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President's Corner

Mark Dennis, Louisiana

The 1999 Annual Gathering has come and gone, and it will be recorded as a wonderful event. **Thank you so much to our host Ellen Wise, her daughter Naomi and her associates!** The weather, area, facility, work completed and fellowship was a great KHSI operation. Elections were held, and I was elected as your new President for 1999 by the membership. I am also proud to announce Donna Watkins as Vice President and newly elected Board member, and David Sweeney as Secretary-Treasurer. Sharon Schaefer, Ellen Wise, Steve Camp and Ed Martsoff are continuing their terms, and Don Williams was nominated to be an Honorary Member. Your Board of Directors held 8 hours of meetings on Thursday and our agenda was full.

Our membership on September 1, 1999 was 372 (about half are Canadians), and the new membership is increasing 7 or more new members per month with new ideas from operations, registry and member contacts. I ask all members to bring into our association at least one new

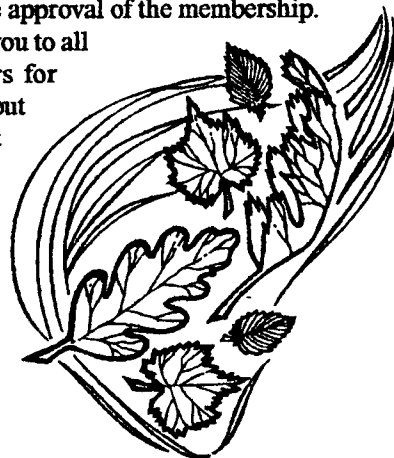
member and help us to inquire why a former member did not renew their membership. In my travels to see Katahdin breeders, in phone conversations, etc, breeders did not renew because of pink registrations and felt the association was not doing enough for them. But my thinking is that you must contribute to receive. And, maybe you can remind those breeders that lambs born after January 1, 1999 can be registered with

white certificates if both sire and dam are registered 100% Katahdin. The Board has adopted a team effort to do business this coming year and are committed to being active. We encourage members to form regional groups, get involved at the grassroots level, and look to us at KHSI for support and leadership. As President, I will soon be in contact with all current and new regional groups to seek input and guidance for priorities for KHSI as a whole.

For KHSI to continue offering the membership comprehensive service and in order to maintain long term financial health as our numbers grow, we have increased the individual membership fees by \$5 US to \$25 US/\$37 Cdn per year, and this will be implemented January 1, 2000. Our membership fee has remained unchanged since 1985, while many costs have increased (especially postage, printing and exchange rates). New services, promotions and informational pieces are planned from Operations and Registry during the year 2000 to help you in your work as a KHSI member and breeder, and you will be informed of these through the newsletter. Your news item and input is requested for the newsletter at any time!

The KHSI Board sincerely hopes this new Team Effort way of doing business meets with the approval of the membership. Thank you to all members for your input and past support.

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FYI from Operations

Teresa Maurer, Arkansas

Inspections news—As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to give special thanks to all the inspectors who spent time and effort in 1999! I will be contacting all inspectors and all those who requested inspections to finalize reports and reimbursements. If (in a very few cases) we could not find an inspector for you we will let you know about the 2000 schedule. Now that I've been through this once, I know lots of ways I can do better! Also, to those who passed inspector training in Illinois this summer and High River this fall—your certificates are on the way. If you passed training prior to 1999 and are missing a certificate for some reason, please let me know.

Year-end membership list—The final 1999 member list will come out to everyone with the next (winter) newsletter and will be updated on the web at the same time. One change you will see: based on members' suggestions, we decided to drop the x to indicate "sheep for sale" on the list but will instead encourage buyers to call all current members from the areas they are most interested in. It has been too hard to get people to update their sales status in a timely way, and I have felt that some members get missed because they do have sheep for sale and are too busy to let me know. If you do not have sheep for sale, and a customer calls you, at least you will be able to let the customer know when you will have sheep for sale and find out more about their needs. When you send back your renewal form, please drop us a note to let us know your feelings on this issue.

Condolences to—Jacque Kinsley (Washington) for loss of her son. She wrote to me "Our son is gone to the Lord, and I am having a hard time remembering day to day things. Thanks for your understanding." Our thoughts are with you, Jacque.

Promotions—"Tis the season for deciding on which ads KHSI should buy for 2000. This is one way that we put your hard-earned dues to work for you. Nancy Case and I, along with several other members, are planning an "online" meeting to discuss the ads. Please drop an email to me or Nancy <agworld@socketis.net> to learn when the "meeting" is; it won't cost you anything except some computer time. We thought we'd try this instead of a phone meeting.

Dues are due! Dues for 2000 are due by December 31. On January 1, the new rates take effect, and renewals or new memberships after that date will pay the new rates. Yes, dues have increased for the first time in 14 years to allow us to catch up with costs as well as support our goals and growth for the coming year (see President's Corner). We've included a reminder form insert to remind you of the new amounts and the address—and you won't have to cut up your newsletter!

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- Register individual Katahdin sheep and record performance
- Maintain the distinct identity of the Katahdin breed
- Assist in promotion and marketing
- Encourage research and development related to the breed

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2000 Annual Gathering in Virginia

At the annual meeting in Canada, the membership voted in favor of a proposal by Larry and Lisa Weeks, of Triple L farms, to host the Annual Gathering in the Shenandoah Valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. The proposed dates being considered for the meeting will be sometime between September 28-October 1, 2000 and will be confirmed in a future newsletter. In keeping with the idea of setting meetings two years in advance, the membership also voted to hold the 2001 meeting in Missouri.

Members also expressed the importance of making sure the annual meeting rotates back to Canada soon and directed the board to consider a meeting in Mexico as potential hosts are identified in both countries.

Larry and Lisa will be looking for ideas (and volunteers) to make the Virginia meeting a success. Contact them at <weeksl@pginw.com> or 540-943-2346.

KHSI Annual Meeting Highlights—September 18, 1999

Summarized by Teresa Maurer, KHSI
Operations

Following are highlights of reports and actions taken at the 1999 KHSI Board and Membership Meetings. Attendance list, final program, and full text of the minutes are available from the Operations Office. Please send any corrections or comments on this summary to Teresa.

From the Registry

Ed Martsolf, Arkansas

As we prepared for the annual meeting, we decided to do a comparison of Registry activity between April-Aug 1998 and April-Aug 1999. Registrations for that period in 1998 totaled 1265, and in 1999 totaled 1651, about a 30% increase! Transfers went from 429 for the period in 1998 to 882 in 1999, almost double! It's one way to look at the interest and activity within KHSI. We are working hard at the Registry on a membership drive by doing an extensive ownership review in the registry database and helping make it easy for all owners and buyers to get current in their membership.

During the Annual Meeting we heard from members who say that the registry information helps them "add value" to their animal as they talk to potential buyers. In the coming year, we hope to provide KHSI members with ideas on how to use records—such as registry and health history information—as an excellent marketing tool.

Please continue to stay in touch with us about how we can make the Registry service keep working well for you!

One other item I want to seek member feedback on is related to issues particularly facing Canadian members. The KHSI Board of Directors passed a resolution directing the Registry to *begin to research* the pros and cons and what *might* be required for offering dual registry to Canadian Katahdin Sheep Association (CKSA) animals now registered. Please carefully understand the emphasis in the previous sentence—it is related to *exploring*. The idea reflects interest expressed at the High River meeting in coming up with a reasonable, positive, fair process that might help bring Canadian breeders together on the outcome of creating better Katahdin sheep. Please give me (Ed) feedback on this issue via phone, FAX or email—it is a sensitive and important issues, on which I hope to hear from as many members as possible. *

1. **President's Report**—A letter from President Steve Camp was read, sending his regrets at not being able to attend the annual meeting due to major and urgent surgery scheduled for his brother during the meeting. Steve will remain on the Board to fill out his term, but resigned his Presidency effective at this meeting.
2. **Treasurer's Report**—David Sweeney and Teresa Maurer reported on the internal financial review of Operations and presented the current financial report and the budget approved by the Board of Directors (see report elsewhere). 2000 budget passed as recommended, but members stressed continuing need for monthly and quarterly monitoring of budget by Board members. That is now made much easier since both KHSI offices have more computerized reporting systems.
3. **Registry Services Report**—Ed Martsolf presented a table comparing 1998 and 1999 transactions at the Registry and an initiative to be sure that all current owners are paid up members. Registry cash reports are available in spreadsheet form, and there is much additional time and effort being spent to increase member skills and familiarity with paperwork and process. (see Registry column; copy of Ed's report available from Operations).
4. **Operations Report**—Teresa Maurer presented a summary of her first 8 months of work for KHSI, including response to 236 inquiries for breeder list and KHSI information, 516 calls, emails, and Faxes from members, board and others, 64 inspection requests, computerization of financial records, expansion of member database, and implementation of office hours two days per week plus most evenings.
5. **Board of Directors Report** including results of special meetings—
Themes for 2000 include commitment to be working Board with officers functioning together as management team. Problems identified with KHSI's work and operations should be directed to Board officers.

A new advisory representative committee will be established with each regional group selecting a district representative who agrees to invest time throughout the year to KHSI. They will help the Board identify key priorities, especially those ways in which members feel they can get more value for their dues dollar (see below). President will contact regional groups in Canada and the U.S. explaining how this will work.

Board is committed to helping members get more value for their dues dollar, including such projects as member information booklet, improved promotion and website exposure for KHSI breeders, ideas for using KHSI information for value-added marketing and other improved services.

Strong commitment to re-energize KHSI Committees with Board members committing to serve and act as contacts: Nominations, Mark Dennis (one Board position will open in 2000); Breed Improvement Committee, Dave Sweeney; Promotion committee, Nancy Case and Ellen Wise; Market Development, Donna Watkins; Member/breeder expansion, Teresa Maurer; Showing Guidelines, Steve Camp; Breeder Education, Sharon Schaefer; Junior Membership (4-H, youth, etc.), vacant.

The following resolutions were approved at Special Board Meetings:

Resolution to not spend additional time, money or resources on Canadian trademark issue and clarification that Mike Bondy represents

Minutes, continued

himself and not KHSI in proceedings related to the Canadian trademark. Board received full verbal update from Mike Bondy on the issue, recognized his major efforts in this area, and wished him well in the upcoming hearings expected later this fall.

Resolution directing Registry to begin to research pros and cons and what would be required for offering dual registry to CKSA (Canadian Katahdin Sheep Association) now registered.

6. Annual meeting decisions for 2000, 2001 locations were approved (see elsewhere).
7. Election of Directors and Officers, Vote of Thanks for Don Williams—Donna Watkins was elected to the Board of Directors. Mark Dennis was voted in as President, Donna Watkins as Vice President, and David Sweeney as Secretary/Treasurer. Don Williams received a vote of thanks for his many years of service on the KHSI Board, and was unanimously approved by the membership to be an Honorary Member. He will join Charles Parker and Charles Brown who are also Honorary Members, and will continue to have special opportunities to provide input to the board.

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Financial Report and Budget

Presented at KHSI Annual Meeting by Teresa Maurer and David Sweeney

The 1999 budget and expenses to date, as well as the budget for 2000 were reviewed and approved by the board and membership at the annual general meeting at September in High River. We also reported on a successful review of Operations and Registry financial information conducted by David Sweeney and members Kim Carter and Mary VanAnrooy which helped that committee get more familiar with cash flow, records and statements used by the two offices. Following are some notes on the budget—if you have detailed questions, please contact David or Teresa.

In 1999, 3 specific events contributed to changing KHSI's financial picture. We incurred higher than expected legal expenses related to the Katahdin trademark issue in Canada, there were postal increases in both the U.S. and Canada, and moving the operations office meant reprinting or revising stationery, envelopes, and forms, as well as installation costs for moving the business telephone line, etc. Another general trend which affected expenses and revenues in 1999 includes a tremendous upsurge in general interest in the breed as well as in KHSI membership, which also means more postage, copying and phone calls and other communications. Expenses in the first 6 months also meant that KHSI had to cash in a CD, representing a loss in cash reserves. This was combined with an exchange rate that continues to hurt both our Canadian members and KHSI's cash flow.

An examination of the 1999 budget column and the financial report for 1998, which showed \$38516 in expenses and \$34715 in revenues, indicates that dues income has just not kept pace with needed expenses. This forced the board to pass a dues increase, the first since 1985. The increase will accomplish several objectives: bring the KHSI budget and cash flow back into balance, allow for greater communications/service to members and the Katahdin-buying public, and replenishment of a small cash reserve. Also, with increased interest in the Web and continued demand for greater and better promotions, it was felt to be strategically important to increase the advertising budget.

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1999 KHSI Financial Report

Description	1999 Budget	9/1/99 Actual	2000 Budget
Revenues			
Dues	\$6500	\$5494	\$10500
Registry Services	25000	17408	27000
Reimburse & Refunds	800	215	800
Materials Sold	1000	416	1000
Total Revenues	\$33300	\$23533	\$39300
Expenses			
Contract Personnel—			
Registry	\$13000	\$10633	\$15000
Operations	6000	2500	6000
Advance-Canada rep	0	150	150
Advertising, print & web	2500	3870	4500
Bank Charges,	100	15	100
Insurance	400	414	415
Materials for Sale	650	0	500
Office Supplies	800	520	800
Postage—			
Newsletter	700	743	950
Operations	1100	443	800
Registry	500	921	1200
Printing/Copy Services—			
Newsletter	800	707	950
Other	1200	364	700
Registry	400	0	200
Stationary	0	767	0
Professional Services	1100	4001	1200
Newsletter		646	
CPA		355	
Legal		3000	
Subscriptions	100	0	50
Supplies & Materials	100	24	100
Telephone—			
Operations	900	1044	1200
Registry	900	888	1200
Board Conference	500	221	250
Travel—			
Inspector Reimburse	1500	153	500
Other	600	0	
Annual Gathering	200	0	200
Total Expenses	\$34050	\$28378	\$36965

Meet your Board of Directors

Steve Camp

Hi, my name is Steve Camp. I reside in the beautiful Northwest state of Washington. Some of you actually got to come and see us during the KHSI Annual Gathering we hosted several years ago. Most of you know me as the past president of KHSI—a position that provided me with challenges but most of all, the opportunity to develop friendships all over the continent. Since becoming a member, this year was the first meeting I have missed due to family surgeries. I hadn't realized how important the fellowship with the people in this organization is to me till I couldn't be there as usual.

I first became interested in Katahdin sheep in 1988 when I saw an article in *Successful Farming* magazine. Due to lack of supply I wasn't able to purchase any until the fall of 1989 and had to drive to Arkansas to get them. I was so impressed with their adaptability to our climate that I went back again the next year and bought some more. To date, I have approximately 150 breeding ewes with one third of them registered stock. I was hoping to have four to five hundred by this time, but their popularity has stayed high, and I have sold out all I want each year making growth slow. I became a member in 1989 and was elected to the board in 1990. I have seen much growth and change in the organization since that time and hope to continue in a positive direction sharing the attributes and developing a larger market for this unique breed. As we move into a new century with world wide marketability, the potential is pretty much unlimited for our breed for those willing to look beyond their local boundaries.

Mark C. Dennis

I have served on the KHSI Board of Directors since 1996. I served on the following committees: Nominations in 1998 and 1999; Promotion, 1998; and Logo design, 1991-1995. I developed qualifications and position description of KHSI Operations in 1998. I hosted the KHSI Annual Gathering for 1996 in Lafayette, Louisiana. I formed Southcentral Katahdin Hair Sheep Association (SKHSA) in May 1999.

We purchased our first Katahdins in 1989 and have been breeders of registered Katahdin Hair Sheep since then. We currently have a flock of 32 breeding ewes, 22 ewe lambs and 6 rams.

My KHSI goals for 1999-2000 include establishing communication with Katahdin associations in Canada and Mexico; developing "Team Effort Business" among the KHSI Board of Directors to go forward into 2000; planning a KHSI "Best of the Best" Katahdin Hair Sheep Sale in 2001 at the KHSI Annual Gathering to be held in Missouri (get your breeding program started!); and working toward increased membership and providing more service and promotion to membership.

Ed Martsoff

I have worked with these sheep since 1980, and had a hand in developing the first ones within the US along with others who were interested. I first ran into Katahdins in Honduras and later brought some from Vermont to the Heifer Project International ranch in Arkansas. Early on, I met Charles Parker, who incorporated Katahdins into his sheep work at Ohio State University, doing some side by side comparisons with other sheep breeds. In 1985, I was involved with incorporating KHSI as a breed association.

My interests continue to be to create the most broad-based market for Katahdins to fit into, and to keep the breed as utilitarian as possible—that is,

one which can fit into many production and marketing systems. I see Katahdins as low maintenance lamb producers, a good mothering breed, and one with excellent potential to get many sheep raisers to switch from wool to hair breeds. We are just starting to tap into this, and I want to be sure Katahdins remain the breed of choice as producers look at their options. My 2000 goal is to help keep adaptability in our Katahdin "product" and in the marketplace, working hard to help more people understand how particular qualities of this breed can help them meet their particular goals.

Sharon K. Schaefer

I have been on the KHSI Board of Directors for one year and helped some on the Promotions Committee. I am one of the founding members of Regional group—Western Katahdin Sheep Co-operative Ltd. Inc. I have owned KHSI recorded or registered sheep (20 ewes and ewe lambs) since 1991 with my first lamb crop coming in February, 1992. I expect to lamb about 75 registered (some bred commercial) and 25 commercial or Katahdin cross ewes and lambs (some bred to upgrade) on pasture in May, 2000.

My goals for 1999-2000 as a KHSI Director are: to work with the other directors in enhancing the value of a KHSI membership to the producer with Ellen Wise (and any other interested volunteers) on the Breeder Education Committee; to identify areas of need and find suitable means for sharing others' expertise (preliminary ideas focus on a question format with markets and decision-making coming ahead of basic sheep husbandry); and to encourage everyone to utilize the MKHSA Booklets!

As breeders—new or old—of Katahdin Hair Sheep, what do you want to know? Share?

David Sweeney

I am David Sweeney, Secretary/Treasurer of KHSI, and I have been on the Board one year. I have led the Upgrading Study Committee and currently chair the Breed Improvement Committee. During the last year I formed the Southeast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association, representing the southeastern states of the U.S.—from Maryland to Florida. I have been raising Katahdins for about ten years. After downsizing due to a drought, I currently have 15 registered breeding ewes, three registered breeding rams, and several unregistered market ram lambs. With the rain received from recent hurricanes (i.e., Floyd and Irene) I expect to be "upsizing" this year.

Meet your Board of Directors, continued

My 1999-2000 goals as an officer of KHSI are to:

1. Fulfill my duties as Secretary/Treasurer.
2. Lead the Breed Improvement Committee and publish a summary of research findings on Katahdins.
3. Increase membership in KHSI, largely by #4 below.
4. Increase membership and participation in SE-KHSA.

This is an exciting time to be involved with Katahdins and KHSI, and I enjoy persuading others to get involved with this breed and KHSI.

Donna M. Watkins

I am married to Billie Watkins and employed by Mitsubishi Motors Manufacturing of America as an associate in Quality Control. We have been breeding Katahdin Hair Sheep and have been a member of KHSI since 1988 and have never missed an Annual Gathering. Currently we own about 150 breeding ewes of which approximately 30-40 are upgrades or of another registered breed.

I have served as Director of KHSI from 1993 thru 1998 and was Secretary/Treasurer 1997-98. I have also served on various committees over the years including promotion and marketing, and I accepted resumes for the KHSI Operations position. I attended the World Sheep Congress in California for the promotion of Katahdin Hair Sheep. I founded the Midwest Katahdin Hair Sheep Association in 1993 which currently has over 60 members. I serve MKHSA as treasurer and administrator and assisted in the development of the booklet, Katahdin Hair Sheep The Shearless Choice. MKHSA hosted the KHSI annual Gathering in 1994 at Columbia, Missouri and will host again in 2001. I have also encouraged and helped other regional groups form. I am a member of United States Sheep Seedstock Alliance and serve on the board of trustees.

My goals for 1999-2000 include encouraging other regional groups to form, assisting new members, continued promotion of the breed and KHSI, and work on new markets.

Ellen Wise

I was elected to a directors position at the KHSI Annual Gathering in 1997. The first committee I was asked to serve on was the Youth Committee. Last year I volunteered to chair the breeder education committee. This year (1999) I had the honor of hosting the Annual Gathering in my home town of High River, Alberta. In 1994, I

joined with several other enthusiastic breeders here in Alberta to form the Alberta Katahdin Sheep Association and have served as vice-president and president of that organization. I have bred Katahdins since 1991 and now find myself rebuilding my flock after the loss of my husband last year. At present I have ten registered Katahdins, six cross breeds and ten commercial sheep. With a bit of luck, my flock will increase substantially next year. My goals for 1999-2000 are to see KHSI find more and better methods to effectively serve its members. I hope to find ways to promote more youth involvement with Katahdins and complete my mandate to develop a program of breeder education.

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Lambs Sought for Research

KHSI has been contacted by Dr. Dave Notter at Virginia Polytechnical Institute because he has recently received authority to establish a small Katahdin flock there for crossbreeding trials. He would like to identify about 5-6 flocks, preferably in the east, which could furnish 5 good representative ewe lambs from good-performing animals. He would purchase them in the spring of 2000 and 2001, would consider registered or non-registered but purebred animals, and can pay up to \$150 for the young lambs. Please contact KHSI operations if you would like more information.

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Breed Improvement Committee Report

By David Sweeney, North Carolina, Chairperson

The Breed Improvement Committee was re-energized at the recent Annual Gathering and was tasked by the Board to collect available research data on Katahdins for a summary booklet or report to be completed by next year's Annual Gathering. A focus on research this year is needed as the committee is charged with monitoring issues related to the long-term viability of the Katahdin breed for commercial production systems in North America and elsewhere. To this end, we want to look at what the research data is saying about current breed characteristics and performance. With this information in hand, we will be in a better position to identify genetic strategies for breed improvement that also are consistent with market needs and trends. I invite those members keenly interested in this project to contact me as soon as possible (<SCKatahdin@aol.com> or 919-851-2174). Those with knowledge of research involving Katahdins are also urged to contact me.

One important avenue of research is our own on-farm record keeping. Let's all make a commitment to keep good records with accurate weights and other data. The NSIP program in the U.S. and the Ovissey program in Canada are two country-wide programs worth participating in. If enough of us participate in such programs, we can start getting data that is across flocks, not just our own flock records. Then we can start benchmarking where we are and where we want to be going with the breed using EPDs (Expected Progeny Difference) like other livestock breeds that have made significant genetic progress.

The Ovissey program was presented at the meeting in Canada, and it appears to be an excellent program. Information can be obtained by calling 1-888-OVISSEY or emailing <ovissey@cansheep.ca>. If enough producers are interested in signing up for Ovissey, a group discount might be obtained.

Let me know if interested.

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Classified Ads

For Sale—

Rita and Roger Meyer, 217-379-3371, are moving and have 2 rams, ewes and ewe lambs from 6 months to 4 years old which are looking for a good home. They will be traveling south from Illinois to Arkansas at Thanksgiving and could deliver enroute. Call anytime from 7:30 am-11 pm or email: <ritam@planetd.net>.

Roy Olson in Indiana has 4 ewes/6 months old and 3 ewes 1.5 years old for sale. 219-988-7351 or email: <OlsonP@bp.com>. Steve Dugle <stedugle@venus.net> has bred ewes (ages 1-4 years) for sale \$250 each - Madison, Indiana. 812-839-6945.

Richard and Michelle Miller in Illinois, 309-377-3981, <rwmill@davesworld.net> have 15 ewes for sale, ages ranging from 4 to spring lambs. Also have 2 rams, 1 brown age 4, 1 white with horns, age 19 months.

Registered 100% Katahdin rams for sale now. Will have 100% Katahdin and Kat/Dorper cross ewes and rams lambs for sale next spring. Call Teresa Griffin at 785-885-4663 in Kansas or e-mail at <farms5g@webtv.net>.

Want to Buy—

Mike Wilson in the Bahamas lost his flock in a recent hurricane and is interested in rebuilding his flock, FAX: 1-242-351-2485 or <jingles1@batelnet.bs>

Maralyn Fowler in Wisconsin is looking for sheep to work with her border collies, 920-528-8013 or <mfowler@savacaf.com>

Mitzi Cook in Michigan interested in lambs, 517-782-2235 or <heyucook@voyager.net>.

Dianna Willmon in Colorado, wants about 10 ewes and a couple of rams to buy, 970-848-5511 or <dianna@plains.net>

Genell Pridgen is looking for 500 ewes (or as many as she can find) to expand her operation in North Carolina. She prefers ewes no more than 2 years old, and is interested in both registered and commercial Katahdins, <rainbow@eastlink.net>.

Mike Murray is interested in purchasing some Katahdin sheep for his family farm located 15 miles east of Seattle, Washington, <mikemur@gte.net>

Lynn Magedson is looking for registered lambs (yearlings) for sale and older (cull) ewes, <magedson@unicomp.net>.

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Need Christmas Presents?

KHSI promotional items may be just the thing for you and the Katahdin boosters in your life. The leaning lamb is a new design developed by KHSI member Nancy Case, and it's now on T-shirts, sweatshirts and henley shirts.

KATAHDIN HAIR SHEEP THE



LEAN MEAT BREED®

There's also an excellent supply of Katahdin shirts, hats, decals, farm signs, postcards and other items. All of these items are now available through the Operations office—call or FAX 501-444-8441 or email <khsint@earthlink.net> to request the latest pricelist and ordering information. At press time the list was being updated and revised, and prices were not yet available. Many thanks to Nancy for the new design and Steve Camp for his previous work handling and mailing promotional items.

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SE-KHSA Annual Meeting

The first Annual Meeting of the Southeast Katahdin Hair Sheep Association will be held at the Virginia-North Carolina Shepherd's Symposium. The Symposium will be held Friday and Saturday, January 7 & 8, 2000 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The SE-KHSA membership meeting will take place on Saturday, January 8 at a time to be announced.

Officers, directors, and members of the SE-KHSA are urged to attend this important meeting. In addition, Katahdin breeders interested in the association who are not currently members are encouraged to come to the meeting and discover the benefits of joining a regional Katahdin association.

The VA/NC Shepherd's Symposium is a well-attended event that draws participants from states other than just Virginia and North Carolina. The presentations cover a range of production, management, and marketing topics. A detailed schedule and registration information will be available in early November. For more information, contact Scott Greiner, Virginia Tech, phone 540-231-9159.

If you do plan to attend and participate in the SE-KHSA meeting, please let David Sweeney know at 919-851-2174 or <SCKatahdin@aol.com>.

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Next Newsletter

Because we had items we couldn't print in this issue due to space and postage costs, such as a long list of new member welcomes and an informative article about Johnes (if you want the Johnes article sooner, Teresa can FAX or email you a copy), we plan to do the next newsletter very soon. **Deadline for the next issue is January 5.** Let us hear from you; ads, article ideas, opinions can be FAXed to Teresa at 501-444-6075 or emailed to <khsint@earthlink.net> or to Tina at 417-276-5677 or emailed to <wordsetc@u-n-i.net>.

KHSI Website Changes

KHSI's website has moved! Bookmark the new address: <<http://www.KHSI.org>>

A connecting link to the new address will remain at the old address, so existing links on other sites will continue to work.

There will be progressive changes made in design and content. One that has already taken place is the translation of breed information into Spanish. The next change will be in the way breeder information is displayed. If any member would like to list their flock's health status, such as participation in the Voluntary Scrapie program, or number of years for OPP or John's testing, I will list that information. I will also list your for sale/wanted ads. You can either e-mail me or mail a postcard with the information; just remember to update it when your information changes.

We have had enough requests for performance data that I would also like to include pages with this information. I would like for you to send me summarized data in the following categories: 90, 120, and 150 day weights for ram lambs, ewe lambs, and wethers; include your type of management, whether pasture, grazing crops, pasture/creep feed, or feed lot; lambing rate and lamb survival rate (separate out data from yearling mothers and older mothers if possible). Please state whether or not you want your name included with your data.

Contact me at: Nancy Case, PO Box 87, Hartsburg, MO 65039,
<agworld@socketis.net>

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Report from Mexico

KHSI Operations received the following email from Mary Piotrowski in Mexico as well as a brief conversation with her husband Miguel Michel. Below are some excerpts, including an invitation to visit!

"Hello! I hope by now you have gotten in contact with my husband, Miguel Michel inviting all Katahdin folks to the national Mexican Katahdin competition December 10 in Queretaro, Mexico. Please feel free to contact me for more information about the fair in December and anyone's need for lodging, transportation, etc. By the way, we won Grand Champion of the Katahdin Race in the fair in Jalisco. My phone number in Mexico is 011-52-377-505-11. I'd love to fill you all in on more about what's going on here with the Katahdins. Mary Piotrowski
<mariapiotrowski@yahoo.com>"

Miguel reports that they now have 500 head of sheep and that KHSI members in Mexico most often meet as they gather at fairs, etc. to buy breeding stock, and he sends his greetings to other members.

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