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Dear Members:

The meeting was great, the attendance was too low to conduct any business. We did have some members who were unable to make the meeting call and explain why.

Saundra Herring from Waco, Tx e-mailed to let me know that she was about to go into the hospital for serious surgery. It was her husband, Jerry who had surgery while we were having our January meeting. She asked that we remember her in our prayers.

I met Fred Cotterell at the Ronnie & Phyllis Huff farm on April 16th. Fred purchased 3 rams and brought his lifetime membership fee with him. He will probably be back to purchase ewes later as he wants to get out of inbreeding and improve the quality of his herd. Fred is overseeing the farming for New Life Evangelistic Center for the homeless at New Bloomfield, Mo. Fred learned about us from our ad in Small Farm Today.

We are in need of sources of sheep all over the U S. I am getting e-mail and calls from people who want Blackbellies, but can't find them in their areas. Our members who don't have any for sale should consider selling their neighbors at a profit. If you think you can round up a few head, let me know. If someone calls, you might be thinking about where you might be able to get some sheep if you don't have any. Our breed of sheep is in short supply in a lot of places.

We have updated the Breeders List and hope we haven't left anyone off who belongs on it. Please understand that my wife and I are humans and therefore we do make mistakes. It is important that we find out and correct them quickly. This list will be put on our Website.

Theresa, my wife, and I talked about ways to advertise with T-shirts, caps, and bumper stickers, etc. Theresa said that since she is at home she would like to design some of these things if she had a computer to work with. One of the problems with having this done is that it is very expensive to have done in small volume. If you can find a reasonable price to have it done, let us know.

Our finances are in good shape and we could spend some money if we could decide how to spend it and get the best return. We could save up and spend it on something bigger and better.

We can pay rent and furnish materials for any member willing to man a booth at shows and fairs.

I am considering renting a booth and conducting a drawing to give away a ewe lamb.

Please become involved, share your ideas, and be a participator in your Association.

Happy Shepherding,

Charles R. Beam, Sec/Treas.