

# *Blackbelly Barbados Sheep Association International*

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October 2, 2000

Hello members,

Ray & I have been getting acquainted with the Association from a different perspective since I was elected as Secretary/Treasurer at the April 2000 Annual Meeting. This is our first newsletter. We hope it will be informative and useful to you. If there is something else you would like to see in it, please let us know.

We have made major changes in the way the Association records are stored, bringing them into more efficient software for storing this type of data. We continue to work toward improving the process.

We have revised the Application for Membership and the Application for Pedigree Registration forms. (Carol Elkins, web master has been kept busy too, since all of these form changes also had to be made to the web site.)

Along with this newsletter we are mailing several other things including a new Application for Pedigree Registration form, the updated By-Laws, an updated "Why Blackbelly Barbados Sheep?" and a current Breeders List.

Please look at your listing in the Breeders List and let me know if anything needs to be changed. Some of you may have added (or changed) e-mail addresses and or web site addresses since joining. There are even some of you that I do not have a phone number for.

Charles asked that I send a report out to the entire membership about the Workshop on Sustainable Internal Parasite Control for Small Ruminants that he attended in June. Near the end of his report he is talking to members in his local area. It would be great if we as members would work together to keep our flocks healthy and growing. Members in a local geographical area might want to attempt to pool their resources as Charles is offering for his local area. I hope this information will be useful. If anyone has any questions (or any additional information) please feel free to share them with me. Our breed is supposed to be parasite resistant, let's try to keep them that way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Palmer".

Janet Palmer  
Secretary/Treasurer, BBSAI

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## OCTOBER 2000

### ANNUAL MEETING 2000

The annual meeting of the association was held April 15, 2000. It was held at Barbara Hill's beautiful farm in Blanchard, Oklahoma. Barbara and her roommate were wonderful hosts. We enjoyed a very nice tour of her farm and their hospitality. Barbara, thanks for letting us meet at your place!

The meeting started with Charles Beam reporting on the status of the association. Then the first order of business was to elect officers. Charles Beam was nominated and unanimously elected as president. Janet Palmer was nominated and unanimously elected as secretary/treasurer. Carol Elkins volunteered to continue to be Web Master of the BBSAI web site. Thanks, Carol.

The next order of business was to discuss and vote on each item on the ballot that was sent to all members before the April meeting.

• Would you like to change the By-Laws to permit voting by absentee ballots through mail or email?	Passed
• Would you like to change the offices of trustees to Regional Directors?	Passed
• Would you be willing to discontinue the quarterly meeting in favor of a quarterly teleconference by the officers of the association, but still receive a quarterly report?	Passed
• Standards of registration – Would you be willing to give normal points for a docked tail if a picture was taken showing the tail before it was docked?	Failed
• Standards of registration – Would you be willing to give normal points if an ear has been chewed by a dog or torn by a tag caught in a fence.?	Passed

Regional directors will represent members in their regions. Charles and Janet will hold quarterly teleconferences with the Regional Directors. Listed below are the members nominated and elected to serve as regional directors and how to contact them (also listed Charles Beam, President and Janet Palmer, Secretary/Treasurer).

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Carol Elkins, Regional Director & Web Master	808 S 30th Lane Pueblo, CO 81006, USA	(872) 948-3773 celkins@awrittenword.com
Jenifer Bane, Regional Director	RR1 Box 239A Madison, MO 65263, USA	(660) 291-8692
Kerry Corlis, Regional Director	556 Oak Grove Rd Flat Rock, NC 28731, USA	(828) 692-0493 deekay@cytechcis.net

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Lewis Kiffer Sr., Regional Director	Rt 1 Box 70 Youngsville, PA 16371	(814) 563-4754 kifferfarms@penn.com
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## **SHOWING BARBS**

*By Tony Bruno, Regional Director, AZ*

As everyone is well aware we as an organization have several major hurdles to overcome. The first is that many "educated" people consider our sheep to be goats. Second, even though we have an established standard for our sheep, no trained or knowledgeable judges exist.

I believe our organization needs to provide local fair boards with a list of individuals that are capable of judging Blackbelly Barbados sheep. We must realize that these individuals need to be professional and be able to not only judge our sheep but also be able to present these traits in the most positive ways.

That being said, here at Back Acres Farm we have had some headway into showing our sheep. We have the luxury of having the farm bisected by two counties and therefore are eligible to show in both counties.

Santa Cruz County runs south of our house and it was a simple matter to show our Blackbelly's in this county because of a clause that already existed in their exhibitor's manual. It stated, "Lighter weight allowed for Cheviot, Southdown, and Barbados breeds." It was because of this statement that a breeding class was easily established. Basically precedence had been set. Unfortunately last year my children were the only exhibitors and our stock competed against our stock. Not the best-case scenario.

Our house is located in Pima County and showing there proved to be more difficult. We first approached the organizers of the adult open show that is held prior to the County Fair and asked if we could exhibit our sheep this year. Next year we can show if one of two sets of conditions is met. A) We can bring our sheep and compete against other small breeds, or B) To compete against the Blackbelly Barbados breed there must be a total of ten animals from three different breeders and the Breed organization must Sanction the show. Sanctioning a show can be done in several ways. The Association provides the Judge and the local registry club pays for the judge's hotel stay and a small fee. The Association can choose to provide trophies, match cash prizes or just change the registration papers to reflect the animals placing in the shows.

I also heard of an annual event held in the town of Rankin, Texas called the Barbados Do. It features a Barbados BBQ, Barbados roping, a Miss Barbado contest, and a show.

I believe that the battle will be slow but that each area and its representatives need to work with each other on establishing show sites and that the Association then needs to find a way to help support these events in each region.

### *New Web Site Address*

The association now has a registered domain. As soon as Carol Elkins, BBSAI Web Master has time, she will be moving the BBSAI web site to:

**<http://www.blackbellysheep.org>**

Carol has done a great job of designing and maintaining the site. Thanks, Carol!

### *Association's New Postal Address, Phone Number, & Email Address*

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### **Shepherd's Choice Management Tips from Pipestone Veterinary Supply**

*Nutrition* - The presence of loose white salt and clear fresh drinking water is essential with all rations. All rations should contain trace elements including Selenium and Molybdenum with no added Copper

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## Breeding Time Management

J. D. Bobb, D.V.M, Pipestone Veterinary Supply

It is once again time to start planning for the next year's lambing season. The first step should be in determining when you want the ewes to begin lambing and counting back the 147 days, which is an average gestation. The success of the next year's lamb crop actually begins prior to the breeding season. The rams need to be in adequate body condition because they will lose weight during the breeding season. Having a ram breeding soundness exam done is a good suggestion. The ram breeding soundness exam should include an overall physical exam of the ram as well as a semen collection and semen evaluation. In smaller flocks that only have one or two rams this is more critical, because if one ram is infertile or has an inability to breed a ewe it will impact an entire lamb crop. In larger operations often a ram's poor performance is masked by the other rams. Purebred producers who wish to make specific matings with a group of ewes to a particular ram, should follow the next heat cycle with a proven stud to prevent a large number of ewes from being left open. The use of a marking harness is an excellent tool to help identify problem rams or recycling ewes. Purebred breeders or small flock owners who wish to keep track of matings should place a marking harness on their rams starting out with a light color such as yellow. Then every 17 days switch to a slightly darker color such as orange, then red, then blue followed lastly by a dark green or black. If you wish to switch rams then you can also record if an ewe remarks and to which date a particular ram mounted her. If you keep a written daily record of the activity you can also use this information at lambing time to help identify which ewes are near lambing.

Rams also need to be wormed and have their feet trimmed prior to the breeding season. It is also a good idea to begin flushing the rams with some grain prior to the breeding season if you do not already have the rams on a diet containing some grain. They should not be in full fleece, if you shear prior to turning out with the ewes in the summer make sure to use a fly control product such as Delice. Avoid turning out ram lambs into large pastures or mixing them in with a set of older rams. Ram lambs have a tendency to be well fed and used to getting a high quality diet. If they suddenly get placed out

on a pasture with only a "water hole" and salt feeder they can look quite different in 2 to 3 weeks. Combine their diet change with some older dominant rams competing for the same ewes and the ram lambs quickly become statistics.

Handling the ewe prior to the breeding season is essential to your program's success. There is a lot of literature written on this particular topic and well worth your time to read and understand. Unfortunately we are going into this breeding season with a limited choice of abortion vaccines. Colorado Serum Company has a license on their *Campylobacter Fetus (Vibrio) Bacterin* which is a 5cc product given 2 weeks prior to breeding and boosted in 60 to 90 days for first time vaccinates. Previously vaccinated sheep need only the annual booster prior to breeding. High risk flocks that have a history of vibrio abortion or flocks that make new additions should always revaccinate at mid gestation. The Colorado Serum product is an aqueous suspension of inactivated (killed) cultures of *Campylobacter fetus sub sp. jejuni* and *intestinalis* with aluminum hydroxide as an adjuvant. Colorado Serum has also been working on getting a *Chlamydia* vaccine released, but it is not available at the present time and we do not really expect to have it prior to the breeding season, however we continue to be optimistic that it will eventually be released.

Prior to breeding is a great time to worm the ewes with a product that will also get tapeworms such as Valbazen, Panacur or Synanthic. The products that are effective on tapeworms also have a risk to pregnant ewes and we prefer not to use them during gestation. Many producers also take this as an opportunity to do a final culling on any ewes that are excessively thin, lame or have lumps in their udders. Make sure that there is plenty of salt available; we recommend using additional selenium and Vitamin E during this period and again prior to the lambing season.

Thanks to:

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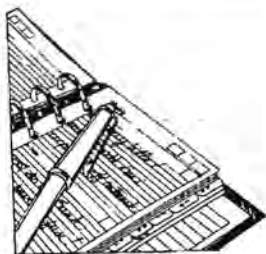
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### Mark Your Calendar And Plan To Attend The BBSAI Annual Conference October 2001

The BBSAI Officers have started planning the first BBSAI Annual Conference. It will include time to meet other Blackbelly breeders, seminars on topics of interest to members, vendor booths, and more. We will be working with local hotels for a special discount for conference attendees. It will be October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2001. It will be held at Paul and Lynn Magedson's Good Earth Organic Farm in Celeste, Texas. Celeste is about 75 miles northeast of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. Let us know what you would like to have happen at the conference.



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## Minutes From Regional Directors And Officers Teleconference Meeting

On August 3, 2000, we held the first Teleconference Meeting of Regional Directors and Officers. We used the Automated Interactive service from Network Connection International ([www.conferencecall.com](http://www.conferencecall.com)). This service allows all Regional Directors and Officers to dial-in via an 800 number and a unique passcode to automatically enter conference call. All Regional Directors and Officers could speak and be heard at all times in full digital duplex (no clipping, etc.).

### The Following Were Participants

Charles Beam, President	Newalla, OK
Ray & Janet Palmer, Secretary/Treasurer	Terrell, TX
John Taylor, Jr., Regional Director	Temecula, CA
Lynn Magedson, Regional Director	Celeste, TX
Carol Elkins, Regional Director & Webmaster	Pueblo, CO
Kerry Corlis, Regional Director	Flat Rock, NC
Anthony Bruno, Regional Director	Amado, AZ
Jenifer Bane, Regional Director	Madison, MO
Claude Bailles, Regional Director	Waynesboro, TN
Lewis (Deborah) Kiffer Sr., Regional Director	Youngsville, PA

- The conference started with each participant introducing himself/herself and telling a little about himself/herself.
- We began planning the 2001 Annual Meeting/Conference. Lynn & Paul Magedson volunteered to host the conference at their farm in Celeste, Texas. The conference will begin on Friday, October 26, 2001. Friday's activities will be check in and social. This will be a time for potential members/breeders to come in and visit with seasoned veterans. The agenda for Saturday, October 27, 2001 was discussed but not settled. Lynn will attempt to make arrangements with the local motels for special rates offered to conference attendees. There is an RV park nearby for those of you who travel that way. In the next teleconference meeting we will be discussing the agenda for Saturday, October 27, 2001. We hope to have guest speakers covering topics of interest to members.
- Lynn wants us to provide information and tips to help get kids in 4H and FFA involved with sheep. She wants to have club lamb market & show classes. She has personally set a goal to get 6 kids involved and wants to get into the local Hunt County Fair. Tony Bruno (AZ) has some information on this. He will write an article for the newsletter. Charles shared that fairs always require a certain number of entries in order to introduce a breed.
- Claude Bailles wanted us to focus on working to build the market, specifically working to improve the notoriety of the breed. We talked about distributing information and recruiting new members. Lynn suggested that we should be getting literature out to the members in order for them to spread the word about the association. Lynn encourages everyone to always give a brochure and a business card for the Association to anyone who inquires about sheep, whether or not they purchase one. Claude suggested that the regional directors distribute a copy of the brochure to the Agricultural Extension of each county in his region. He also suggested joining the local State Sheep Association.
- The Association web site was discussed. We talked about registering of a domain as [www.blackbellysheep.org](http://www.blackbellysheep.org). Web hosting can be as low as \$6.95/month when paid quarterly. We could have ads placed on the website to obtain income to pay for the site. We decided that we would go forward to set up the domain.

Carol explained the criteria she was using for placing something on the Association's web site. It has to either apply specifically to the organization or be an article written by a member. Everyone agreed these things should be there, but many thought we could include even more information on the web site.

- We discussed the updated forms developed by Janet (Secretary/Treasurer) that had been distributed to all regional directors. Everyone was satisfied with the new forms and they were adopted to be placed in use.
- Lynn brought up some new issues for us to consider.
  - that perhaps in addition to recording whether a sheep has horns or is polled we should also be recording whether the sheep has scurs.
  - that we establish some goals, specifically, how many sheep do we want registered before we close the books?
  - talked about the grading system used by the Jacob and Khatadin Associations wondering if we might use a system something like theirs.

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## Barbados Blackbelly Sheep Listserv

You are invited to subscribe to a free mailing list exclusively for people interested in Barbados Blackbelly sheep. The purpose of this list is to share information about raising Barbados Blackbelly sheep. We welcome experienced breeders, newcomers, and people simply wanting to know more about Barbados Blackbelly hair sheep.

To subscribe to the blackbelly listserv (mailing list) follow the instructions below. When you are ready to actually post a message to the list, refer to the instructions in the "Welcome Message" that you will receive after subscribing.

1. Address an email to [listserv@coyotenet.net](mailto:listserv@coyotenet.net)
2. Don't put anything in the subject line.
3. 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>

I look forward to having you as a member of the blackbelly community. We hope that you will enrich the list with your questions and also your helpful replies to others. Never be afraid to ask a question, regardless of how naive you might think it is. Never be afraid to answer a question because it is through the breadth of each other's experience that we can learn.

Regards,

Carol Elkins  
Crittterhaven Estate  
Registered Barbados Blackbelly Hair Sheep  
Pueblo, Colorado  
<http://www.awrittenword.com/barbados/barbados.htm>

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## *Welcome to New Members in 2000*

Name	Farm Name	Address
Milton Allen	Allentowne Livestock Yard	Yucca Valley, CA USA
Claude & Lucille Bailles	Keazy Hollow Farm	Waynesboro, TN USA
Martha Beckert	Kinship Farm	Snowflake, AZ USA
Anne Bennett	Glacier Falls Barbados	Smithers, BC Canada
Ben Cushman		Sebastopol, CA USA
Dodie Green	The Sheep Camp	Buckeye, AZ USA
Raynell Key	Comanche Moon Farm	Oklaunion, TX USA
Jane Mullen	Rolling Meadows Farm	Indian River, ON Canada
Ray & Janet Palmer	Palmer Farm	Terrell, TX USA
Allen Tallent	Blackbelly Farm	Terrell, TX USA
Richard and Susan Tallent		Terrell, TX USA

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*The association has added 11 new members and registered 62 sheep in 2000 as of October 1.*