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RAMblings

From EWER President

Fellow SCHSIA members,

As my term as your President draws to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all members, and particularly the Board of Directors, for making these past two years both productive and enjoyable.

I have included a copy of my **President's Report** delivered at the annual meeting in Oklahoma City. I hope you will read it and agree that these past two years have been two of the most productive in comparison to the 30+ year history of our association. (Go to <http://www.stcroixhairsheep.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2015-Presidents-Report.pdf> to see the complete report.)

Speaking of the annual meeting, we had a wonderful education day at Langston University and learned a great deal about research on parasite resistance as well as Nutrition considerations for our sheep. Please read Ed Barnes report: <http://www.stcroixhairsheep.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2015-Annual-Meeting-Education-Day.pdf> as well as the Nutrition presentation: <http://www.stcroixhairsheep.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Nutrition-2015.pdf>

You can also find these and more on our website: www.stcroixhairsheep.org.

Rob Bass of Palestine Texas will be taking over as President on January 1st, and I feel confident you can expect a continued focus on helping our members become more productive in buying and selling as well as registering their St. Croix sheep. In that regard, the board has approved adding **online registration** capabilities which should be in place by the end of the first quarter next year!

One of the more recent improvements is a **new brochure** spearheaded by OR board member, Laurel Field, and introduced at the annual meeting. We are also looking at the possibility of **revising our logo**. This would coordinate to a refreshed website design. As a start, we would like to get your feedback on the possible logo revisions. We will be sending these via email to each of you asking for your comments, before the end of the year.

We've recently started a FACEBOOK page, so if you'd like to join simply click on

this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCHSIA/>. If you are already a user this should take you directly to the SCHSIA site. If not it will ask you to log in or create a new Facebook account. Once on the site ask to join (it may take a day or two for approval) and start communicating with fellow members. Eventually, we think this may replace the chat line for member to member communication.

I've tried to either meet or call all new members (40 this year) and in doing so have learned a lot and deepened my belief in our core missions of “ **Preserving Breed Standards and Serving Our Members**”. In the process, I've also had the pleasure of meeting many good, hard working people. This has certainly been one of the highlights of my term as your President.

Another highlight for Joyce and me, over the last few years, has been hosting groups of FFA high schoolers and their teacher sponsors for tours of our farm, while in Louisville for their national convention. We have been able to proclaim the many virtues of our St. Croix sheep to these future farmers from all over the country and in the process have met hundreds of the finest young people in our country. As I tell them at the end of each tour, we are truly blessed to meet you because you give us faith in the future of our United States.

In closing, it has been my pleasure to serve as your President and may you and your family have a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Respectfully,
Gary Keibler



Annual Meeting Success at Langston University

-Dr. Ed Barnes

This year's annual meeting held at Langston University was a well-planned and thought-provoking event for all. Information was presented on topics of: selecting for internal parasite resistance, common stress factors affecting livestock globally and in the United States, and dietary nutrition facts/tips for healthy sheep including pregnancy nutritional needs.

Whether you are new to the association or a long-time member, everyone can learn something from the material covered during the event. To read more about the topics and our presenters, please visit: <http://www.stcroixhairsheep.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2015-Annual-Meeting-Education-Day.pdf>



We have had a productive year in 2015, and we are looking forward to making SCHSIA even better in 2016! Thank you for being a part of our family. We wish you and your family the very best this Christmas season.

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