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## QUARTERLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 16, 2000

Dear Members & Friends:

I am sorry we had to cancel the meeting in January, but I am looking forward for better things to come. I have a few ideas that I think are appropriate at this time. Most are mentioned in the statement of resignation accompanying this report. We are showing very good growth. It is time we moved on so that we can continue to reach out and up.

I would like, very much, for some of you to seek office of President and Secretary/Treasure from outside the State of Oklahoma. I believe that we are now ready to elect trustees in the same manner. Please help us to be an International Association. If you are willing to be a candidate for any office, please let me know before April 1, 2000. This way I can let all of our members know and send them a ballot, so that all of our members can vote. Let us know something about yourself or someone you wish to nominate. This way we can make informed decisions. This was our purpose from the founding of the Association. We only needed officers close together until things got off the ground. I am fully persuaded that we are now there. I am very grateful that you have helped us do that.

We now have enough members in Oklahoma to establish a State Association. I hope we can get this done during the next year. We still need to be members of the International Association too. It is my hope that members in other states or regions will do the same. Much can be accomplished in these regional or state associations for the good of all. This was discussed at the beginning of the BBSAI too, and recently brought to my attention by Butch and Vickie Smallwood, who are both Lifetime members.

Our good Web master, Carol Elkins, also a lifetime member, brought it to my attention that we should not give the appearance that the members in Oklahoma wanted to control the BBSAI. I appreciate this very much. We need everyone's help.

We have had 3 new lifetime members since about the 1<sup>st</sup> of February. An updated breeders directory is enclosed. If you are a regular member and have not sent in your annual dues, you have been dropped from the directory and from the updated mailing list. You may renew at anytime. If we have made a mistake, please let us know so we can make the correction.

Enclosed is an e-mail from Carol Elkins, who has started a listserv for Black belly sheep. I enjoy this list very much.

If you have items for the "for sale" to be added to the Internet, please send them to Carol Elkins just as you want them published. If you would like these items enclosed with the next mail out, please send them to me, or a cc of the e-mail to Carol.

A notice of meeting will be sent out right after the first of April with a ballot for your mail in votes.

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 typed name.

Charles R. Beam, Sec/Trs.

## NOTICE OF RESIGNATION

Dear members:

I am tending my resignation as Sec/Treas. Of BBSAI effective with the election of a replacement in our April, 2000 annual meeting.

I am not angry with anyone. After a lot of thought, and some praying, I believe we have reached the point that we need people holding offices in a manner that will reflect the fact that we are an International Association. We need to make some changes that will lead us forward, and we need to expand all over the U S and other countries.

When the Association was first founded, we wanted to keep the officers and meetings in Okla., so we could communicate and get together to support each other as well as the association until the association was off the ground. I believe we have been successful, and that we should make a giant step forward. Breeders in Okla should be willing to release control and limitations to other members in other states or countries. I doubt that we need to continue quarterly meetings. Note: this will mean a change in our by-laws. The St Croix Association is an example of what I mean. They have one big meeting each year in conjunction with a fair. We can do that and we could make long range plans to be there. Yes, it will be expensive for those traveling great distances. Is the association worth these expenses to you? They are to me.

Perhaps it is time to elect a limited number of trustees to meet together before and after the big meeting to help continue a smooth operation throughout the coming year. Note: another change in the by-laws. In emergencies the trustees could telephone conference to take care of business that could not wait until the next annual meeting.

I see no reason why a good Sec/Trs could not operate and do my job as well or better from any other state. He or she will need good computer equipment and the knowledge of how to use it. My family and I do not measure up well here. The sec/trs must be a very well organized person. My wife and I are not so, and we need to step aside.

The sec/trs must be very dedicated to getting the work done promptly. It is a heavy load for me and my family to keep up to date, getting certificates, info packets mailed, keeping the mailing and breeder's directory updated, making copies, mail outs, etc. Keeping good records and handling the money properly are an absolute must for our association to survive and serve its members.

We have pretty good records for someone else to take over backed up on diskettes. We will reimburse the association for the modem and scanner and remaining subscription to the Internet provider. This could be used to help the new officer if needed or go back into the general fund.

I don't even see why the office of president would have to be in the same state or country any more.

Would those who are willing to serve volunteer your own nomination, or ask me or someone else to do it for you???

We need officers with ability and availability. Your talents are worthless to the association if you are unwilling to do the work. Please nominate someone. It's your job to do so.

*Charles R. Beam*  
Charles R. Beam, Sec/Trs.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OCTOBER 1, 1999 - JANUARY 31, 2000

### OCTOBER:

Beginning Bal.-----	\$450.78
1 Deposit -----	170.50
Balance -----	\$621.28

### Withdrawals:

#520 Office Depot, copies -----	3.49
#521 Postmaster, postage -----	33.00
#522 Office Depot, copies -----	58.83
#523 Pratts, Branch Post office, Postage -----	36.20
Balance-----	\$489.76

### NOVEMBER:

Deposit: -----	87.50
Balance:-----	\$577.26

### Withdrawals:

# 524 Kan Kopy, copies -----	6.45
#525 Postmaster, Postage -----	33.00
Balance -----	\$537.81

### DECEMBER:

Deposit: -----	215.41
Balance: -----	\$753.22

### Withdrawals:

#526 M C I long distance services & calls -----	19.61
#527 S W B local line for computer (2 months) -----	44.08
#528 Office Depot (certificate paper) -----	11.15
#530 S W B line for computer ( 1 month )-----	22.32
Balance:-----	\$656.06

### JANUARY:

Deposit: -----	190.00
Balance:-----	\$846.06

### Withdrawals:

#529 Office Depot, copies -----	10.47
#531 Cash for out of pocket postage -----	25.00
#532 Office Depot, copies -----	8.06
#533 Postmaster, Postage -----	33.00
#534 S W B phone line for computer (1 mo) -----	22.32
#535 Small Farm Today, (1 yr classified ad)-----	60.00
Balance -----	\$687.21

I have included January 2000 in this report to get you a little more up to date. We have \$22.02 balance in the cash postage fund.

We have spent a lot for copies to copy updated Breeders List, Brochures and info packets. The Brochures need updating, but I will be holding off on everything with the letterheads or return address so that we can update again after the election in the April meeting.

Charles R. Beam, Sec/Trs

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles R. Beam".

**Subject: Re: Notice of Meeting (Canceled)**

**Date:** Thu, 27 Jan 2000 14:53:02 -0700

**From:** Carol Elkins <celkins@awrittenword.com>

**To:** bbsai@telepath.com

Charles, could you announce in the next quarterly newsletter that the Blackbelly listserv is up and running? Here is some text that you can use:

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There are several new listservs, bulletin boards, and email groups available that may be of interest to BBSAI members. Below is a summary:

The Blackbelly listserv is a free email group for anyone interested in Barbados Blackbelly sheep. The emails come directly to you and do not contain any advertising. To subscribe, address an email to [listserv@coyotenet.net](mailto:listserv@coyotenet.net). Don't put anything in the subject line. In the body of the message, type <subscribe blackbelly your full name> (for example, subscribe blackbelly John Doe). You can get detailed subscription instructions at <http://www.awrittenword.com/barbados/listserv.htm>

Blake Smith has a bulletin board set up at his Web site at <http://www.osranch.com> that you can use to chat with other people who stop by his site.

Gary Vroegh has established an email group for people interested in hair sheep. Messages come directly to you but you must access the OneList Web site in order to post a message to the list. You can subscribe to this list at <http://www.onelist.com/community/Hair-Sheep>

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