SCHSIA NEWES
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Fellow SCHSIA members,

As some of you know, I try to make it a habit of calling our new members to welcome them and obtain feedback on why they joined SCHSIA as well as how our Board can assist them. The feedback on their reasons for joining are usually the same- we want to maintain the " polled and white" breed standard that has been in effect for over 30 years and we want to belong to an association that is run by, and representative of, it's members. This is exactly our mission as expressed from day one on the home page of our website. It must be working because we now have 122 dues paying members including 26 new members in the first six months of 2015. Registrations are also up by 25% this year, over 400 in that same time period.

 An important event taking place very soon is our **annual meeting and education day**, Friday and Saturday October 16th and 17th, in Oklahoma City. Rob and Joy Bass and Jason and Miranda Pelzel are hosting this exciting event which will include a Friday night dinner and Saturday luncheon included in the nominal registration fee of $15 PP. You should have received an email about this already and a flyer is contained in this newsletter but please visit the web site for all the details: http://www.stcroixhairsheep.org We hope you'll join us for a good time as well as a chance to meet and ask questions of your board.

The next important event will be **elections for 2016/17 officers and directors**.

Your board of directors has proposed a slate for all open positions but certainly is open to further nominations. Again, more details follow herein from Secretary Ed Barnes as well as on the website.

I hope you will agree that one of our greatest assets is the **On-Line Pedigree** database put together by our webmaster Doug and maintained by both he and our Registrar, Elisha, at Premier Registries. Later in the newsletter I have attempted to give a step by step users guide to help all of us who are not as computer literate. However, if you need more information or have a suggestion on how to improve it, please email Doug at webmaster@stcroixhairsheep.org.

Finally, I know this sounds like a broken record, but I highly recommend visiting the website frequently. So much useful information is at your fingertips from the member list which can be sorted by last name, farm, state and even zip code, to a listing of over 3,000 sheep in the pedigree database, to all board meeting minutes, fillable registration forms, and much, much more! This a fantastic resource for new and not-so-new members alike! Visit: http://www.stcroixhairsheep.org

Once again, thanks for your support of SCHSIA and feel free to contact me at   info@stcroixhairsheep.org or by phone: 502-386-1648. I welcome your feedback.

Respectfully,

Gary Keibler
President

NEW NOMINEES!

-Edward Barnes, Secretary

Your Board of Directors has accepted the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and presents nominees for new officers and directors for 2016 as directed by the Bylaws of SCHSIA. These nominees are:

President: Rob Bass, Just Right Ranch, Palestine, Texas
Vice President: Brent VanSickle, Goose Creek Farm, Trafalgar, Indiana
Secretary: Edward Barnes, Dorsey-Lee Farm, Portland, Oregon
Treasurer: Gary Keibler, Hemmer Hill Farm, Crestwood, Kentucky
Southwest Director: Bill Wire, Wire Ranch, Mariposa, California
South Central Director: Jason Pelzel, Persimmon Creek, Koshkonnong, Missouri
Eastern Director: Susan Brooks, Brooks Farm, Bethpage, Tennessee

As per SCHSIA Bylaws, the Northwest Director and North Central Director will not come up for election until 2017**.**

The secretary of SCHSIA will accept nominations for any of these positions mentioned above by petition with a written acceptance of the candidate from any member in good standing. Also, nominations will be accepted at the Annual Membership Meeting in Oklahoma this October with acceptance by the candidate nominated. If there are no further nominations than those

presented by the Board, these candidates will be automatically elected as per SCHSIA Bylaws.

We appreciate your support!

COME JOIN US!

2015 ANNUAL SCHSIA MEETING

Just in case you missed the flyer, please find the registration information below. We hope to see you there!

REGISTRATION
$15 PER PERSON BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2015
$25 PER PERSON IF POSTMARKED OCTOBER 1 OR AFTER
Make checks payable to SCHSIA
Mail to:
Rob Bass
1047 Acr 413
Palestine, TX 75803

SCHSIA HOSTED DINNER FOLLOWING EDUCATION DAY
7:00 PM FRIDAY, OCT 16, 2015
Restaurant to be announced

SCHSIA HOSTED LUNCH FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING
1:00 PM SATURDAY, OCT 17, 2015
At Fairfield Inn & Suites, Edmond, OK
NOTE- you must be a member and register with Rob by NLT WED OCTOBER 14th in order to attend.

Pedigree Database:
A How-To Guide

Fellow Members, I've had several requests to publish some helpful hints for those of you, like me, who have not yet accepted the "computer age". Here we go:

First, go to our website by clicking on this link: www.stcroixhairsheep.org or typing that into your browser. (You can also search Google for the term: SCHSIA.)

Once on the Home Page, move the cursor to the **Registration** page and then down to the bottom tab- **"Pedigrees".** Click on that tab.

Now you are on the Pedigrees home page, so either click on the "**Sheep Search"** tab or the link below in the first sentence which takes you to the **"Sheep Search" Results** page.

Next, click on the **"Custom Search Results"** link in the upper left hand corner to see the default settings of what items will be displayed and how many rows. The default settings are all items checked except owner and breeder state and 100 rows. You may change any of those as you see fit and click the **"Submit"** button at bottom . This will show all the sheep currently listed in the data base (3310 as of 8/5/15). You can also view all sheep by simply leaving all fields blank and clicking the search button whenever you are on the **"Sheep Search Results"**page. As each page contains 100 results, there are 34 pages.   If you don't want to scroll through so many pages, you can set the **"Custom Search Results"** up to 1000 per page.

Now , in order to refine your search, lets say you want to search for sheep owners in KY. Simply click on the "**Owner State"** control, scroll to KY, click on KY and then click **"search"**. This will list all sheep owned by Breeders in KY, 95 at this date. The default will be listing in order of registration dates with the newest listed first. You can sort by owner, breeder or any other column by simply clicking at top of that column. If you want to change that sort order, just click again to toggle between ascending and descending order.

Now, let's say you want to look at a particular owner's sheep. Since Keibler   (Hemmer Hill Farm) are newest registrations, listed at top, click on their name and you will find a page that gives contact information, membership expiration date and the numbers of sheep owned and bred. By clicking on the**"View List"** tab next to either, you can view a complete list of those bred or owned. For example, using Hemmer Hill Farm, click the list of sheep owned and 41 will be listed, again with the latest registration first.

Now let's say you are looking for a Ram lamb and want to view the particular info about that animal. Click on the registration # 1227N at the top left of the page and you will see details about that ram lamb, including date of birth, tag #, sire, dam, and whether single, twin or triplet, Also, you can then click on the **(I) information**,**(P) pedigree**, or **(O) offspring** to see more detailed data on both the Sire and the Dam. For example, by clicking on the **P** button at the top of the page for 1227N, HHF 1514, you will see a 5 generation pedigree for that lamb. In addition, by moving the cursor to any of the sheep listed and clicking you will have the pedigree for any of those in the back line. Once on the pedigree page for that sheep, simply click on the **I** or **O** buttons for additional details about that animal. At any time , you can return to the pedigrees, sheep search , or SCHSIA home pages by clicking on one of the tabs at top of each page.

This is a phenomenal resource for us, and I hope the information above is helpful as you begin to navigate this valuable tool. If you have further questions please email me at info@stcroixhairsheep.org .

Thanks again for your interest in our wonderful St. Croix Hair Sheep and in SCHSIA.

Gary Keibler
President

Summer is a busy time of year, so please don't forget about your SCHSIA dues. As of June 30th, there are 27 members out of the 122 listed on the web site whose dues for 2015 have not yet been paid. We realize that some of you have not registered sheep this year. However, according to our By Laws dues are payable each calendar year whether or not sheep are registered or transferred. If not paid by Oct. 31st each year then membership is considered terminated.

At the July meeting, the Board adopted a reinstatement fee of $20, in addition to the annual dues for any member whose membership lapses and then later wants to register or transfer sheep. This was done to ensure that those members who pay their dues each year are not penalized for doing so.

Your Board of Directors encourages you to check on the web site by going to the member list and clicking on your name. Your dues expiration date will be shown along with other contact information. If you feel the information is incorrect in any way then please contact our Registrar at registrar@stcroixhairsheep.org, 641-466-3614 or Secretary Ed Barnes, secretary@stcroixhairsheep.org.

Thanks for your continued support. You are appreciated!
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