have learned as a family how to build a better quality flock, how to fit out a Tunis sheep (which is quite different from other more common breeds on the 4-H fair circuit), and how to feed and grow more healthy, well developed animals."

Julia (13 yo) writes "I enjoyed spending quality time with my fellow New England 4-H friends, staying up late, playing cards, and showing each others sheep breeds together. I also had a great time spending time with my family."

James (10 yo) writes "It was awesome to have my ewe lamb that we bred on our farm get first place in the younger ewe lamb class at the NEYSS. I can't wait for next year's show. I learned a lot from the older kids who helped me out and asked me to help show their sheep in the flock and pair classes. I think I can manage my time better next year as I get ready for showing."

Ian (4 yo) asked repeatedly during the show "Mom, where is my sheep? I want to put it on my stand and shear it!" Sorry Ian, but maybe next year!

Tunis Junior Directors Ashley Blum, Brianna Taylor, Taylor Harrison and Intern Drew Ridgeway were at the NEYSS and helped organize the Tunis show, led a successful silent auction, and hosted a pizza party for the Tunis youth as well. Thank you so much. You are great role models and did a great job. There was also a very nice breed display for all to learn about Tunis sheep and the new junior Tunis Association (NTJA).

Finally, thanks to Ann Marie Chapdelaine, who was our Breed Superintendent, and thanks to Bill Kerns, President of the National Tunis Registry, for taking time to attend the show and to help with the award ceremonies.



SHEEP SHOW **SHEEP SHOW** SHOWING **SHEEP SHOW SHEEP** **SHEEP SHOW SHEEP**

NATIONAL TUNIS SHOW at the MISSOURI STATE FAIR:

Sunday, August 12

Sheep may begin to arrive on fairgrounds.

Monday, August 13

8am - 9am Donuts and Coffee at Darling Tunis pens, sponsored by Jim and Louise Dunham.

8am - 4pm check in sheep.

Noon- Water Fun for the kids! Sprinkler and water balloons set up near Uptown Farms' pens for the kids to cool off.

6pm - **BBQ hosted by Missouri Tunis Association at FCS Financial on Highway 65** Meat, side dishes and desserts provided....please bring your own drinks. Everyone is invited!

Tuesday, August 14

8am - 9am Donuts and Coffee at Uptown Farms pens, sponsored by Matt and Kate Lambert.

6pm - **National Tunis Show judged by Henry Shultz.**

Wednesday, August 15

Sheep are released...

CLASS

SPONSOR

Yearling Ram	Murry Farms - Lynn, Jessica, Lynn & Connie - MO
Fall Ram Lamb	Jacob Long & Family - MO
Sr Champion Ram	Stumpe Tunis - Emily, Elizabeth & Ben - MO
Res Sr Champion Ram	Baxter Farms - Shane, Kathy, Sydney & Mason - MO
Early Spring Ram Lamb	Dean Ostermeyer - MO
Late Spring Ram Lamb	Misty Lane Farms - Eric, Mindy & Frankie - PA
Stick Shorn Ram Lamb	Baxter Farms - Shane, Kathy, Sydney & Mason - MO
Pair of Ram Lambs	Missouri Tunis Association
Jr Champion Ram	Dan Kleman, Region 4 Dir. & Eric Kleman, Region 7 Alt, OH
Res Jr Champion Ram	Lois Luthy - NE
Grand Champion Ram	Triple M Tunis - Jeff, Julie & Morgan Munsey - IN
Res Grand Ch Ram	Garey Tunis - Doug & Clint Garey - IL
Early Yearling Ewe	Schmidt Tunis - MO
Late Yearling Ewe	Big Time Tunis - Mike & Kathy Niese - OH
Stick Shorn Yearling Ewe	Maple Hollow Tunis - Kayla Barkley - PA
Pair of Yearling Ewes	Missouri Tunis Association
Fall Ewe Lamb	REEF Tunis - Donovan Rock - MO
January Ewe Lamb	David Brown Farm - John & Maryanne Mc Donough - MA
February Ewe Lamb	Hasselman Tunis - Steven Hasselman - IL
March Ewe Lamb	Casey's Tunis - Linda, Lindsey & Elliza Casey - GA
Stick Shorn Ewe Lamb	Baxter Farms - Shane, Kathy, Sydney & Mason - MO
Pair of Ewe Lambs	Missouri Tunis Association
Senior Champion Ewe	Craft Tunis - Don & Jane Craft - IN
Reserve Sr Champion Ewe	Schambow Tunis - Richard Schambow, Sr - WI
Jr Champion Ewe	Boulder Creek Tunis - Troy Staples Family - ME
Res Jr Champion Ewe	Woolmark Farm - Dwight & Sally Barney - NH
Grand Champion Ewe	Triple T Tunis - Tim, Tammie & Trinity Serafin - OR
Res Grand Ch Ewe	Circle W Ranch - Jane Owens - TX
Mixed Pair	Missouri Tunis Association
Pen of 4 Lambs	Missouri Tunis Association
Get Of Sire	Darling Tunis - Jim & Louise Dunham - OH
Premier Exhibitor	WindSong Farms - Bill & Sharon Kerns - MA
Flock	KST Tunis - Kaleb Schakel - IN

Indiana State Fair

The Indiana State Fair is just around the corner and final preparations are being made by your Indiana Tunis Association to make another fun few days in Indianapolis. There are slick-shorn classes at the state fair and the premiums will be paid by the Indiana Tunis Association.

Indiana State Fair Calendar:

August 1 Wednesday - Admit Tunis Wool

August 3 Friday - Tunis Wool Judging

August 13 and 14 Monday and Tuesday-Begin bringing Open Tunis Sheep. If coming out of state make sure you have health papers

August 15 Wednesday - 9 am Indiana Tunis Association Meeting following the meeting Begin checking registration papers; 6 pm Ice Cream Social and Welcome to Indiana

August 16 Thursday-9 am Open Tunis Show and Tunis are released after the show.

2011-2012 Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show at NAILE...four months to go and counting!

The Jackpot is growing this year.....

\$1,730.00! The fourth and final entry fee of \$30.00/head was due July 1, 2012 and the final count is 16 farms participating with 28 yearling ewes entered. I will send out further information on the show date, time and judges in the upcoming months.

The payout...100% of entry fees and donor support, less cost (10% to NETSA for the Youth Activities) will be distributed to the first 5 places in the Jackpot Show. 1st place-50%, 2nd place-20%, 3rd place-15%, 4th place-10%, and 5th place-5%.

2012-2013 Tunis Yearling Ewe Jackpot Show

entries are being accepted now.

The nomination form (access from the NTSRI Web Site) will be due Sunday, August 19, 2012. Get involved, we had a great time last year at the first Jackpot show. I will be sending an e-mail to all NTSRI members with details of the 2012-2013 Jackpot; you may find more information on the NTSRI website. Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions.....sharonkerns@charter.net or 978.456.1240.

Take a look at your ewe lambs born this year...do you think any ewe lambs might take a prize next year? The first entry fee is only \$5.00/head! Can't beat that! Come join the competition!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the farms who participated this year and I wish everyone Good Luck! It is going to be an exciting event at NAILE.

- Sharon Kerns

RESULTS - National Tunis Sale at Wooster, OH - May 25-27, 2012

CONSIGNOR	PRICE	BUYER
YEARLING RAMS		
GRAND CHAMPION		
Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell VA	\$1,250	Avery Spilde, Stoughton, WI
RESERVE CHAMPION		
MJM Farm - Matt & Jennifer Maag, OH	\$ 300	Paul Cassell, Wytheville, VA
Triple "M" Ranch - The Munseys, IN	\$1,300	Schoolhouse Acres, Claysville, PA
RQL Farms - David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$1,000	Dana Gochenour, Woodstock, VA
David Brown Farm - The McDonoughs, MA	\$1,000	Jessie Reichenbach, Bloomsburg, PA
Big Time Tunis - Mike & Kathy Niese, OH	\$ 300	Ron-Diane Nier, Sackets Harbor, NY
Woolly Hollow Farm - Dana Gochenour, VA	\$ 300	Vineyard Farm, Blue Rock, OH
BWB Farms, Whitings & Barry, OH	\$ 350	Hannah Vezzetti, Perkasio, PA
Sonshine Acres - Walter & Denise Clark, PA	\$ 300	Oak Hill Farms, East Rochester, OH
9 LOTS	\$6,100	AVERAGE \$677.78
SLICK SHORN YEARLING RAM:		
Triple "M" Ranch - The Munseys, IN	\$ 300	Creekside Tunis, Circleville, OH
1 LOT	\$300	AVERAGE \$300.00
FALL RAM LAMB:		
Grumpy Lane Farm, PA	\$ 250	Lucas Standley, Cardington, OH
1 LOT	\$250	AVERAGE \$250.00
JANUARY RAM LAMBS:		
Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA	\$ 300	Dana Gochenour, Woodstock, VA
Westwind Farms - The Andersons, KY	\$ 300	Bruns Tunis, Maria Stein, OH
Cass Hollow Tunis - The Schambows, WI	\$ 375	Christopher Huhnke, Rolling Prairie, IN
S & T Tunis - The Swartzs, NY	\$ 600	RQL Farms, Hillsborough, NJ
4 LOTS	\$1,575	AVERAGE \$393.75
FEBRUARY RAM LAMBS:		
BWB Farms, Whitings & Barry, OH	\$ 600	Big Oaks Farm Tunis, IN
Stumpe Tunis, Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$ 500	Drew Ridgeway, Libertytown, MD
Maple Hollow Farm - Kayla Barkley, PA	\$ 250	Jim Schwartz Family, OH
Brown Family Tunis, OH	\$ 300	Kalie Harrison, Tivoli, NY
Triple "M" Ranch - The Munseys, IN	\$ 250	Vineyard Farm, Blue Rock, OH
Darling Tunis - The Dunhams, OH	\$ 400	Mitch Schmidt, Centralia, MO
RQL Farms - David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 250	Morgan Munsey, Lafayette, IN
7 LOTS	\$2,550	AVERAGE \$364.29
EARLY YEARLING EWES:		
GRAND CHAMPION EWE		
Mom's Tunis - Barbara Cassell, VA	\$1,250	Emily Stumpe, Russellville, MO
Stumpe Tunis, Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$ 950	Avery Spilde, Stoughton, WI
RQL Farms, David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 650	Nicholas Loughman, Claysville, PA
MJM Farm - Matt & Jennifer Maag, OH	\$ 750	Dana Gochenour, Woodstock, VA
Big Time Tunis - Mike & Kathy Niese, OH	\$ 300	Dana Gochenour, Woodstock, VA
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH	\$ 600	Darling Tunis, Zanesfield, OH
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH	\$ 600	Darling Tunis, Zanesfield, OH
Triple "M" Ranch - The Munseys, IN	\$ 400	Bob & Debbi Brown, Axtell, TX
8 LOTS	\$5,500	AVERAGE \$687.50
LATE YEARLING EWES		
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION		
Bruns Tunis - John & Irene Bruns, OH	\$1,000	Jessica Swihart, Perrysburg, OH
Stumpe Tunis, Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$1,300	Avery Spilde, Stoughton, WI
BWB Farms - Whitings & Barry, OH	\$ 850	Kalie Harrison, Tivoli, NY
MJM Farm - Matt & Jennifer Maag, OH	\$ 300	Ashley Burke, Mt. Vernon, OH
Misty Lane Farms - The Irvines, PA	\$ 300	Alexis Mueller, Columbia, IL
Harbor Acres - Ron & Diane Nier, NY	\$ 300	Ashley Burke, Mt. Vernon, OH
Harbor Acres - Ron & Diane Nier, NY	\$ 300	Ashley Burke, Mt. Vernon, OH
7 LOTS	\$4,350	AVERAGE \$621.43

SLICK SHORN YEARLING EWE			
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	\$ 350	Lucas Standley, OH	
1 LOT	\$350	AVERAGE	\$350.00
FALL EWE LAMBS			
RQL Farms - David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 850	Steve Hasselman, IL	
Maple Hollow Farm - Kayla Barkley, PA	\$ 650	Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	
Mom's Tunis - Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 450	Emily Belewich, NY	
3 LOTS	\$1,950	AVERAGE	\$650.00
JANUARY EWE LAMBS			
RQL Farms - David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$1,200	Kyle MacCauley, PA	
Stumpe Tunis - Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$ 700	Dennis Jones, ME	
Bruns Tunis - John & Irene, OH	\$1,300	Drew Ridgeway, MD	
Cass Hollow Tunis - Richard Schambow, WI	\$ 900	Christopher Huhnke, IN	
Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA	\$ 550	Steven Hasselman, IL	
Mom's Tunis - Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 475	Ashley Blum, MD	
Michael Wise, PA	\$ 300	Elizabeth Arwood, TN	
Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA	\$ 400	Dennis Jones, ME	
Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA	\$ 450	Jim Schwartz & Family, OH	
S & T Tunis - NY	\$ 300	Olivia Brown, OH	
J & J Suffolks & Tunis, NY	\$ 250	Bob & Debbi Brown, TX	
J & J Suffolks & Tunis, NY	\$ 250	Bob & Debbi Brown, TX	
Harbor Acres - Ron & Diane Nier, NY	\$ 300	Bob & Debbi Brown, TX	
13 LOTS	\$7,375	AVERAGE	\$567.31
FEBRUARY EWE LAMBS			
Cass Hollow Tunis - Richard Schambow, WI	\$1,100	Reef Tunis, MO	
Bruns Tunis - John & Irene Bruns, OH	\$ 800	Kalyn Swihart, OH	
MJM Farm - Matt & Jennifer Maag, OH	\$ 300	Emily Belewich, NY	
BWB Farms - Whittings & Barry, OH	\$ 800	Scarlet & Grey Farm, OH	
Mom's Tunis - Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 500	Avery Spilde, WI	
RQL Farms - David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 400	Burdett & Nancy Schmidt, OH	
RQL Farms - David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 400	Burdett & Nancy Schmidt, OH	
Maple Hollow Farm - Kayla Barkley, PA	\$ 400	Steve Hasselman, IL	
Bruns Tunis - John & Irene Bruns, OH	\$ 900	Justine Swartz, NY	
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	\$ 250	Elizabeth Arwood, TN	
Michael Wise, PA	\$ 350	Dana Gochenour, VA	
Jacci Erwin Tunis, OH	\$ 425	Justine Swartz, NY	
Big Time Tunis - Mike & Kathy Niese, OH	\$ 475	Triple M Ranch, IN	
MJM Farm - Matt & Jennifer Maag, OH	\$ 300	Jim Schwartz & Family, OH	
S & T Tunis, NY	\$ 275	Campbell's Tunis, NY	
Kelkenberg Family Farm, NY	\$ 250	Mike Jessee, OH	
Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	\$ 250	Vineyard Farm, OH	
Westwind Farm - The Anderson Family, KY	\$ 375	Hannah Vezzetti, PA	
Brown Family Tunis, OH	\$ 275	Mason Johnson, OH	
19 LOTS	\$8,825	AVERAGE	\$464.47
MARCH EWE LAMBS			
Mom's Tunis - Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 375	Elizabeth Arwood, TN	
BWB Farms - Whittings & Barry, OH	\$ 300	Jasmine Hill, OR	
Triple M Ranch - The Munseys, IN	\$ 250	Mike Jessee, OH	
Westwind Farm - The Andersons, KY	\$ 375	Hope Mann, OH	
Misty Lane Farms - The Irvines, PA	\$ 350	Big Oaks Farm Tunis, IN	
5 LOTS	\$1,650	AVERAGE	\$330.00
SLICK SHORN EWE LAMBS			
Michael Wise, PA	\$ 350	Casey Huhnke, IN	
Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA	\$ 325	Triangle Farms Tunis, IN	
Dirk & Michelle Wise, PA	\$ 275	Hope Mann, OH	
3 LOTS	\$950	AVERAGE	\$316.67
81 LOTS	\$41,725	AVERAGED	\$515.12

National Show and Sale Report

Ohio Tunis Association once again hosted the National Show and Sale in Wooster Ohio over Memorial Day weekend. In spite of what was a challenging lambing season for many breeders, we had 81 head of Tunis offered in the sale. The atmosphere was fun and laid back, the weather was warm, and it seemed everyone had a good time. The weekend started with Friday nights Barnyard BBQ, where everyone had a chance to meet new friends or catch up with old ones. The Ohio team worked hard to make an enjoyable weekend for all who attended; here are some of the highlights.

The Champion ram, a top notch consignment from "Mom's Tunis", which sold for \$1250.00, the high selling ram came from the "Triple M Ranch", with a winning bid of \$1300.00, Congratulations to these buyers, your selections should be interesting to watch this year, and years to come as their lambs hit the show ring!!

The ewe classes were highly competitive this year, but when all the dust settled the Champion ewe was awarded to "Mom's Tunis", with a winning bid of \$1250.00, biting at her heels was a powerful "Stumpe Tunis" ewe that brought a bid of \$1300.00, and also with a \$1300.00 bid was the ever elegant Bruns Tunis consignment, these ewes will bring a lot of hope and promise to their new owners.

A quick comparison of past averages ...Yearling ram 2012- \$677.78, 2011- \$641.67...Early Yearling ewe 2012- \$687.50, 2011- \$581.25...Late Yearling ewe 2012- \$621.43, 2011- \$842.86, to further check out the sale comparison... check the Banner Sheep Magazine, auction block section. Greg and his staff did a superb job of keeping the bidding lively; we appreciate all they do to accommodate all our buyers and sellers!

Just a quick "Thank You" to all who work to make this weekend a success, OTSA members, Banner Sheep Sales, Wayne County fairgrounds, and you our consignors and buyers, we could not do this without you, your loyalty to the Great Lakes Show and Sale is appreciated more than you know. Each year this show grows a little more, and it has become a mainstay on many competition calendars.

Was pleased to be a part of The All American Junior Sheep Show, our Jr. members did us all proud, they all showed their hearts out in the midst of the nations heat wave! It was a very competitive show and all the kids did a great job. Check out the

website for all the details. Eliza Casey from Georgia was our Top Gun winner this year, congratulations Eliza!

By the time this makes publication goes to print, the Ohio State Fair will be complete, Thank You to all who came to compete with us, but for now I will just offer all our friends old and new a "Good Luck" at the National Show in Sedalia, Missouri.

Linda Whitenack, OTSA President

BUSINESS:

What's in a name? Christening as a marketing tool.

The NTSRI has recently made the decision to offer a new "tool" to its members - the ability to pay a fee to christen, or name, an animal on the registration paper. Since this has been available, many questions have come up.

Why should I pay a fee to christen an animal?

The answer to this question is simple - its marketing! Look at a typical registration paper - the first thing you will see is a flock followed by an ID number. So we may have an animal -- Smith Tunis 2012.

Numbers are hard to remember - but names stand out! If Smith Tunis 2012 goes on to win the National Tunis Show, the Smiths' may decide to advertise that ram. They may decide to call him "Mr. Tunis". Now, whenever someone sees his paper, or his offsprings' papers, they clearly see that he is "Mr. Tunis". At a sale next year, when someone is walking by the pen, they can pick up that paper and clearly see "Mr. Tunis" sired this lamb! If advertised effectively, this will stick with people much better than "Smith Tunis 2012" does and the next thought will be, "That was that ram that won the national last year!"

This also protects our investments in advertising. We have seen people advertising animals by a name for years now - but christening is a tool that allows us to "own" that name. Once you purchase the right to put that name on your animal's paper, no one else can then do the same. You would hate to spend several hundred dollars running ads naming your ram only to see someone else calling their ram the same thing. Someone else may be trying to benefit from your advertising!

It is important to charge a fee. Number one, the association is providing a marketing service for you and should be able to benefit from this. Two, if no fee were charged producers would be tempted to put any pet name for an animal on a paper which would then make

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Midwest Stud Ram Sale at Sedalia June 25-27, 2012

CONSIGNOR	PRICE	BUYER
YEARLING RAM		
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION		
Stumpe Tunis, Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$1,300	S & B Tunis, MN
Small Fry Farm, Cont., MA	\$ 250	Rick Kikel, Alberta, Canada
Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 250	E & B Stumpe, MO
RQL Farms, David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 250	Rick Kikel, Alberta, Canada
3 LOTS \$2,050		AVERAGE \$512.50
JANUARY RAM LAMB		
GRAND CHAMPION RAM		
KST Tunis, Kaleb Schakel, IL	\$ 900	Baxter Farms, MO
1 LOT \$900		AVERAGE \$900.00
FEBRUARY & LATER RAM LAMB		
Uptown Farms, Matt & Kate Lambert, MO	\$ 900	Steven Hasselman, IL
Crafts Farm, Don & Jane Craft, IN	\$ 250	Miller Farms, SD
Small Fry Farm, Cont., MA	\$ 200	Willie Whittley, KS
Crafts Farm, Don & Jane Craft, IN	\$ 200	E & B Stumpe, MO
Stumpe Tunis, Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$ 200	Paul Cassell, VA
5 LOTS \$1750		AVERAGE \$350
YEARLING EWE		
GRAND CHAMPION EWE		
Stumpe Tunis, Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$ 850	Spilde Brothers, WI
Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 950	S & B Tunis, MN
Uptown Farms, Matt & Kate Lambert, MO	\$ 800	Darling Tunis, OH
Crafts Farm, Don & Jane Craft, IN	\$ 400	Jacob Long, MO
Crafts Farm, Don & Jane Craft, IN	\$ 400	Jacob Long, MO
RQL Farms, David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 250	Murry Farms, MO
Small Fry Farm, Cont. MA	\$1,150	Murry Farms, MO
7 LOTS \$4,800		AVERAGE \$685.71
FALL EWE LAMB		
RESERVE CHAMPION EWE		
RQL Farms, David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 550	Carolyn Hart, IL
Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 250	Nick & MacKenzie Stumpe
Maple Hollow Farm, Kayla Barkley, PA	\$ 550	Murry Farms, MO
Maple Hollow Farm, Kayla Barkley, PA	\$ 550	Uptown Farms, MO
4 LOTS \$1,900		AVERAGE \$475
JANUARY EWE LAMB		
Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 550	Jacob Long, MO
RQL Farms, David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 600	Mitch Schmidt, MO
2 LOTS \$1,150		AVERAGE \$575
FEBRUARY & LATER EWE LAMB		
RQL Farms, David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$1,000	Kyle MacCauley, PA
Mom's Tunis, Barbara Cassell, VA	\$ 575	Julia Bredder, VA
Uptown Farms, Matt & Kate Lambert, MO	\$ 600	Jacob Long, MO
Uptown Farms, Matt & Kate Lambert, MO	\$ 500	Mikael Finklea, PA
Uptown Farms, Matt & Kate Lambert, MO	\$ 450	Greg Bruns, OH
RQL Farms, David & Sandra Rock, NJ	\$ 300	Kalie Harrison, NY
Stumpe Tunis, Emily, Elizabeth & Ben, MO	\$ 250	Baxter Farms, MO
Small Fry Farm, Cont., MA	\$ 300	Taylor Harrison, NY
8 LOTS \$3,975		AVERAGE \$496.88
31 TOTAL LOTS	\$16,525	AVERAGE \$533.06

SHEPHERD'S NOTES

SHEEP HOOF CARE FROM A HORSE OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE.

Over the years I have had cattle, horses and sheep in that order. I have had to deal with hoof trimming and hoof health issues with all of them. However we have learned the most from dealing with our horses' hoof care. Fortunately all of that knowledge is transferable to sheep. So here are some nuggets of information that I would like to share with you.

I will not be going into the problem of hoof rot as we have never had it on the farm and hopefully never will. I guess my greatest recommendation is source your animals carefully and do not bring this disease on to your farm. I will leave discussion of foot rot to those with experience and knowledge of this disease.

After a number of years of being dissatisfied with the quality of hoof care that we were getting from professional farriers, both my husband and I decided to take training and trim our own horses. While it probably would have been easier were we not both well into our 50's when we did this, our horses have remained sound since we started caring for them.

Despite the obvious difference between horses and sheep's hooves, that is one versus two toes, the anatomy is basically the same and maintenance is also very similar. We have also used many horse therapies very successfully on our sheep. A tack shop has many products that work extremely well on sheep even though they were developed for horses.

Hoof Structure

If you look at a sheep's hoof from the side starting at the hair line, you start with the coronary band, the active growth zone of the hoof. Like with horses, the first half inch or so of growth represents the correct growth angle of the hoof. Damage to the coronary band can result in permanent damage to the hoof wall. Toes that flare out to the front or off to the sides indicate hooves that have been let grow too long or conditions such as laminitis. I will go more into this condition later. Rings and ridges on the hoof wall result from dietary changes, stress or fever. Ideally the hoof wall should be smooth.

Between the two claws of the feet you will see a scent gland. Impaction of this gland can cause lameness. Again I will go into this a bit more later on.

If you look at the hoof from the bottom starting from the outside there is the outer hoof wall, the inner hoof wall, the white line (the junction between the hoof wall and the sole) and then the sole. The white line junction should be tight and free of any gaps. At the back of each claw is the rubbery bulb.

Basic Trimming

We trim our sheep twice a year or as needed. We find that the Tunis require trimming more frequently than our North Country Cheviots. The Tunis hoof wall is not as thick as that of the Cheviot. This is probably a result of their heritage in a desert where they would travel great distances over abrasive sand. Our soft pastures and definitely our winter bedding do not provide sufficient abrasion to keep their feet naturally trimmed.

We take the opportunity to trim when we are vaccinating or weighing the flock. While we tip an individual sheep if it needs a touch up trim, I do find I get a much better trim if the animals are restrained in a tilt table. Plus it is much easier on my back.

My equipment consists of a hoof pick with a brush, small sharp nippers developed for trimming hoof rot, and a small hoof rasp. I do not use a knife as I have more control with the nippers and am less likely to remove too much hoof. Other than with the Cheviots after an extended dry spell, the nippers that I use are more than adequate to trim all the sheep. It does go easier if you trim after a couple of days of rain which allows the hoof walls to hydrate making them easier to cut. I do have a heavier set of nippers if required. Like with most things you get what you pay for. Do not buy cheap nippers.

I clean out the hoof with the hoof pick brushing away all the debris and making sure I can clearly see the sole. Keeping the nippers level with the sole I then cut off any excess hoof wall that stands proud of the sole. I never cut the sole with a knife but scrape off any dead chalky sole with the end of the hoof pick. Finally I bevel the outside edge of the hoof wall either with the rasp or with the nippers and then smooth with the rasp. This makes for a stronger hoof wall that is less likely to crack or chip. If there is excess growth of the bulb I also level that off though I am very cautious when trimming the bulb.

You do not want to cut the hoof wall below the level of the sole. It is much better to err on the side of caution and leave too much wall.

Look for any infections, damage or imbalances at this time and treat or correct as needed. While sheep feet don't smell great at the best of times, they should not smell really foul nor should there be black rotting material in the foot. These are indications of serious problems that should be treated right away. The sole and hoof walls should be solid and the area between the claws should be free from red irritation. The scent gland while present should not be swollen and tender.

Causes of Lameness and How We Treat Them

Foot Scald Unlike foot rot which involves the hard hoof tissue, foot scald is an inflammation and/or infection of the skin between the claws of the hoof usually caused by muddy or manure contamination. Abrasion can damage the tissue and bacteria can take the opportunity to grow. The area will be red, inflamed and painful. I use a mild chlorhexidine scrub to clean the tissue without damaging it. Products such as Coppertox or Iodine can be too harsh for the sensitive tissue between the toes. It is important to keep the area clean and dry to allow it to heal. I also use a chlorhexidine lotion to treat any infection.

Abscess When a sheep has a hoof abscess, they usually go seriously lame on one foot only and will quite quickly not put any weight on the foot. The foot will be warm to the touch and often you feel swelling around the coronary band. Most abscesses will break through at the coronary band. I wash the foot well and poultice it using a product called Animalintex (available in most tack shops). I use a wet poultice, wrap the foot in plastic and then wrap it gently with Vet Wrap or any other cohesive wrap bandage. I change the poultice twice a day. This is one circumstance where a commercial hoof boots

comes in handy since I also have used a slurry of Epsom salts and wheat bran in a plastic bag wrapped around the hoof to help the abscess to burst. It is extremely important to keep the sheep on soft, clean bedding during poulticing and after the abscess has burst until it has completely healed. I usually poultice until the abscess has completely drained. Then I keep it open, clean and dry. I do not use systemic antibiotics for an abscess.

Impacted Scent Gland Sometimes the scent gland between the claws of the hoof becomes plugged with mud, manure or even the waxy secretions from the gland itself causing pain and lameness. The gland becomes swollen and is quite tender to the touch. I soak the foot in very warm water (often with some Epsom salts). I then gently massage and squeeze the gland to clear any compacted material. I will do this for a couple of days until the inflammation is gone.

Laminitis Laminitis is inflammation of the lamina that connects the hoof wall to the bone of the foot. While we have not had this happen in our sheep, unfortunately we have had it happen with one of our mares. It is extremely painful and can cause permanent deformities of the foot if not treated quickly. Like with an abscess the feet will be warm but unlike with an abscess it usually involves more than one foot. There are numerous causes of laminitis. One of the more common ones is a carbohydrate overload. An extreme case would be a ewe breaking into a grain barrel and gorging. It also can be caused by a uterine infection after lambing. It is important to react quickly as there can be extensive delamination between the bone and the hoof wall. Wrap the affected hooves with cold compresses as I have yet to see a sheep that will stand in a bucket of ice water. A rubber glove filled with crushed ice secured around the pastern could work. Use an anti-inflammatory drug to reduce the inflammation and pain. Ketoprofen, aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatories are appropriate. Keep the animal bedded on clean deep bedding and keep them quiet. Treat the underlying cause of the condition. With horses we put Styrofoam hoof pads on the affected feet. I have never heard of anyone using that on sheep. Deep bedding should provide enough support.

In all cases where you are wrapping a hoof make sure the bandage is not tight enough to cut off the circulation. It is better to lose a bandage than lose a foot.

Because we have a small flock, we have the luxury of being able to treat the individual and have been able to cure all our foot problems quickly with no long term effects. While you might not be able to take this level of care for all your sheep in a large flock, it is definitely worth considering for valuable breeding stock.

Finally one thing I have noticed both as a breeder and as someone that trims horses and sheep. The ewe (mare) appears to have a disproportionate influence on the quality and conformation of the foot of the progeny. Because of that we do not expect a ram to correct hoof defects in our flock. We choose ewes with the best feet possible. Like with other articles I have written I would love to hear what others do and recommend.

Thank for reading, Laurie Maus, Hawk Hill Farm, Dunvegan, ON
www.hawkhillfarm.ca

Christening - Continued...

this tool less effective - if every animal on a pedigree is named it becomes much less highlighted. The key is to name the good ones - so it stands out every time!

Do I have to pay a fee for EVERY animal I name?

No. Just if you want that name to be on the permanent record for that animal.

Most of us have names for a lot of the animals we are around on a day to day basis. Some of us may name almost every animal on the farm. You do not need to invest the money to name each of these animals on their paper.

If these are just names for your reference, there is no need for the animal to be christened. Again, this is a marketing tool that allows you to clearly advertise a ram or ewe that has made a profound contribution to your flock—

A name you want HIGHLIGHTED every time someone sees one of those animal's prodigies.

Marketing our animals is important. Although we are all blessed to be raising a breed of sheep that almost sell themselves, its still important to do what you can to set your flock apart from the rest! Effectively naming animals can be a great tool for getting that done!

-Written by Kate Lambert

These NTSRI members have christened these Tunis:

BWB Farms, Inc./Rick Whiting	"Big Ten"
Darling Tunis/Jim & Louise Dunham	"Lyle"
Jessica Fritsch	"Shaggy"
Steven Hasselman	"Butterknife"
KS Tunis/Kaleb Schakel	"Lady in Red"
RQL Farms/David & Sandra Rock	"Danny Boy"
Shet-Tu Sheep Farm/Debbie Powers	"Almond Joy"
Shet-Tu Sheep Farm/ Debbie Powers	"Peanut Butter Cup"
Small Fry Farm Continued/A Charest	"The Red Pearl"
Small Fry Farm Continued/A Charest	"Will Power"
Triangle Farms/Jerry & Linda Cook	"Justin"
Triangle Farms/Jerry & Linda Cook	"LT"
Triple M Ranch/The Munseys	"Leon"
Uptown Farms/ Matt & Kate Lambert	"Baby Doll"
Uptown Farms/Matt & Kate Lambert	"Big Rrig"
Uptown Farms/Matt & Kate Lambert	"Bob"
Uptown Farms/Matt & Kate Lambert	"Boots"
Uptown Farms/Matt & Kate Lambert	"Bottle Baby"
Uptown Farms/Matt & Kate Lambert	"Jethrro"
Uptown Farms/Matt & Kate Lambert	"Red Label"
Westwind Farm/Anderson Family	"Squanto"
Wild Hoof Acres/Tom & Kris Mann	"Timmy The Tooth"

BREEDER'S QUESTION.... "Tunis Breeders were asked about getting ready for breeding

Clark Mizell of Gary Court, South Carolina wrote... "We do worm the ewes; we use FAMACHA so we check and deworm if necessary and we do trim feet at this time. We really don't flush the ewes with grain or grass but, hopefully, the ewes are in 3 to 4 body condition when we turn the rams into their pasture.

For the rams, we do trim their hooves but we don't do anything else extra such as trying to add weight before the breeding season or such. We don't use ram lambs and we expect our mature rams to service around 30 ewes. The rams are left in 24/7 for about 30 days before a clean up ram is turned in with the ewes. We haven't used a teaser ram but would like to try one.

We don't have any special treatments or secrets to get more ewe lambs or twins but we are open to suggestions. We do think that some rams have definite tendencies to either throw more ram or ewe lambs, though." Thanks, Clark.

Robin Swartz of N. Bloomfield, NY writes.... "It has been my experience that worming always has a effect on performance whether it has to do with flushing or just general health. It is important to treat the worms you have. Take a sample to your vet and find out what kind of worms you have. Then treat the worms you have. Also feet have an effect on a sheep. If a sheep is healthy going into breeding, then your results are always better.

Your rams are all different; some expend a lot of energy and become thin during breeding. Those I wouldn't leave in all the time. However, you have some rams that handle it just fine, those I would leave in. I have found over the years I like a number 3 body condition on my rams. However, nothing is exact so healthy is best. Keeping your ram cool in the heat helps. Sometimes no matter what our efforts, environment has its own agenda.

I believe flushing has an effect on twinning. Flushing to me means if ewe are heavy, then keep feed from them. If ewes are thin, feed them corn or something high in energy to stimulate the body. Worming can also stimulate the body of the sheep. Remember to watch your labels some wormers are not good in the first 30 days of breeding.

In one of my breeding classes in college, they taught us that if the pH is high in the ewe at time of breeding than you will get a female lamb. So I would think Apple Cider vinegar would help. However, in my experience, a ram unusually has the greatest effect on the sex of the offspring. As well, the environment seems to also have an affect on it as well.

As far as a young ram, I believe he can service 10 to 15 ewes. While an older ram can service 100 ewes. A teaser ram is helpful to bring the ewes into heat faster. The age of the ram and the use of a teaser ram will help determine how long or short your lambing season will be. I believe a clean up ram is a must. I don't like putting all my eggs in one basket." Thanks, Robin.

Ernest Cole of Granville Summit, PA writes... "I breed in October which has proven to result in the highest lambing percentage for me. I normally don't flush the ewes but will separate some thin ewes out to grain them before breeding. I like to see the ewes in very good flesh condition at breeding. Fortunately Tunis do well on just pasture and usually are in good breeding condition right off pasture if we haven't experienced a recent drought. If we do have a dry summer, I will feed the flock corn before breeding. If they are thin, it doesn't take much grain to improve their condition. I have never had one that I considered too fat to breed. All ewes are supplied with a salt/mineral mixture that contains selenium.

I don't want a fat ram but he should be well fleshed because he is definitely going to drop weight during the breeding season. I have used a ram lamb on 45 ewes with good results but have never tried to breed more than 55 to a mature ram. I, normally, will shut a ram lamb in for ½ day to feed him but will leave a mature ram in continually unless he is thin. I don't use a teaser ram. I leave the first ram in for two cycles before putting in another ram. I keep the breeding season to two months long.

I have had a ram throw 27% ewes one year and 55% the next. During the 1970s and 80s, we seemed to run a very high percentage of ram lambs almost every year with every ram. For the past ten years, my rams of thrown a balanced number of rams and ewes. A few years ago, I sold a ram in January to a person that had discovered quite late that none of his ewes were bred. He called me in June to report that his flock had delivered 3 ram lambs and 31 ewe lambs. This was from a ram that had produced about 55% ram lambs for me the previous year. I was considering breeding in January after hearing his story." Thank you! It sounds as if you have a lot of years of sheep experience!

Sam Cunningham of Moab, Utah writes.... "Since I am sort of on the fringes of the hard-core Tunis raisers, I hope not to tilt the survey. I used to worm my ewes 3-4 times a year, but we have had such drought years recently, and I have largely a dry land acreage for my sheep, that I have gone down to worming perhaps once a year, or with cause. Although we do have some rocks in the corrals and pastures, we find we need to trim feet at least 4 times a year, which is difficult, and needs to be done with huge trimmers now that we have become so dry, and the hoofs are so tough. The ewes are naturally out of sight of rams, and I never flush, but I do want the ewes to be between a 3 and a 4 before putting the ram in, or else I pull the ewe that doesn't look fit and keep her in a pen with lambs and yearlings, which I don't breed until 18 months.

I leave my rams in 24/7 for 3 months. Since my numbers are small, the ram never has more than 10 ewes to service, so that is not an issue. My ram lamb/ewe lamb ratio is usually about even. We have started putting out kelp in our salt/mineral rations, and that seems to be a great health-enhancing addition. Also making sure Sheep-Lix tubs are out before breeding. My Navajo foreman says the way the horns of the moon are tilted when the ram goes in determines the ewe/ram lamb ratio----perhaps as good a guess as any...." Thanks, Sam!

What If....Lambs Were Priced on a Grid?

BY MELANIE BARKLEY

Here come the lambs! Fat ones, skinny ones, tall ones, short ones. The restaurant owner wants lamb chops all the same size, but what's a packer to do? They now come in all different sizes. What if...lambs were priced on a grid to reward producers for carcasses, and lamb chop sizes that the retail market wants?

Beef. It comes in a box. Why does it fit in that box? It fits in the box because carcasses are more uniform in size in that industry as compared to the lamb industry. How did the beef industry get to that point? Well, one way was by dictating price premiums based on quality and carcass size. Granted, the beef industry is much larger than the lamb industry and so they have more carcasses to choose from, but the key is that they have goals for end weights on the cattle and thus are able to package more uniform sized cuts of beef.

If the lamb industry wanted to move forward so that lean, heavy muscled lambs were afforded a premium, then we would need to develop a pricing grid. Let's take a look at what that might mean. Dr. Dave Notter gave a presentation to the students in the Howard Wyman Sheep Leadership School a few years ago and in that presentation, he gave an example of what a pricing grid might look like.

In this pricing grid, lamb carcass weights of 55 to 85 pounds at a yield grade 1 or lamb carcass weights at 75 to 85 pounds and a yield grade 2 or 3 would denote the base price. All other weights and yield grades would have prices adjusted up or down. To receive a premium on this grid, shepherds would need to produce lamb carcasses that weighed between 55 and 75 pounds with a yield grade of 2 or 3. This would give the shepherd a price premium of \$12 per hundred pounds (cwt) above the base price. Lambs that did not meet the base specifications would be docked in price from \$5 to \$50/cwt. Keep in mind that the packer will also want adequately muscled lambs that meet the weight and fat thickness specifications.

	Yield Grade/Backfat Thickness (in)				
Carcass wt. (lb.)	1 (<0.16)	2 ($0.16 - 0.26$)	3 ($0.26 - 0.36$)	4 ($0.36 - 0.46$)	5 (>0.46)
<55	- \$5/cwt			- \$15/cwt	- \$35/cwt
55-65	Base	+ \$12/cwt		- \$10/cwt	- \$30/cwt
65-75					
75-85		Base			
>85	- \$20/cwt			- \$30/cwt	- \$50/cwt

Taken from "Selecting Your Next Terminal Sire Ram" by Dr. Dave Notter

The deepest discount for lambs would be those that are very heavy and very fat, while the smallest discount would be seen for small thin lambs. If this grid were to go into effect with your lamb market, how would your lambs rate? If most of your lambs don't typically fall into that premium market grid, how will you make changes to meet that market?

Changes in flocks will most likely come from changes in genetics. So, sire selection becomes even more important in flocks that define their products and markets for meat. A great way to take the guesswork out of sire selection is to choose rams that not only meet visual appraisal characteristics, but also meet performance data criteria through genetic selection tools. EPD's such as loin eye area, body weight, and fat thickness are all useful for selecting rams that are more likely to produce lambs that meet carcass specifications. You can also use ultrasound measurements for carcass data to make decisions regarding selecting rams or replacement ewe lambs if you don't have access to EPD information.

So, where will your next ram come from and what tools will you use to make your selection? And, how will you use these tools to position your flock above the average flock? To answer these questions, know your own lamb market and what defines value in that market. Then, you can look to the future to meet market demands for higher quality lamb carcasses.

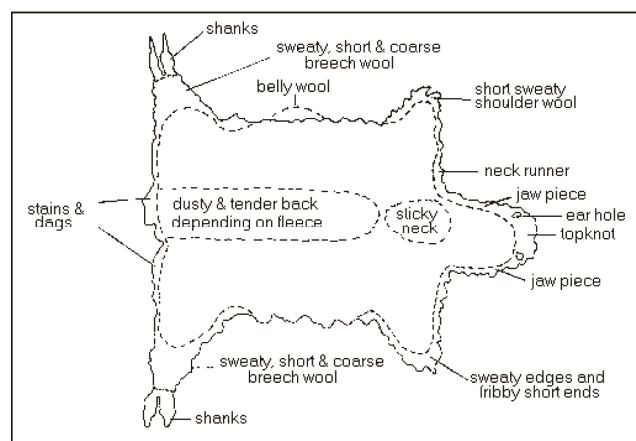
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A DIFFERENT SPIN

BY SONJA PYNEQUEEN CREEK, ARIZONA

Fiber is handled many times between sheep and sweater, and careful preparation at each step will result in a superior end product. Articles in the next several newsletters will provide a step-by-step introduction to processing fiber for your own use, or to sell.

Shearing a sheep is actually the second step of preparing good fiber. The first is a feeding system that minimizes the amount of hay which collects on backs and necks of the sheep. Then, on shearing day let the shearer know that you will be processing the fiber, and he or she will take extra care with the fleece. There should be a clean, dry surface on which to shear and it should be swept between sheep. If different breeds are being shorn on the same day, they should be sheared from lightest to darkest so stray dark fibers don't mix with the lighter colored wool. A good shearer will separate and discard the belly, leg, neck and head wool as he or she works. One of the beauties of Tunis fleece is that there is no head or leg wool to worry about. If these parts of the fleece is not removed at the time of shearing you will want to discard them before beginning your own processing or sending it to a mill for processing.



Skirting your fleece means getting rid of the following:

1. Vegetable matter; straw, hay, weeds and burrs - anything that hides in or clings to the fiber
2. Manure tags - yes, that means the poop
3. Stains

4. Toe nails & other foreign objects
5. Greasy globs
6. Dried, matted, weathered, sun-bleached, muddy fiber and tips
7. Second and third cuts
8. Guard hair: found on some animals, but not pure-bred Tunis

9. Belly, neck, head and leg fiber: head and leg fiber are not a problem with pure-bred Tunis

Remember, if you don't want to wear it, take it out.

1) Lay your fleece out on a table and trim away the outermost few inches by pulling fiber away from the main body. NEVER cut the fiber. You will also want to trim out the back. This part of the fleece has been exposed to the elements and will generally be weathered and sun-bleached - not desirable in your finished product.

2) Check the fleece for any other vegetable matter, tags, grease globs, dried, matted areas, stains, short fibers, etc. and pull them out. Flip the fleece over and scan it again for foreign matter. Gently shake the fleece to help rid it of short fibers. Pull apart the locks to discover anything else that might be lurking. Pick out as much of the debris as possible.

3) After skirting all that fiber away, you might wonder what is left since you have probably discarded between 20% and 50% of your fleece (or more in some cases). But, better to toss it than to make a product that you will be embarrassed to sell, give away or use. And, better you toss it than pay a processing mill to toss it for you!

4) There are many ways to recycle the discarded fleece. Use it as mulch in your garden or as a weed barrier. Cover muddy areas on pathways, toss some onto your compost pile, give some to the birds. Donate it to schools and colleges for use in their horticulture programs. Give it away for others to use in their gardens. In some cases, fiber artists can use "discarded" wool in felting projects. But in general, it is better to toss a little bit of good fiber into the trash, than to have a little bit of bad fiber contaminate the rest of a good fleece.

5) A well skirted fleece can be stored in a breathable bag (such as an old pillowcase) for several months before processing. However, the fleece is an organic product attractive to "critters" of all sizes and should be kept in a clean vermin-free place until use.

In next quarter's newsletter I'll put A Different Spin on products and equipment that are especially helpful in turning raw wool into usable fiber as well as suggest some ways equipment can serve a number of different uses and store in a compact space. Sonja Pyne, Woolhalla Tunis, Queen Creek, Arizona



NATIONAL WOOL SHOW RESULTS

The National Tunis Wool Show/Sale was held at the Great Lakes Sheep & Fiber Festival in Wooster, Ohio, May 26-27. In addition to judging the Tunis fleece entries, Mary Scott spoke to the crowd at my vendor booth, offering tips on how to select, skirt, enter, promote, and make our fleeces more desirable to the hand-spinner market. All the fleeces offered for sale were sold. I want to thank all who participated and hope to see more entries next year. Congratulations to our winners!

- Marianne Turcheck, Chairman

The WINNERS!

1 st Place Ram Fleece	Heidi Barkley, PA
Ram Fleece	Kris Mann, OH
1 st Place Ewe Fleece	Lynda West, PA
2 nd Place Ewe Fleece	Kris Mann, OH
Champion Tunis Fleece	Heidi Barkley, PA
Res. Champion Tunis Fleece	Lynda West, OH

A History Lesson on Wool....

Do You Really Long for the Old Days?

"After the wool was sheared from the sheep, the women put it in large willow baskets made by men of the community. With those baskets suspended from straps or ropes the women stood on footbridges over a clear stream of water and dipped the baskets and their contents up and down, up and down until the loose sand and dirt were entirely cleansed from the wool. At this stage they were unable to wash the wool with soap and water as the [homemade lye] soap had a tendency to knot it, thus preventing [the fiber] from spinning.

After the rinsing process, the wool was spread to dry, usually on the soft, green grass. After it was spun into skeins of yarn it was washed in soap and the softest water attainable, rain water or ordinary water softened with a plant called "oose." This process was called scouring." (Kate B. Carter, ed. *Heart Throbs of the West*, vol. 2, p. 479).

Morning Star Fiber located at 8522 Dover Rd, Apple Creek, OH is interested in purchasing Tunis wool and has asked that we spread the word....Contact information is info@morningstarfiber.com or 330-778-0078.

WOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

What season follows winter? Sheep & Fiber Festival season! Hand spinners, knitters, and fiber mills are always looking for good Tunis fleeces. Our new 2012 Wool Calendar lists the dates and websites for many great fiber festivals. Grab some comfortable shoes and go out and enjoy some of these fun events.

Contact marianne@rostraverfarm.com to add your favorite event to our list
- Marianne Turcheck

August 18-19
Michigan Fiber Fest
www.michiganfiberfestival.info
Sept. 3 - 4
Missouri World Sheep & Fiber Arts Festival
www.worldsheepfest.com
Sept. 7 - 9
Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival
www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com
Sept. 8 - 9
Garden State NJ Sheep & Fiber Festival
www.njsheep.org/festival
Sept. 8 - 9
Pennsylvania Endless Mountains Fiber Fest
www.pafiberfestival.com
Sept. 15 - 16
Ohio Midwest Festival of Fibers
www.awoolgathering.com
Sept. 21 - 23
California Wool & Fiber Festival
www.fiberfestival.com
Oct. 6 - 7
New Mexico - The Wool Festival at Taos
www.taoswoolfestival.org

SAVE THE DATES! WOOL SHOWS

Oct. 6 - 7
Virginia Fall Fiber Festival & Montpelier Sheep Dog Trials
www.fallfiberfestival.org
Oct. 19 - 20
Southern Indiana Fiber Arts Festival
www.southernindianafiberarts.com
Oct. 20 - 21
New York Sheep & Wool Festival
www.sheepandwool.com
Oct. 26 - 28
North Carolina Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair
www.saffsite.org
Nov. 3 - 4
Fiber Fest @ Big E in Springfield, MA
Nov. 9 - 11
Texas Kid 'n Ewe and Lamas too
www.kidnewe.com