

# ***BARBADOS BLACKBELLY SHEEP ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL***



## ***QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER, 2008***

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### **Message from our President**

Greetings BBSAI Members!

Here in Hillsboro, Missouri, we just had our first snow of the season. Just a dusting, but it does make you think of the holiday season and remind you that it is just around the corner.

Mark Fleming has stepped down as our President since the last newsletter. Mark, on behalf of all of us we thank you for your dedicated service to the BBSAI. We wish you well in the future!

The Bylaws Committee has finished its work and members will receive ballots to vote on approval of

our new bylaws. The committee worked hard on these and with the guidance of our attorney, we hopefully will never again have the issues we had regarding having an annual meeting by teleconference. Be sure and vote; ballots need to be postmarked by December 30, 2008.

The Exceptions Committee is continuing its work in setting up policies for undocumented Barbados Blackbelly Sheep. They have finished several policies with several more to go.

The Nominations Committee has an excellent slate of candidates. Please be sure and vote! Ballots need to be postmarked by December 30, 2008.

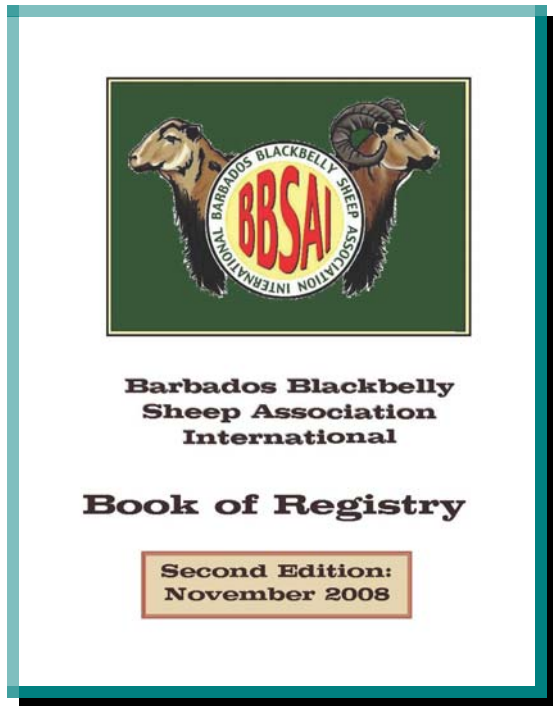
We also have a new Breed Standards Committee reworking the Barbados Blackbelly Breed Standard. This committee's work is mainly to clarify some of the wording in the present BB breed standard.

Another new committee is the Education Committee. It has been formed to develop materials to educate breeders about better breeding and husbandry practices, and to educate members and the general public about the AB and BB breeds.

The BBSAI is looking forward to the new year, and regaining the momentum we have lost while waiting for our updated bylaws. Happy Holidays to All!

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## NEW! NOVEMBER 2008 EDITION OF THE BBSAI BOOK OF REGISTRY!



The Second Edition of the BBSAI Book of Registry is almost ready to go to press, and will be available for sale in December! This new November 2008 edition of our Book of Registry lists all 1,625 registered and recorded American Blackbelly and Barbados Blackbelly sheep together with sire and dam information, enabling breeders to cross-reference and track heritages of registered stock throughout the United States and surrounding countries.

As with the First Edition of the Book of Registry, this invaluable tool for serious breeders of AB and BB stock contains three sets of data: 1) the Registry sorted by registration number with subsections for the AB and BB breeds, 2) the Registry sorted by breeder name, and 3) the Breeder's Directory (containing names and contact information of all BBSAI member breeders who have authorized their names to appear in public on the BBSAI web site).

Like the earlier edition, the new November 2008 BBSAI Book of Registry is a wire-bound 8.5" x 11" document of approximately 80 pages, and is available for \$15.00. Please send orders for the BBSAI Book of Registry to BBSAI Secretary/Treasurer, 815 Bell Hill Road, Cobden, IL 62920. Please make checks payable to the BBSAI.

***Order your very own copy today!***

## BBSAI Board Votes Update

(A summary of BBSAI Board of Directors voting issues during previous quarter)

7/28/108

Vote to appoint Elaine Haas as acting BBSAI President until the next Annual Meeting, to fill the vacancy created by Mark Fleming's resignation. (4 yes, 0 no). Passed.

9/12/108

Vote to approve Exceptions Committee Policy 1 (Multiple Sires) and Policy 2 (Found Flock). (4 yes, 0 no). Passed.

9/17/08

Vote to approve Elaine Haas' formation of two new committees, the BB Standards Committee chaired by Becky Lannon, and the Education Committee chaired by Carol Elkins. (4 yes, 0 no). Passed.

9/21/08

Vote to approve Exceptions Committee Policy 3 (VSU Sheep). (4 yes, 0 no). Passed.

11/11/08

Vote to approve proposed Revised Bylaws as of 10/26/08, as submitted to the Board by the Bylaw Revision Committee. (4 yes, 0 no.) Passed.

Vote to approve three additional revisions to the bylaws (modified 11/08/08) regarding statement of operating year, statement of membership year, and statement of membership renewal grace period. (4 yes, 0 no). Passed.

Vote to approve October 15, 2008 as the membership renewal cutoff date for 2008 to determine voting eligibility for the upcoming Annual Meeting. (4 yes, 0 no). Passed.

11/21/08

Vote to approve Exceptions Committee Policy 4 (One Registered Parent). (3 yes -- Haas, Swindell, Evans; 1 no -- Lannon). Passed.

Vote to approve renewal of one-year classified BBSAI advertisement in Hobby Farms magazine, for 2009 at a cost of \$204.00 per year (6 issues plus 1 free issue). (4 yes, 0 no). Passed.

## **BBSAI 2008 ANNUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCE**

On January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. CST, the BBSAI 2008 Annual Meeting will be held as a telephone conference call. This Annual Meeting conference call will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. During the meeting, President Elaine Haas and the Board of Directors will report the results of the election of new BBSAI Board members for the 2009 year, report the results of the vote on revisions to the BBSAI Bylaws, and will recognize any BBSAI members who have requested "floor time" for their questions or discussion topics.

If you would like to participate in the 2008 BBSAI Annual Meeting teleconference on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, please RSVP your intention to attend the event by e-mailing [president@blackbellysheep.org](mailto:president@blackbellysheep.org) or by phoning Elaine Haas at (636) 452-3420. This is required in order to reserve a phone line for you on the bridge. When your message is received, you will be provided with a telephone number and instructions about how to participate in the event. Long-distance phone charges for this event are your responsibility. The BBSAI can recommend an inexpensive resource that charges only approximately \$.04 per minute.

You must reserve a spot on the agenda if you want any "floor time" for discussion. The annual meeting uses Roberts Rules of Order and this can be tricky in a teleconference where we can't see people raise a hand to ask to speak. Therefore, only folks who reserve a spot on the agenda will be called upon. Please contact one of the Directors or phone BBSAI President Elaine Haas at (636) 452-3420 to let us know what you'd like to talk about (or what question you'd like to ask) and how much time you require.

## **2008 ANNUAL MEETING MAILING PACKET BEING SENT TO ALL MEMBERS**

Recently, we sent the BBSAI 2008 Annual Meeting informational mailing packet to all BBSAI members in good standing, by regular U.S. mail. In this packet is a cover memo telling about the BBSAI 2008 Annual Meeting teleconference, to be held January 14, 2009. Also included is a financial report, an introduction to the nominees for the Board of Directors, an explanation of the proposed changes to the BBSAI Bylaws, a copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules with the proposed changes highlighted in red or green, and an orange Ballot for voting members to cast your vote concerning the Director nominees and the changes to the Bylaws.

Please support the BBSAI by responding with your Ballot. Cast your votes, and mail your ballot to the address indicated. Be sure to have your Ballot postmarked on or before December 30, 2008 for your vote to count! And remember that if you have any questions or concerns about items in the packet, you may contact any Board member; we will be happy to discuss any of these items with you.

### **BBSAI New Members**

- **Susan Barney** , October 2008  
Blackfoot, Idaho
- **Jerry Carlisle** , September 2008  
Lufkin, Texas
- **Maria Eaves** , October 2008  
Casco, MI
- **Ken and Zhanna Holmes** , September 2008  
Damon, Texas
- **Linda Huett** , July 2008  
Dunnellon, Florida
- **Carlos Lopez** , September 2008  
Harlingen, Texas
- **Bud and Marga Miller** , July 2008  
Redding, California
- **Gail Winnick** , September 2008  
Perry, Michigan

***We welcome you into our flock!***

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Editor's Note: To help our members get to know the BBSAI Board of Directors better, we are featuring one or more articles introducing the Board members in each newsletter issue. This Edition's Board Member Spotlight features Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Swindell.*



*Mary Swindell and BB Lamb*

Hello to everyone from Cobden, Illinois! I'm Mary Swindell, and I've served on the Board of Directors since 2004. For the past three years, I've served as Secretary/Treasurer of the BBSAI.

My love affair with Barbados Blackbelly sheep began several years ago when I purchased a border collie puppy and then needed something for her to herd! By December 2001 I had purchased 21 Barbados wethers to use for herding clinics which I was hosting. When I first saw them in Oklahoma, I thought they looked like little antelopes. They were so exotic and beautiful that I had to bring some back to Illinois.

The next spring I was fortunate to get three nice Barbados Blackbelly ewes and a ram from BBSAI President Charles Beam in Newalla, Oklahoma. It was great to visit with Charles and his wife. I'll never forget how he told me that whenever he was troubled about something, he would go out and spend time watching and working with his sheep. They would always restore his peace of mind and tranquility. I have surely found this to be true for myself as well.

Later I purchased a polled ram from Carol Elkins in Pueblo, Colorado, and still later acquired a flock of sheep originating from the Virginia State University research flock, through James Harper in Virginia. Today I keep 35 breeding BB ewes and 9 rams from four different blood lines. I sell breeding stock, butcher lambs, and dog-broke herding sheep, all purebred Barbados Blackbellies. I also raise border collies, and host herding clinics here on a regular basis. It is all great fun, and I truly love this life among my livestock and herding dogs.

But truthfully, one of the most fulfilling things to me has been helping protect and promote these rare and lovely sheep through service on the BBSAI Board. I have met many wonderful folks through this work, and I am proud to be associated with all of you!

Sincerely,  
Mary Swindell  
Secretary/Treasurer, BBSAI

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## **BBSAI Renewed Members**

**Eldon and Cynthia Andersen** , July 2008

Hershey, Nebraska

**Howard Arehart** , July 2008

Mason City, Nebraska

**Claude and Lucille Bailles** , July 2008

Waynesboro, Tennessee

**James Beam** , August 2008

Harrah, Oklahoma

**Lynn Buescher** , July 2008

Rocklin, California

**John Carlton** , August 2008

Spanish Fort, Alabama

**Jack and Elaine Childress** , July 2008

Buna, Texas

**Alan Clark** , July 2008

New Albany, Ohio

**Stephen Crawford** , August 2008

Temple, Texas

**Chad Dixon** , July 2008

Rocky Ford, Colorado

**Carol Elkins** , July 2008

Pueblo, Colorado

**Joan Eubank** , July 2008

Dunnellon, Florida

**Jeff Evans** , July 2008

Meadow Vista, California

**Mark and Barbara Fleming** , July 2008

Lamar, Missouri

**Patricia Freeman** , August 2008

Dutton, Ontario Canada

**Joel and Carmen Goldsmith** , October 2008

Lengby, Minnesota

**Wallie and Dodie Green** , August 2008

Sonoita, Arizona

**Elaine and Jerry Haas** , August 2008

Hillsboro, Missouri

**JoAnne Hamsher** , July 2008

Mineral Wells, Texas

**Lauris Hazlett** , August 2008

Cohocton, New York

**Harold and Heather Herron** , August 2008

Robards, Kentucky

**Glenn Hill** , September 2008

Oakland, Arkansas

**Renee Hoover** , August 2008

Davie, Florida

**Ronnie and Phyllis Huff** , July 2008

Sparks, Oklahoma

**Lewis and Deborah Kiffer** , August 2008

Carthage, New York

**Gerald Krause** , July 2008

White Lake, Wisconsin

**Mike and Becky Lannon** , July 2008

Hockley, Texas

**Ray Lewelling** , July 2008

Newalla, Oklahoma

**Lynn Magedson** , July 2008

Celeste, Texas

**David Mansur** , July 2008

Kingwood, Texas

**Cathy and J.C. Mayton** , July 2008

Winnemucca, Nevada

**Mary Jo McClung** , August 2008

Tuttle, Oklahoma

**Cheryl McLaughlin** , August 2008

Willcox, Arizona

**Donald Mills** , July 2008

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Aurora Ortiz Enriquez** , July 2008

Portal, Arizona

**Stephanie Parrish** , August 2008

Westminster, South Carolina

**Rare Breeds Canada** , August 2008

Castleton, Ontario Canada

**Vivian Robertson** , August 2008

Creston, California

**Maria Sans** , July 2008

Hereford, Arizona

**Mohan Sawh** , September 2008

Hollis, New York

**Sondra Schmidt** , July 2008

Burns, Oregon

**Patricia Schooley** , July 2008

Hagerstown, Maryland

**Dan Schuler** , August 2008

Salem, Illinois

**Sarah Ann Slachetka** , July 2008

Curtiss, Wisconsin

**Sandra and Frank Smith** , July 2008

Wichita Falls, Texas

**Beth Stamper** , October 2008

Powell Butte, Oregon

**Mark and Lin Storey** , August 2008

Nehalem, Oregon

**Raymond and Michelle Storey** , July 2008

Oregon City, Oregon

**Mary Swindell** , July 2008

Cobden, Illinois

**John Taylor** , August 2008

Temecula, California

**Nathan Teig** , July 2008

Amery, Wisconsin

**Wendi Vance** , August 2008

Paris, Texas

**Mark Wintermute** , August 2008

Linwood, Kansas

**Marti and Mel Young** , August 2008

Willcox, Arizona

***Thank you for staying with our flock!***



### Barbados Blackbelly Sheep Association International Newsletter

The BBSAI Newsletter is a benefit of membership in the BBSAI and is published quarterly. The BBSAI Newsletter welcomes articles, photographs and classified ads that relate to American Blackbelly and Barbados Blackbelly Sheep. Publication of articles or advertisements does not necessarily constitute an endorsement by BBSAI. No part of the BBSAI Newsletter (including photographs) can be reprinted, put on websites, or used in any manner without written permission of the BBSAI President or Secretary.

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### BBSAI T-SHIRTS FOR SALE



### GET ONE WHILE THEY LAST!

These are top quality, 100% cotton shirts, the kind you love to live in. The T-Shirts are white, with a large, full color BBSAI logo on the back, and a small one on the front. T-shirts come in the following sizes: L, XL, and 2XL.

Available to members for \$10.00 each + \$2.55 1st class postage per shirt. You may order by e-mail to [secretary@blackbellysheep.org](mailto:secretary@blackbellysheep.org). Mail your payment, making checks payable to: BBSAI, 815 Bell Hill Road, Cobden, Illinois 62920 USA.

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