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QUARTERLY REPORT

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DEAR MEMBERS & FRIENDS:

I am happy to report that our association is growing and doing well.

A lot of members and friends are helping to get the word out. I appreciate this very much. The Website and links to our Website combined with the word of mouth keeps information packets going out regularly.

Our July 18th meeting was much better attended. The financial reports for the past two quarters were approved.

The purchase of the scanner was also approved.

Our president, Theresa Nobles, reported that she would be obtaining a computer soon. She feels that her being on the Internet would enable her to do some valuable work for the association. We approved her request for the association to pay for her Internet service. We will check into the possibilities of networking together with the service we are presently supplying for the Sec/Trs at a lower cost.

We spent a considerable amount of time discussing opening a class for our breed of sheep in local and state fairs. Those of us who have been checking seem to be coming up with a few rules that are pretty general.

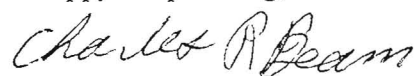
1. All fair boards have their individual rules.
2. A few fairs have an open class for any breed or cross bred sheep to compete against each other as meat sheep. Some of these fairs are open for adults to show. Some do not require these animals to be registered.
3. Most fair boards require from 3 to 10 head of a particular breed to be shown before they will open up a class for our Breed as a separate breed to be judged by our standards for the breed. The reason for this rule is that there must be enough entries to pay the expenses. The entry fees vary from fair to fair. The prize moneys also vary.
4. To make show stock valuable in the market place, the sheep need to be registered and shown by 4-H & FFA clubs in the junior shows.

The Ag teachers in public schools, the 4-H & FFA club leaders seem to have knowledge and preference of one type of animal or poultry that they encourage the students and members to take as a project and show. We need to invite them to make a field trip to our farms, or take a bottle baby to class and put a brochure in each members hand.

The Smallwood family were a wonderful host with some beautiful stock. Our October meeting is tentatively planned for the 3rd Sunday at the Huff Ranch in Sparks, Okla.

Please send me any experience or information that might be of interest or help to your fellow shepherds.

Happy Shepherding,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles R. Beam". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Charles R. Beam, Sec/Treas