



**BLACK BELLY
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SHEEP ASSOCIATION
(INTERNATIONAL)**

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NEWS LETTER AND 2ND ANNUAL
MEETING REPORT

DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

OUR ATTENDANCE WAS LOW, BUT WE CONDUCTED SOME VERY IMPORTANT BUSINESS. PERHAPS THE WEATHER TURNED OUT TO BE TOO BEAUTIFUL ON JAN. 17, 1998.

BEFORE THE BUSINESS BEGAN, WE VIEWED A THIRTY MINUTE TAPE OF RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY DR. HELEN SWARTZ AND OTHERS ON THE ISLAND OF BARBADOS. THE RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED AT THE BARBADOS MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE EXPERIMENT STATION. THE SHEEP WERE BEAUTIFUL AND WERE TESTED ON FULL FEED FOR THE FIRST TIME. THE TAPE IS AVAILABLE TO YOU FREE OF CHARGE ON LOAN FOR ONE WEEK. YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR A WHILE. SEND YOUR REQUEST TO: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LINCOLN UNIVERSITY EXTENSION, ALLEN HALL, P. O. BOX 29, JEFFERSON CITY, MO. 65102-0029

BUSINESS

WE VOTED TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS TO WAVE THE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 4-H AND FFA CLUB MEMBERS. THESE CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT A COPY OF THEIR CLUB MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, AND WILL STILL PAY THE REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES.

“ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER” WERE ADOPTED FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN OUR ASSOCIATION. THIS WILL BE A PART OF OUR BY-LAWS.

THE BY-LAWS WERE AMENDED TO HAVE ALL REGULAR MEMBER DUES DUE JAN. 1ST EACH CALENDER YEAR. THOSE WHO JOINED IN 1996 JOINED LATE IN THE YEAR AND ARE DUE JAN. 1, 1998. THOSE WHO JOINED BEFORE JULY 1, 1997 ARE DUE JAN. 1, 1998. THOSE WHO JOINED AFTER JULY 1, 1997 ARE DUE JAN 1, 1998 PRO-RATED AT \$12.50. ALL WHO JOIN AFTER JULY 1, 1998 AND EACH SUBSQUENT YEAR WILL BE PERMITTED TO PRO-RATE THE INITIAL FEE AT \$12.50 AND WILL BE DUE THE FULL FEE ON JAN. 1ST EACH CALENDER YEAR. (WE WILL GIVE YOU A LITTLE EXTRA TIME TO GET YOUR DUES IN THIS YEAR. WE KNOW IT WAS UNEXPECTED FOR THOSE WHO JOINED IN 1997.)

RUDY CRAWFORD RESIGNED AS VICE PRESIDENT. RAY LEWELLING WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT.

RAY LEWELLING, THERESA NOBLE, AND CHARLES BEAM WERE ELECTED TO SERVE AS ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS MUST AGREE BEFORE PURCHASING ADS.

THE 4TH QUARTER 1997 FINANCIAL REPORT IS INCLUDED FOR ALL OF OUR MEMBERS.

WE DID NOT APPROVE REGISTERING A SEPERATE CLASS AS PURE-BLOOD STOCK AT THE PRESENT TIME. THOSE OF US WHO HAVE THE BLOODLINE THAT IS LINE BRED BACK TO THE ISLAND OF BARBADOS STILL HAVE THE PEDIGREES TO PROVE IT, AND I THINK SHOULD DEMAND A HIGHER PRICE. THERE IS A LOT OF CONFUSION AS TO WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERMS "FULL BLOOD" AND "PURE BLOOD". MOST OF US SEEM TO AGREE THAT WE SHOULD SOON ADOPT THOSE REGISTERING AS 100 POINTS AS "FULL BLOOD." WE NEED A LITTLE MORE TIME AND DISCUSSION ON THIS. WE DID AGREE TO RECORD, NOT REGISTER, THOSE CROSSES THAT ARE MADE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF OUR BREED. WHEN THESE ANIMALS ARE PURGED OUT TO 15/16% AND HAVE THE RIGHT QUALIFICATIONS THEY MAY BE REGISTERED. NEXT MEETING OF TRUSTEES, APRIL 18TH 1998. PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED TO ALL MEMBERS.

FREE REGISTRATIONS

IN APPRECIATION TO ALL LIFETIME MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE BLACKBELLY BARBADOS SHEEP ASSO., WE ARE GIVING 5 FREE SHEEP REGISTRATIONS TO EACH LIFETIME MEMBER. THANKS TO ALL LIFETIME MEMBERS FOR HELPING TO GET THIS ASSOCIATION STARTED. YOU WILL ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL CERTIFICATES WE HAVE FOR OUR SHEEP REGISTRATIONS. THEY ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE AND SUITABLE FOR FRAMING.

MEMBERSHIP UPGRADES

WE VOTED TO ALLOW ALL REGULAR MEMBERS TO UPGRADE THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO A LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP AT THIS TIME. FOR \$75.00 YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE UPGRADED TO A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP WITH NO ANNUAL FEES. ANYONE WHO UPGRADES TO A LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE 5 FREE SHEEP REGISTRATIONS. YOU WILL HAVE UNTIL APRIL 1, 1998 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SPECIAL UPGRADE. REMEMBER , YOU MAY PAY OUT YOUR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IN INSTALLMENTS.

WE ARE GETTING A GOOD RESPONSE FROM OUR AD IN THE BREEDERS DIRECTORY OF SMALL FARM TODAY. WE HAVE HAD EIGHT REQUESTS

FROM THE 1ST TIME AND WE WILL BE LISTED 5 MORE TIMES AND THE COST WAS ONLY \$60.00.

WE HAVE ONLY HAD ONE REQUEST FROM THE RECORD STOCKMAN AD, ALSO, I WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE WAY IT WAS RUN. I'M ASKING THEM TO RUN IT AGAIN IN THE MAIN PART OF THE MAGAZINE FOR FREE.

WE ARE RECEIVING A LOT OF REQUEST FOR A BREEDERS DIRECTORY. AT THIS TIME I HAVE ONLY GIVEN THEM OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST. MANY OF THOSE REQUESTING INFORMATION ARE LOOKING FOR REPLACEMENT STOCK, AND SOME WILL BUY OR TRADE FOR CROSSES. SOME ARE WANTING TO BEGIN A FLOCK. WE HAVE VOTED TO OFFER THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE LISTED IN A BREEDERS DIRECTORY FOR \$5.00 PER CALENDER YEAR. YOU MAY STATE WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER. SOME OF OUR MEMBERS MIGHT WANT TO BUY OR TRADE WITH YOU TOO. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER, YOUR LISTING WILL BE FREE.

CONGRATULATION: A WEDDING HAS TAKEN PLACE AND OUR PRESIDENT, FORMERLY, THERSA DEAN IS NOW THERSA NOBLE, MARRIED TO DANIEL NOBLE. BEST WISHES TO BOTH OF YOU.

HAPPY SHEPHERDING,

Charles R. Beam

CHARLES R. BEAM, SEC/TREAS.

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August 11, 1997*

And they don't charge overtime

Mills College needed to remove flammable brush from its Oakland, Calif., campus this summer. So, like an increasing number of parks and businesses, it hired workers with a real appetite for weeds, brush, and poison oak: goats. "There's an intense interest in using goats right now. We can't keep up with the demand," says An Peischel, a livestock nutritionist in Sacramento and owner of 800 goats. She says that corporations, cities, and utility districts are among the goats' happy customers.

In this line of work, goats have certain biological advantages over humans. They relish the steep hills and tangled brush that can foil bipeds. They also dispose of their own cuttings and work without the noise of chain

saws. Humans may succumb to thorns and poison oak, but goats eat them with zest. And, goats can fertilize while they work. Cities such as Laguna Beach, Oakland, and Menlo Park report that in addition to all these benefits, goats are also cheaper than human laborers.

But the goats' success has gone too far, say the Oakland Teamsters, who fired off a letter to Mills College last month to protest the contract that went to the firm, Goats R Us, rather than to union workers. And, union concerns aside, there is one other caveat: The goats' appetite for vegetation is so voracious that, unless they are carefully controlled, they can turn even the densest thicket into a virtual desert.

-Melanie Hurley

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Goat Beef

MILLS COLLEGE HAS GOTTEN the Teamsters union's goat. The Oakland, Calif.-based private women's school employs 500 goats for two weeks a year, setting them loose on its 135-acre campus to chomp on the thorny underbrush. Teamsters official Chuck Mack discovered the animal outsourcing and charged that the goats were feeding on human jobs. The college says it "remains committed to fair employment practices across the species." The Teamsters, tongue in jowls, say they're willing to induct the goats into the union.

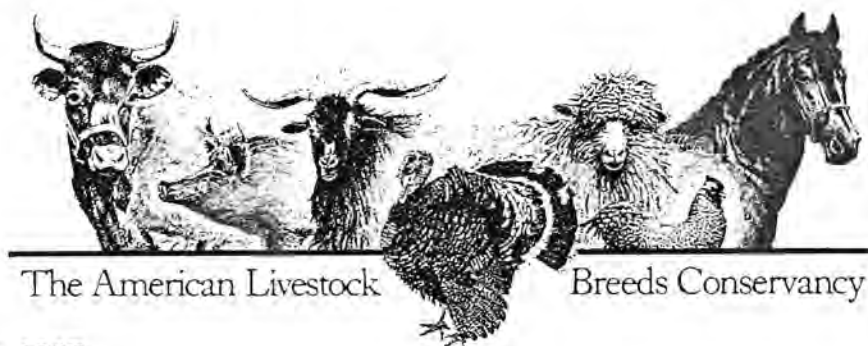


Scapegoat?



4th Quarter Financial Report 1997

Oct. 1, 1998	Beginning Bal	\$985.19
Check #402	10/2/97 City of Bethany, Ok. - Park Shelter Rent	40.00
October 31, 1997	Ending Balance:	\$945.19
November 1, 1997	Beginning Bal:	\$945.19
Ck # 403	11/7/1997 Office Depot, Printing	10.02
Ck # 404	11/8/1997 Postmaster, Postage	66.80
11/13/1997	Deposit, Membership	\$100.00
11/26/1997	Deposit, Membership	25.00
November	ending balance:	\$993.37
December 1, 1997	Beginning balance:	\$993.37
Ck # 405	11/25/97 Office Depot, Copies	2.45
Ck # 406	11/26/97 Small Farm Today, Ad in Breeder Dir. (6)	60.00
Ck # 407	11/26/97 Postmaster	3.49
Ck # 408	12/26/97 Epperson Photo Scan Picture on disc	6.48
12/04/97	Deposit Membership <i>Renewal</i>	25.00
December 31, 1997	Ending Balance:	\$945.45



November 3, 1997
For immediate release

A Rare Breeds Album of American Livestock
Published by the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy

"The diversity of livestock breeds and plant varieties can be thought of as a kind of vocabulary with which we may make appropriate responses to the diversity of localities ... Every trait and quality of the most out-of-favor breed, having already proved useful somewhere, must be presumed to be potentially useful somewhere else."
-- Wendell Berry

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy announces publication of *A Rare Breeds Album of American Livestock*. This long-awaited book is the first full-color guide to 70 endangered breeds of cattle, horses, asses, sheep, goats, and pigs in America. It describes each breed's history, characteristics, uses, and status. The book was written to show what is at stake -- the farm animal breeds whose loss would deplete agricultural resources and impoverish the human experience.

Many breeds are so rare that they have disappeared from books and periodicals, and this is a major obstacle to their survival. *A Rare Breeds Album* addresses the problem by presenting the wide variety of livestock breeds in need of conservation, from the little-known San Clemente goat to the well-recognized Ayrshire cow. The book includes breeds which are native to America, such as the Navajo-Churro sheep and Hereford pig, and those which have been recently imported, such as the Poitou ass. Some rare breeds, such as the Rocky Mountain horse, are becoming popular, while others, such as the Canadienne cow, barely survive.

A Rare Breeds Album will be a unique resource for animal breeders, educators, farmers, historians, veterinarians, and others who want to learn more about animal diversity or find the right livestock breed for a specific job. Its clear, non-technical style makes the book accessible to students, while the information provided will satisfy the curiosity of scientists.

The American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC) is a national, nonprofit membership organization protecting genetic diversity in domestic animals through the conservation of rare breeds. Founded in 1977, ALBC is a leader in animal genetic resources conservation and part of a global network of livestock organizations.

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Conserving Heritage Breeds Since 1977

A *Rare Breeds Album of American Livestock* was written by Carolyn Christman, Donald Bixby, and Phillip Sponenberg. Wendell Berry contributed the Foreword. The book is soft cover with 126 pages, 85 color illustrations, a list of breed association addresses, and an index. *A Rare Breeds Album* is available from the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy (ALBC). The price is \$29.95 plus shipping/handling (\$4 for US orders; \$6 for orders to Canada and Mexico; and \$8 for international orders). For more information, contact ALBC, PO Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312 USA, phone (919) 542-5704, fax (919) 545-0022.

Includes 1 1/4 pages about our sheep, a very nice colored picture of a Blackbelly ram, Charles Beam.
Our association is listed in back and we received a complimentary copy. It is a very nice album.