

# BARBADOS BLACKBELLY SHEEP ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY, 2009

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### BBSAI New Members

**Lisa Clements**, December 2008  
Caldwell, Texas  
**Shawn and Jack Gulick** January 2009  
Fair Grove, Missouri  
**Tamie Latham**, December 2008  
Ivanhoe, Texas  
**Roxana Plugboer**, December 2008  
Topley, BC, Canada

*We welcome you into our flock!*

### Have You Heard About the BBSAI Members E-mail Group?

Don't forget to check out our free BBSAI Members E-mail group -- an exclusive group for BBSAI members only! The group's purpose is to encourage and facilitate the free flow of communication between BBSAI members and Board of Directors. We welcome all members to participate in this opportunity to share ideas, ask questions, and voice opinions. It is also a good place to find general information, helpful articles and news updates posted by the BBSAI. If you are not yet subscribed to the BBSAI Members E-mail group and would like to sign up, it is easy: Just go to the BBSAI web site at [www.blackbellysheep.org](http://www.blackbellysheep.org) and click on "Association", and then click on "Email Group". When you subscribe, the BBSAI Secretary will verify your current BBSAI membership and then will subscribe you to the E-mail group.

The BBSAI Board members serve as moderator for this list-serve, and the Board role as moderator is simply be to promote the free flow and exchange of ideas, while encouraging members to treat one another with courtesy and respect at all times.

We will routinely post minutes of Board Meetings and Annual Meetings, and various officer reports, committee reports, the BBSAI Budget and BBSAI Calendar, as well as special reports, surveys, and other items of interest, to the "files" section on this e-mail group. If you are uncertain how to access this information, just ask any BBSAI officer for help.



## Message from our President

With the annual meeting, first 2009 board meeting, and election of new officers behind us, I want to update you on what changes you may see this year. Yes, some people have changed; but, most importantly, we have changed some practices and procedures that will enable our association to be more efficient, and also help our membership be better informed and more involved.

For the first time, we will be publishing board meeting minutes and our operating calendar, so there will be transparency and full disclosure to our members. You will find more information available to you on our BBSAI Member's Yahoo Group than ever before.

Also for the first time in several years, the officer positions have been split into separate duties.

**David Mansur** will be the new Secretary, handling all the membership applications and other various duties.

**Mary Swindell** will remain Registrar, handling all the sheep registrations.

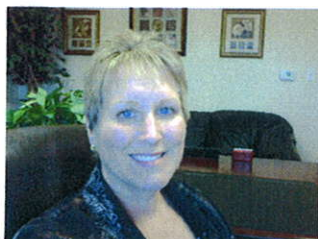
**Stephanie Parrish** will be our new Treasurer, handling all the financial responsibilities of the BBSAI.

We are very fortunate that **Elaine Haas** has continued in her role as Vice President, which provides us with continuity on the board.

There will be only one central mailing address. Please note that new address is: *BBSAI, 3607 Scenic Valley Drive, Kingwood, Texas, 77345.*

We are all looking forward to what 2009 may bring! We have some exciting new ideas, and hope that you, as members, will get involved in the areas that fit well with your talents and backgrounds. For instance, we need people to help promote youth showings. If you have experience with stock shows or 4-H, this might be your calling! We encourage everyone to participate at your comfort level. Share ideas with the board, serve on a committee!! This is your association, this is our association. Together, we can take the BBSAI to a new level in 2009.

Sincerely,  
JoAnne Hamsher  
President



## Second Edition of the BBSAI Book of Registry



**Barbados Blackbelly  
Sheep Association  
International**

**Book of Registry**

**Second Edition:  
February 2009**

The Second Edition of the BBSAI Book of Registry is available for sale now! This new February 2009 edition of our Book of Registry lists all 1,675 registered and recorded American Blackbelly and Barbados Blackbelly sheep together with sire and dam information, enabling breeders to cross-reference and track heritages of registered stock throughout the United States and surrounding countries.

As with the First Edition of the Book of Registry, this invaluable tool for serious breeders of AB and BB stock contains three sets of data: 1) the Registry sorted by registration number with subsections for the AB and BB breeds, 2) the Registry sorted by breeder name, and 3) the Breeder's Directory (containing names and contact information of all BBSAI member breeders who have authorized their names to appear in public on the BBSAI website).

Like the earlier edition, the new February 2009 BBSAI Book of Registry is a wire-bound 8.5" x 11" document of approximately 80 pages, and is available for \$15.00. Please send orders for the BBSAI Book of Registry to BBSAI Registrar, 815 Bell Hill Road, Cobden, IL 62920. Please make checks payable to the BBSAI.

***Order your very own copy today!***

**BBSAI BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT - 2009**  
**1/24/2009, Revised 02/11/09**

			(As of 12/31/07)	(As of 12/31/08)	(As of 12/31/08)
<b>Beginning Cash:</b>	-----		<u>\$ 6,087.32</u>	<u>\$ 6,795.29</u>	<u>\$ 6,795.29</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD Actual Income</b>
Refund of Previous Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -
Membership Income	\$ 1,567.25	\$ 2,169.80	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 150.00
Sheep Registration Income	\$ 590.00	\$ 1,081.50	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 40.00
Sheep Transfers Income	\$ 47.50	\$ 238.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 6.00
CafePress Products Income	\$ 164.98	\$ 81.68	\$ 97.75	\$ 97.75	\$ -
Advertisement Income			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter Postage Fees Collected	\$ 10.00		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VSU Hair Sheep Conference Fees Collected			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Certificate Reissue Income			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Book of Registry Sales Income	\$ 15.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -
T-Shirt Sales Income	\$ -	\$ 62.75	\$ 25.10	\$ 25.10	\$ -
Donations Income	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 2,394.73</u>	<u>\$ 3,841.73</u>	<u>\$ 4,147.85</u>	<u>\$ 4,147.85</u>	<u>\$ 196.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>Actual Expenses</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>YTD Actual Expenses</b>
Refund of Fee Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 51.25
Telephone Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16.40	\$ -	\$ -
BBSAI Web Site Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Domain Name Reservation Costs	\$ 55.32	\$ 27.90	\$ 36.89	\$ 50.00	\$ -
Postage Fees	\$ 228.00	\$ 489.18	\$ 268.26	\$ 275.00	\$ 58.76
Office Supplies	\$ 440.93	\$ 491.09	\$ 946.66	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 39.85
Software Costs	\$ 107.24	\$ -	\$ 174.89	\$ 175.00	\$ -
Awards, Prizes, Trophies Costs	\$ 110.46	\$ 67.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Newsletter Mailing Costs	\$ 194.46	\$ 238.94	\$ 199.23	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Incorporation Fees	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ -
Annual Meeting Costs	\$ -	\$ 446.88	\$ 175.25	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Advertising Costs	\$ 260.00	\$ 420.80	\$ 462.80	\$ 600.00	\$ 204.00
Membership Fees	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Attorney Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Consultant Fees	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
4H/FFA Grant Program Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BBSAI Brochures Costs	\$ -	\$ 209.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
AccuRegister Fees	\$ 17.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Conference Presentation Materials	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
VSU Hair Sheep Conference Fees Paid	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Book of Registry Printing Costs	\$ 173.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 1,697.01</u>	<u>\$ 2,435.79</u>	<u>\$ 3,439.88</u>	<u>\$ 4,045.00</u>	<u>\$ 353.86</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenses (Increase to Cash Reserves)</b>	<u>\$ 697.72</u>	<u>\$ 1,405.94</u>	<u>\$ 707.97</u>	<u>\$ 102.85</u>	<u>\$ (157.86)</u>
<b>Ending Cash:</b>	-----		(As of 12/31/08) <u>\$ 6,795.29</u>	(Estimate for 12/31/09) <u>\$ 6,898.14</u>	(Estimate for 12/31/09) <u>\$ 6,637.43</u>

BBSAI Checking Account Balance per Books: \$4,681.38 as of 12/29/06  
 BBSAI Checking Account Balance per Books: \$6,087.32 as of 12/31/07  
 BBSAI Checking Account Balance per Books: \$6,846.35 as of 11/30/08  
 BBSAI Checking Account Balance per Books: \$6,795.29 as of 12/31/08



**BBSAI OPERATING CALENDAR - 2009**

2/12/2009

January 1, 2009		Operating Year and Fiscal Year begins.
January 1, 2009		January 2009 Newsletter mailing date
January 1, 2009		January quarterly web site Breeder Directory update
February 12, 2009		Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
April 1, 2009		April 2009 Newsletter mailing date
April 1, 2009		April quarterly web site Breeder Directory update
April 1, 2009		First membership renewal reminder mailing goes out.
April 12, 2009	(tentative)	Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
May 1, 2009		Deadline for President to appoint Nominating Committee, consisting of at least 3 active members, to prepare nominees for Directors.
May 1, 2009		Second membership renewal reminder mailing goes out.
June 1, 2009		Third membership renewal reminder mailing goes out.
June 12, 2009	(tentative)	Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
June 30, 2009		Membership Year ends. Membership dues for renewal are due.
July 1, 2009		Membership Year begins.
July 1, 2009		July 2009 Newsletter mailing date
July 1, 2009		July quarterly web site Breeder Directory update
August 12, 2009	(tentative)	Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
August 31, 2009		End of 60 day grace period for membership renewal.
September 1, 2009		Removal of non-renewing members from the BBSAI membership list.
September 11, 2009		Deadline for Nominating Committee to submit Director nominations to President (60 days prior to the annual meeting).
September 11, 2009		Deadline for Director nominations by petition (by at least 3 members, at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting).
October 1, 2009		October 2009 Newsletter mailing date
October 1, 2009		October quarterly web site Breeder Directory update
October 1, 2009		Deadline for members to submit their agenda topic(s) to secretary in order for topic to be included in notice of Annual Meeting (at least 10 days prior to mailing).
October 11, 2009		Deadline for Notice of Annual Meeting (must be mailed between 60 and 30 days prior to Annual Meeting).
October 11, 2009		Determination of membership voting power for Annual Meeting votes (at time announcement is sent, at least 30 days prior to meeting).
October 13, 2009		Secretary prepares alphabetical list of names of members entitled to vote at annual meeting, with addresses, number of votes entitled, and breed designations (must be done 2 business days after meeting).
October 12, 2009	(tentative)	Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
November 1, 2009		Deadline for members wishing to attend Annual Meeting to contact secretary in order to receive dial-in or login instructions and the meeting agenda (at least 10 days prior to meeting).
November 1, 2009		Deadline for members to submit topic(s) to secretary in order for topic to be included on Annual Meeting agenda (at least 10 days prior to meeting).
November 11, 2009		Annual Membership Meeting (required date is second Wednesday in November).
December 11, 2009		Deadline for Annual Meeting Ballot to be mailed to each active member (within 30 days following annual meeting).
December 12, 2009	(tentative)	Bi-Monthly Board Meeting
December 15, 2009		Membership renewal reminder postcards go out (mailed to those who were taken off membership list September 1st due to non-renewal).
December 31, 2009		Operating Year and Fiscal Year ends.

## **BBSAI 2009 BI-MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – 02/12/09**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

Date and Time: The February 2009 Bi-Monthly Board Meeting was held Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. central standard time, by telephone conference call.

Directors present: Mary Swindell, Elaine Haas, JoAnne Hamsher, David Mansur, Jeff Evans, Joan Eubank, Mike Lannon, Gerry Krause, and Stephanie Parrish.

At 7:05 p.m., BBSAI President Elaine Haas called the meeting to order.

#### **I. Officer Reports and Committee Reports**

- A. Treasurer's Report – Mary Swindell reported that we began the 2009 year with a balance of \$6,795.29, and now have \$6,637.43 in our BBSAI checking account as of 02/12/09.
- B. Membership Report – Mary Swindell reported that we have 82 active BBSAI members as of 02/12/09.
- C. Sheep Registrations Report – Mary Swindell reported that we have 1,667 sheep in our BBSAI registry as of 02/12/09.
- D. Committee Reports
  1. BB Exceptions Committee: The Committee has drafted a progeny testing application and a Progeny Testing Data Sheet for use with candidate sheep undergoing progeny testing. A ram belonging to Elaine Haas was approved for progeny testing, passed the test, and was approved for registration. – Submitted by Carol Elkins, Chair.
  2. Education Committee: The Committee contacted the American Sheep Industry (ASI) to ask the association to correct the breed description in the SID Handbook for Barbados Blackbelly and to create a new breed description for American Blackbelly. The ASI asked Carol Elkins to draft these breed descriptions. Although the SID Handbook is not expected to be reprinted anytime soon, the ASI will change the breed descriptions on its Web site. – Submitted by Carol Elkins, Chair.

#### **II. New Business**

- A. Approval of 2009 Budget – Mary Swindell submitted a 2009 BBSAI Operating Budget draft to the Board showing planned income of \$4,147.85 and planned expenditures of \$4,045.00, with an expected end of year balance at 12/31/09 of \$6,898.14. Motion to approve the 2009 Budget was made by David Mansur and seconded by JoAnne Hamsher. The Budget was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- B. Approval of 2009 Operating Calendar – Mary Swindell submitted a 2009 BBSAI Operating Calendar draft to the Board, showing the important dates for meetings, the newsletter mailing dates, administrative deadlines, etc. for the year. Motion to approve the 2009 Calendar was made by Jeff Evans and seconded by Gerry Krause. The Calendar was approved by unanimous voice vote. Motion to include the 2009 Calendar on the BBSAI Web Site was made by David Mansur and seconded by Jeff Evans. Motion to include Calendar on the BBSAI Web site was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### C. Changes Required by New Bylaws

1. Membership form -- Mary Swindell presented a marked up BBSAI Membership form showing various changes needed to bring the form up to date and in compliance with the new bylaws. There was general discussion. Motion to approve the form was made by Jeff Evans, seconded by David Mansur, and was approved by unanimous voice vote. Mary Swindell will present this revised marked up form to Carol Elkins for posting to the BBSAI web site. The mailing address on this form will also need to be changed to the new Secretary's address.
  2. Registration form – Mary Swindell reported that the BBSAI Registration form seems to be working OK and does not need any critical revisions. Mary will ask Carol Elkins to change the mailing address on this form to the new Secretary's address.
  3. Structure of Annual Meeting – Mary Swindell reported that the most important effect of the new bylaws on our operating procedures is the way in which the Annual Meeting process is conducted. Whereas in the past the Annual Meeting followed the mail ballot process and was basically a reporting of the ballot results, the future Annual Meetings will be a planning meeting to discuss items which will appear on the mail ballot. The ballot will be sent out within 30 days after the Annual Meeting, thus giving attendees the opportunity to discuss issues before the ballot vote.
- D. Proposed Change to First-Year Membership Dues Pro-Rate System – Mary Swindell presented the old monthly pro-rate system for determining the cost of first-year BBSAI memberships, and also presented a proposed new pro-rate system which is simpler, and offers first-year members either a full year cost or a half-year cost, depending on whether they become a new BBSAI member in the first half or the last half of the year. Motion to approve the new half-year pro-rate system for new memberships was made by Joan Eubank, seconded by JoAnne Hamsher, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### III. Election of Officers

The following BBSAI Officers were nominated and elected by the Board members:

- A. President – JoAnne Hamsher (nominated by Mary Swindell)
- B. Secretary – David Mansur (nominated by Elaine Haas)
- C. Treasurer – Stephanie Parrish (nominated by Elaine Haas)

Since there were no second nominees for any of these positions, each officer was elected by unanimous voice vote.

### IV. Approval of Appointed Positions

- A. Registrar -- Mary Swindell was appointed by Elaine Haas as Registrar, so that Mary may continue as Registrar even in the event she is no longer on the Board. Motion to approve this appointment was made by Jeff Evans, seconded by Gerry Krause, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- B. Historian – Carol Elkins was appointed by Elaine Haas as the BBSAI Historian, who will have charge of all BBSAI historical data files. These files take up approximately three file cabinets. These archives will be kept at the historian's home for any length of time, until that person no longer wants to maintain the data or until the Board desires to replace them. Motion to approve

this appointment was made by Mary Swindell, seconded by Stephanie Parrish, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#### V. Volunteers for Other Duties

Elaine Haas asked for volunteers for the following areas where help is needed.

- A. Correspondent – This person will answer e-mail addressed to the BBSAI web site, or received by regular U.S. Mail or phone. These questions occur at the rate of approximately three per week. JoAnne Hamsher volunteered as Correspondent.
- B. Advertising/Publicity – This person would be responsible for renewing and developing all advertising and publicity arrangements. Mary Swindell commented that she had not finished preparing the list of BBSAI ads to show the Board how much advertising the BBSAI uses. There were no volunteers for this position. This issue will be continued during the next Board Meeting as “unfinished business”.
- C. Youth Showing and Exhibiting - Development of 4-H, FFA and other youth programs for AB & BB sheep. There was general discussion and much interest in this area. A motion was made by Mary Swindell to “establish a standing committee to develop Youth Showing and Exhibiting of Blackbelly sheep at regional fairs throughout the country, to announce the formation of this committee in the upcoming BBSAI Newsletter, and to call for volunteers to serve on this committee via that Newsletter article”. Motion was seconded by Jeff Evans and Joan Eubank, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Endorsement of Webmistress and Newsletter Editor for 2009. A motion to endorse and renew for 2009 the positions of Webmistress (Carol Elkins) and Newsletter Editor (JoAnne Hamsher), was made by Mary Swindell, seconded by Joan Eubank, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

VII. Approval of Committees for 2009. A motion was made by Jeff Evans and seconded by Mary Swindell to approve and renew for the 2009 year, three current BBSAI committees formed by the Board late last fall. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. These committees are:

- A. BB Breed Standards Committee (special committee). Chair: Becky Lannon. Members: Mike Lannon, Elaine Haas, Stephanie Parrish. Committee work on hold due to Chair's health issues.
- B. BB Exceptions Policy Committee (standing committee). Chair: Carol Elkins. Members: JoAnne Hamsher, Elaine Haas.
- C. Education Committee (standing committee). Chair: Carol Elkins. Members: JoAnne Hamsher, others still being selected.

VIII. Establish Next Board Meeting Date – Incoming president JoAnne Hamsher stated she will establish the next Board Meeting date via e-mail communication on the BBSAI Board yahoo group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 by Elaine Haas.

Mary Swindell  
Secretary/Treasurer, BBSAI  
02/12/09



## Quads Born 5 weeks apart!!!

We were there when she gave birth to the first ewe lamb that weighed 5 lbs. That was Brown Sugar born March 4, 2008.

Caribe was so huge, we thought there had to be more, but she settled with the one. Too weird, something is wrong. Being a vet tech, I gave her an internal exam, which was like nothing I had ever felt before. I could not insert my hand in farther than my wrist; I hit a wall. I was gloved and greased well with K-Y jelly and being as gentle as I could, I had to get to the bottom of the mystery or possibly lose the ewe. I felt everything as far as my hand would reach; there was a smooth wall - that's all, no cervix, no hallway to a uterine horn, nothing but an impenetrable wall. Impossible! Her uterus must have twisted on itself. No, if that was the case, she would be writhing in pain. Let's watch her.

We started her on antibiotics, just to be on the safe side, since I had given her such an intrusive exam.. We watched for days - she was fine. After about three weeks, she was still acting normal, eating normal, nursing her lamb normally, but starting to gain even more weight, which we didn't think was possible.

On April 10, I contacted our vet at TX A & M and told him I was very worried about her. I even e-mailed pictures of her with her five week old lamb by her side. He got back with me after conferring with two other vets to tell me that with no symptoms and her acting normally, they had to assume she just had a large capacity.

At 7 AM on April 11, I went out to the pasture just in time to see her deliver her 2nd, 3rd, and 4th lambs for spring of 2008.

Becky Lannon



## Youth Showing and Exhibiting

### Committee Needs Your Help!

Calling all members with 4-H or FFA livestock showing experience, and also those members (and their children) who are interested in showing / exhibiting their Blackbelly sheep!

At the February 12th, 2009 Board Meeting, a new BBSAI committee was formed to "develop youth showing and exhibiting of Blackbelly sheep at regional fairs throughout the country." Volunteers are needed to serve on this new committee.

One of the official purposes listed in the bylaws of our Association is to "Sponsor shows and sales and to involve our youth in every part of sheep production." Yet because there are usually no hair sheep showing categories at state and county fairs, and because judges have little or no experience with hair sheep breeds, it is often difficult or impossible to break into the showing and exhibiting world with Blackbelly sheep. Most showing continues to be limited to wool sheep breeds. So the new Youth Showing and Exhibiting Committee has been established to make inroads into the traditional showing and exhibiting world, to establish hair sheep categories for showing, to educate judges concerning hair sheep breeds, and to learn what we can do to expand opportunities for showing our Blackbelly sheep.

Would you like to be a part of this effort? Every opportunity to display and show our Blackbelly breed in public settings will add to the public awareness and education regarding these sheep.

Join the new Youth Showing and Exhibiting Committee now, and be a part of this groundbreaking effort!

If you can help, please contact JoAnne Hamsher at [president@blackbellysheep.org](mailto:president@blackbellysheep.org) or David Mansur at [secretary@blackbellysheep.org](mailto:secretary@blackbellysheep.org).



**BBSAI 2008 ANNUAL MEETING – 01/14/09**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**

Date and Time: The 2008 Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. central standard time, by telephone conference call.

Members present: Carol Elkins, Joan Eubank, Jeff Evans, Elaine Haas, JoAnne Hamsher, Gerald Krause, Mike Lannon, David Mansur, Stephanie Parrish, and Mary Swindell.

At 7:35 p.m., BBSAI President Elaine Haas called the meeting to order.

Officer Reports and Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report -- The December 31, 2008 Actual Expenses Chart was submitted by Mary Swindell. Total income to date is \$4,147.85. Total expenses to date are \$3,439.88. The BBSAI checking account balance as of December 31, 2008 is \$6,795.29.
2. Membership Report – The Membership Report was submitted by Mary Swindell. The BBSAI has 75 paid and active members as of January 14, 2009. This includes 60 members who had renewed by October 15, 2008 (the Board-approved cutoff date for voting eligibility on the 2008 Ballot), 10 non-voting members as of October 15, 2008, and 5 new members (3 voting and 2 non-voting) since October 15, 2008. Also, there are 81 inactive lifetime members and unpaid annual members still unpaid/inactive as of January 14, 2009. These members will be removed from the BBSAI membership roster and placed on a “former member” roster following this Annual Meeting. To reactivate (lifetime members) or renew (annual members), those members should contact the BBSAI.
3. Registration Report – The Registration Report was submitted by Mary Swindell. There are 1,661 sheep registrations in the BBSAI Database as of December 31, 2008. There were 1,322 sheep registrations in the BBSAI Database as of December 31, 2007. There were 339 sheep registered during 2008. Also, there are 23 tracked sheep in the BBSAI Database as of December 31, 2008, and there were 20 tracked sheep in the Database as of December 31, 2007. There were 3 sheep tracked during 2008. And, there were 59 sheep transfers (transfer of ownership) processed during 2008.
4. BB Exceptions Policy Committee Report – Submitted by committee chair Carol Elkins. This standing committee was formed in June 2008 as part of the (then) new BB closed registry policy, to review BB sheep registrations for undocumented BB sheep (whose sire and/or dam are not registered with the BBSAI). The committee members are BB breeders Carol Elkins, JoAnne Hamsher, and Stephanie Parrish. The committee developed the following policies for various situations:
  - a. Sheep from a found flock with good documentation.
  - b. Sheep from multiple registered sires, dam registered.
  - c. Sheep with one registered parent.
  - d. A progeny testing policy for use in combination with the other policies.
  - e. Sheep from the Virginia State University flock, fully documented but not registered.Using the above policies, 81 total BB sheep have been reviewed and processed for BBSAI registration under the BB Exceptions Policy. For 2009, this committee plans to develop further policies related to specific situations and/or events which have been identified as likely scenarios for future undocumented BB sheep registration applications.
5. Education Committee Report – Submitted by committee chair Carol Elkins. This new standing committee was formed in the fall of 2008, and the committee charge and membership are not complete yet.
6. Bylaws Correction Committee Report – Submitted by committee chair Carol Elkins. This special committee was formed in December 2007, and worked non-stop through the 2008 year to produce a final product, the Revised Bylaws dated November 13, 2008, which was recently approved through ballot vote of the general membership and announced tonight at this Annual Meeting. The committee requested and received funding from the BBSAI Board to hire an attorney who was well-acquainted with Missouri statutes, to ensure that these new Bylaws conform to the not-for-profit corporation statutes of Missouri, the state in which the BBSAI

is registered. The attorney, Mr. Scott Hunt, was helpful and generous in working pro-bono when his time on project ran beyond the \$1,000.00 stipend that the Board had approved. The committed incorporated Mr. Hunt's recommendations into their final product which was submitted to the Board for approval on November 12, 2008, and subsequently approved by the Board on November 13, 2008 for submission to the general BBSAI membership.

7. Web Site Report – Submitted by webmistress Carol Elkins. The BBSAI Web Site ([www.blackbellysheep.org](http://www.blackbellysheep.org)) was redesigned in July 2008 for a fresh look and better functionality. In particular, the classified ad page on the web site has received 54 classified buy/sell ads during 2008. There is also a "Change Detection" feature on the classified ad page, for which 14 users have signed up. This service alerts users to changes to that page (including the posting of new ads), making it easy to keep up with new buy/sell ads. Additionally, the CafePress products feature of the BBSAI Web Site offers many nice BBSAI products, and helps generation additional income for the BBSAI (\$97.75 in 2008, \$77.00 in 2007, \$150.00 in 2006 and \$400.00 in 2005). The BBSAI's Lamb Lover's Cookbook is one of the many successful income-producing products available through the CafePress link, and is available to members and the general public.

Unfinished Business: (No unfinished business).

Election of New Directors – The 2008 Annual Meeting election ballot result was tallied and submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Mary Swindell. A total of 31 ballots were returned. The votes per Director candidate were: Joan Eubank, 24 votes; Jeff Evans, 26 votes; JoAnne Hamsher, 24 votes; Gerald Krause, 25 votes; Mike Lannon, 23 votes; David Mansur, 29 votes; Stephanie Parrish, 24 votes; Mary Swindell, 28 votes. All candidates were elected as Directors to serve one-year terms, in accordance with the BBSAI bylaws in effect during 2008, which state that there should be at least five Directors, with no ceiling on the number of Directors at this time.

Approval of Revised Bylaws – The 2008 Annual Meeting ballot result on the item to approve or disapprove the proposed Bylaws revisions dated November 13, 2008, was read by Secretary/Treasurer Mary Swindell. A total of 31 ballots were returned. There were 31 votes to approve the Bylaws revisions, and 0 votes to disapprove the revisions. The Bylaws revisions dated November 13, 2008 passed by unanimous vote of those members voting.

New Business:

1. BBSAI response to requests for information – David Mansur indicated that it would be a good idea to further develop a system for the BBSAI to respond to requests for information which come from the membership and the general public. Discussion followed.
2. New BBSAI Book of Registry – Mary Swindell indicated that the new edition of the BBSAI Book of Registry has been somewhat delayed but will be published in the near future. The format of this new edition will be the same as the 2006 Book of Registry format. The price of the new Book of Registry will be \$15.00 (checks to BBSAI), and orders may be placed now.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m., Central Standard Time.

Mary Swindell  
Secretary/Treasurer, BBSAI  
January 14, 2009

## **Officer and Committee Reports**

Full versions of the various committee reports and officer reports submitted at the January 14th Annual Meeting as well as the February 12th Board Meeting are available on the BBSAI Members Yahoogroup in the "Files" section.



## BBSAI Board Votes Update

(A summary of BBSAI Board of Directors voting issues since last newsletter)

**2/12/2009**

### **(Bi-monthly board meeting teleconference)**

Vote to approve 2009 Budget a submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Mary Swindell  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve 2009 Operating Calendar as submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Mary Swindell.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to include 2009 Calendar on BBSAI website.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve revisions to BBSAI Membership Application form, as submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Mary Swindell.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve change to First Year Membership Dues Pro-Rate System, from monthly to half-year, as submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Mary Swindell.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to nominate and approve JoAnne Hamsher as BBSAI President. Nominated by Mary Swindell.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to nominate and approve David Mansur as BBSAI Secretary. Nominated by Elaine Haas.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to nominate and approve Stephanie Parrish as BBSAI Treasurer. Nominated by Elaine Haas.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve appointment of Mary Swindell as BBSAI Registrar. Appointed by Elaine Haas.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to appoint Carol Elkins as BBSAI Historian. Appointed by Elaine Haas.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve volunteer JoAnne Hamsher as BBSAI Correspondent.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to establish a standing committee to develop Youth Showing and Exhibiting of Blackbelly sheep at regional fairs throughout the country, to announce the formation of this committee in the BBSAI Newsletter, and to call for volunteers to serve on this committee.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to endorse and renew for 2009, Carol Elkins as Webmistress.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to endorse and renew for 2009, JoAnne Hamsher as Newsletter Editor.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve and renew for 2009 the BB Breed Standards Committee (Becky Lannon, Chair; Mike Lannon, Elaine Haas, and Stephanie Parrish, Members)  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve and renew for 2009 the BB Exceptions Policy Committee (Carol Elkins, Chair; JoAnne Hamsher and Elaine Haas, Members.  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve and renew for 2009 the BBSAI Education Committee (Carol Elkins, Chair; JoAnne Hamsher and others to be determined as members).  
(9 yes, 0 no). Passed.

### **BBSAI Renewed Members**

**Orin Adams**, February 2009  
Scott Bar, California

**Edward and Placida Cardoza**, February 2009  
Nocona, Texas

**Rudy and Shannon Kaplan**, December 2008  
Newberg, Oregon

**S.A. Napotnik**, December 2008  
New Florence, Pennsylvania

**Cesar and Martin Sandoval**, December 2008  
Jalpa, Zacatecas, Mexico

**Josh Weimer**, February 2009  
Lamar, Missouri

**June Wilharm**, February 2009  
Whitewater, Wisconsin

***Thank you for staying with our flock!***



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