



AUGUST 6, 1997

DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF B B S A:

OUR SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING HELD JULY 19, 1997 WAS A VERY GOOD MEETING, HOSTED BY BUTCH & VICKIE SMALLWOOD. EVERYONE SEEMED TO ENJOY SEEING THE SHEEP PURCHASED FROM CLAUDE HUGHES IN N. C. THE RAMS ARE LINE BRED FROM BARBADOS. THESE SHEEP ARE A GOOD PATTERN FOR US AS WE CONTINUE IMPROVING THIS WONDERFUL BREED. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE BEST SHEEP FOUND THUS FAR, & BELIEVE WE SHOULD ALL CONTINUE IMPROVING WHAT WE HAVE. THE POLED RAM I HAD PURCHASED AT AN AUCTION HAS BEEN BARBEQUED. HE WAS UNDESIRABLE BECAUSE HE WAS VERY ROUGH BUTTING MY EWES.

WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR BUILDING INTEREST IN REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION. A LITTLE COMPETITION IS ONE THING WE ALL SEEMED TO AGREE WOULD BE HELPFUL. THERESA DEAN, OUR PRESIDENT, IS PLANNING OUR NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11, 1997 AT THE ELK'S CLUB BUILDING WHERE SOME OF US MET BEFORE WITH OUR LAMBS. SHE PLANS TO SET UP AN OBSTACLE COURSE FOR LEADING OUR LAMBS THROUGH AND AWARD A NICE CERTIFICATE OR SOMETHING NICE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BEST TRAINED LAMB TO LEAD. SHE WILL HAVE TWO CATAGORIES, ONE FOR CHILDREN AND ANOTHER FOR ADULTS. ANOTHER COMPETION WILL BE FOR THE BEST DRESSED LAMB.

DAN HOUSER SAYS WE NEED TO BE MAKING A DECISION AS TO HOW WE WANT OUR SHEEP TO LOOK WHEN WE GET PREPARED FOR SHOWS, AND THE STANDARDS FOR JUDGING. WHO DO WE WANT FOR JUDGES? IF YOU HAVE A REGISTERED ANIMAL, START NOW TO MAKE IT LOOK THE VERY BEST THAT YOU CAN FOR THIS OCTOBER MEETING. IF YOU WAIT UNTIL OCT. 1, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE READY. EWE WILL NOT BE READY EITHER.

WE HAVE TALKED A LOT ABOUT GETTING THE REGISTRATION MOVING FASTER. MOST OF US WHO HAVE QUALIFIED STOCK HAVE REGISTERED ONLY A FEW. WE STARTED THE BOOK OF REGISTERARY IN APRIL 1997. I

WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO GIVE THE MEMBER WHO HAS REGISTERED THE MOST ANIMALS DURING OUR FIRST YEAR A VERY NICE CERTIFICATE AND A NICE GIFT. WITHIN TWO YEARS MOST OF OUR OPERATIONAL FUND SHOULD BE FROM REGISTRATION FEES.

WE HAVE HAD TWO NEW LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY. WELCOME, AND YOU WILL SEE THESE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS ADDED TO OUR REVISED MEMBERSHIP LIST.

IT IS TIME FOR SOME OF OUR REGULAR MEMBERS TO PAY THEIR ANNUAL DUES. CHECK YOUR CERTIFICATE.

I BELIEVE OUR ASSOCIATION IS DOING GREAT. WE NEED TO KEEP TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO HELP OTHERS LEARN ABOUT OUR SHEEP AND ASSOCIATION.

HAPPY SHEPHERDING,

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