



October 22, 1998

Dear Members & Friends:

A trustee meeting was held at 2:00 PM October 18, 1998 at the farm of Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Sechrist, 9320 S E 36<sup>th</sup>, Okc. Ok. The Sechrist family were wonderful host.

We had two visitors with us who are considering getting into the business of raising our breed of sheep.

We discussed the need for more good pictures to be used in our publicity and to put on the Internet. We now have a friend who will scan our pictures for us at no cost. I see this man at church about 3 times per week. This makes it handy for me because I do not need to make extra trips to the City. Please send your pictures to me with the name of your sheep, age or date of birth, and registration number. I would especially like pictures of some large big horned rams.

The financial report was read and approved. It is enclosed with this report for our members.

We voted to discuss the possibility of lowering membership rates during our annual meeting in January 1999. We all agreed that it is important to do so in a manner that will not be unfair to those who have paid the higher rates. Our rates have been higher than most established sheep associations because we needed a cash flow to help us get started. Some families bought two lifetime memberships because they wanted to help with the beginning. We may also set a date or a goal to reach for cutting off the opportunity for lifetime memberships.

Please accept my apology for misplacing some important paper work. There were two members who did not get their membership certificates for a very long time after the applications were received. This was true with some registrations and delayed deposits. If anyone else has not been properly certificated after two weeks, please call me.

We voted to enclose a page with all our mailings for sale and wanted to buy items. This will be free for our members. We often receive requests for our Breeders List

from people who are looking for our kind of sheep in their areas. This extra page will be an additional help. Please call me with your information and keep me updated. The purchase of hay is a problem for some of us who only need small amounts. Rudy Crawford and I were fortunate enough to get our hauling request into the National Guard. We don't have it yet. Both of us hope to have a little to share, but enough people were at the meeting to take care of that. I spoke with a hauler today who charges \$2.25 per loaded mile. He has over 100 bails of straight Bermuda that could be delivered to my place for \$45.00 per roll 5'x 5 1/2', or equivalent to 13 square bails per roll, bailed on 10-16-98. He can haul 30 rolls on one truck and 40 on another. This will not be available more than a very few days even at this high price.

We need a host for the annual association meeting in January after the first Sunday. We are having more in our meetings by having them on a Sunday afternoon. Please call Theresa Nobles if you would like to host the meeting. New phone number is 405-260-1618.

Also we have a new Internet provider. Our new e-mail address is [bbsai@telepath.com](mailto:bbsai@telepath.com)

Happy Shepherding,  
*Charles R Beam*  
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