

Targhee Talk

*The Newsletter of the United States
Targhee Sheep Association*



January 2022

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Semi Annual Member Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Leroy Pedersen January 23, 2022 via Zoom at 5:00 pm PST. 19 participants were online including all board members and secretary.

Minutes were approved from the annual meeting.

A profit and loss 2021 and 2020 comparison were reviewed for finance reports. 2020 was at a loss with the declined registrations and cost of switching to Associated Registry as well as not having a National Show and Sale. 2021 did end with a profit. Account balances are over \$30,000. Susie Skinner moved to approve; Bryan Allred seconded; Passed.

Mardy gave an update on 2022 Directory. Breeders need to get their ads into Mardy and confirm their information is correct on the current breeders list. An email will be sent out as well to all members with the directory ad information and pricing. As soon as everyone gets back, the directory can be completed. The goal is to have them done by April.

Committees gave a report next.

Junior Committee – Missy and Alicia Holtz gave a report for the Juniors. They just had a meeting the prior week and are looking into fundraising ideas.

Registration Committee – Julie Ward reported their had been \$6000 in revenues for registration after Associated Registry fees. She hadn't heard of any issues with Associated and asked the membership if they had any concerns.

Starter Flock – Scott Kilber reported he had been checking in with last year winner Coy Petersen every month or so and sounded like everything was going well. Looking towards 2022 Starter Flock, application had just been posted to the website. Nothing had substantially changed from last years. Press releases will be sent out in coming week, please share. A couple of breeders had already come forward with donations, but more are needed still.

Promotion Committee – Julie reported they had not met since last Nationals. The board had approved \$500 for advertising the association they had not utilized yet. One idea they did have was doing producer spotlights throughout the year. We're working on getting the website to have a page for each current member and this would correspond with that. The more information and pictures that are submitted to Mardy the better the spotlight will be.

Standards Committee – Bryan Allred reported there was nothing new happening to update the standards, but did discuss what was needed for the sifting committee at the upcoming Nationals. He and the hosting Montana Targhee Association were working toward to get a wide variety of individuals to help with the sifting.

Hall of Fame Committee – Jeff Nevens said he and Jack McRae were working together to try to make sure no one had previously been overlooked that should have been recognized. They'll be compiling a list for each hosting committee to review.

NSIP committee – Jeff Nevens reported there was no update on the NSIP show rules, but he was working to get new traveling plaques. The Champion Ram had been filled up several years back and needs to be redone. They are also adding a Reserve Ram and Champion and Reserve Ewe traveling plaques. They're trying to go back in the records to go back as far as they can on the new plaques. The Montana Targhee Association has graciously agreed to cover the costs of all the new plaques.

Nominating Committee – Scott Kilber reported they are looking for more individuals to volunteer for this committee. This year Bryan Allred/West and Julie Ward/At large west are up for reelection. If anyone has a nomination, please start considering. One thing to also keep in mind is that the association may need its districts redone to better match location of the members. This will have to be a topic at upcoming Annual Meeting.

Minutes, cont'd.

2022 Show and Sale – Dylan Laverell reported they were making a lot of progress in planning. Schedule will be a little different going from Monday to Wednesday. Look at the upcoming newsletter for more detailed information and lodging options. One thing they are looking to add is a commercial wool show. Entries will need to be at least 50% Targhee and will be separate from the National Show. Idea is this will bring in more participants to the Show and Sale. They're also exploring the option to sell the fleeces to various college wool judging teams.

All American Show – Todd Taylor reported this year will be in Massachusetts and he had not received enough interest to make that trip from junior members, so there will not be a Targhee showing this year. Next year it is back in Madison, Wisconsin so will get back into it than.

A previous topic from the annual meeting was the goals of the association. Ideas had been thrown around, but no actual goals had been set. Julie asked for a long range plan that membership would like that would better serve out members to do more. Dylan reminded everyone the Board members are available to call with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Dylan Laverell moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Nevens seconded. Passed.

2022 Directory

Greetings!. I am writing to invite you to secure your advertising placement in the 2022 National Directory & Standards and to update your contact information in the Breeder's Directory. There is no additional charge for being listed online in the Breeder's Directory. However, if you would like to place an ad in the National Directory, cost for ads and design layout appear below. Members are welcome to create their own ads and submit them in pdfs. Please follow the sizing requirements. When using photographs, remember to use high quality images. Members choosing to have the USTSA office design their ad will be charged a design fee. Ad placement will be offered to those in the prior directory first and then on a first come first serve basis. USTSA members wishing to update their previous ads will not be charged design fees. A print directory of 150 copies will also be made

For the new "Online Directory"- We are in the process of developing an online directory for current/active members (those that have registered an animal(s) within the past two years as of January 1, 2022. If you wish more information to be included on the website, please provide Mardy with one picture and a brief description of your business as well as a link to your website if applicable.

The printed directory will be used for 1-2 years, while the online directory will be able to updated as needed.

1/4 Page Ad \$25.00 3"W x 1 7/8"H Design Fee \$15.00	Full Page Ad \$70.00 3"W x 7 7/8"H Design Fee \$30.00	Inside Back Cover \$100.00 3"W x 7 7/8"H Design Fee \$30.00
1/2 Page Ad \$40.00 3"W x 3 7/8"H Design Fee \$20.00	Centerfold \$150.00 6.5"W x 7 7/8"H Design Fee \$50.00	Outside Back Cover \$125.00 3"W x 7 7/8"H Design Fee \$30.00

This is open to businesses as well for an advertising opportunity. In addition to above pricing for the directory, for an additional \$50 they would be published in all newsletters and posted on our website, at whatever ad size they choose. They would have the opportunity to update their ad at anytime. So if you know if any business that would be interested in this opportunity, please send their information to Mardy.

2022 National Show & Sale - July 18-20th in Big Timber, MT

Sunday, July 17th

Noon – pens available

Monday, July 18th

8:30 am – National Junior Show order

Yearling Ram

Fall Ram Lamb

Winter Ram Lamb

Spring Ram Lamb

Yearling Ewe

Fall Ewe Lamb

Winter Ewe Lamb

Spring Ewe Lamb

Best Fleece on Live Animal

Junior Showmanship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Pee-wee)

Noon – Lunch

1 p.m. – Wool and Photo Contest Entries due

2 p.m. Open show entry sifting begins – deadline for open show sheep to be in the barn. Health, Registration, Micron, and EBV paperwork due.

4 p.m. – Junior Targhee Association Annual Meeting

6 p.m. – Picnic at (Wool Warehouse)

8:30 p.m. – USTSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, July 19th

8:30 a.m. – Junior Futurity Ewe Show

9:00 a.m. – National Open Show: Show Order

NSIP Yearling Ram

Yearling Ram

Fall Ram Lamb

Winter Ram Lamb

Spring Ram Lamb

NSIP Yearling Ewe

Yearling Ewe

Fall Ewe Lamb - born before January 1st.

Winter Ewe Lamb - born before February 15th

Spring Ewe Lamb - born February 16th and after

Best Fleece on Live Animal

1 p.m. – National Wool Show Judging

2 p.m. – Special Event

2:30 p.m. – USTSA Annual Association Meeting

6 p.m. – Social hour at Sweet Grass County Fair Grounds Pavilion

7 p.m. Awards Banquet

Wednesday, July 20th

10 a.m. – Presentation of the USTSA Starter Flock Award

10:30 – National Sale (Rams followed by ewes)

Deadlines to keep in mind

NSIP

◆ Data for the required traits must be submitted for the **June 1st** run

◆ All rams and ewes must be shorn after **February 20th**.

May 1st - Micron test (Yearling rams and NSIP ewes):

May 31st - Entry and event forms due. Entry forms and packets will be available in the April newsletter as well as online.

June 15th - All registrations and information for catalog are due.

Accommodations at Nationals

Super 8 (\$127/night) - (406) 203-4757. 20 rooms have been reserved in the Targhee Show and Sale Block.

River Valley Inn (\$135/night) - (406) 932-4943. 5 rooms reserved in the Targhee Show and Sale Block

Lazy J (\$99/night) - (406) 932-5533. 5 rooms reserved in the Targhee Show and Sale Block

Don't forget about VRBOs or Airbnbs. There are many around the Big Timber Area. Camper parking is available at the fairgrounds, but there are no hookups.

Make your reservations soon!

Restaurants & Brewery

Iron Star (406) 932-5998

Salads, Specialty Pizza, Sub Sandwiches, Pasta
<https://www.bigtimberpizza.com/menu>

Thirsty Turtle Burgers & BBQ (406) 932-3330

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Areas of Interest

Big Timber Falls

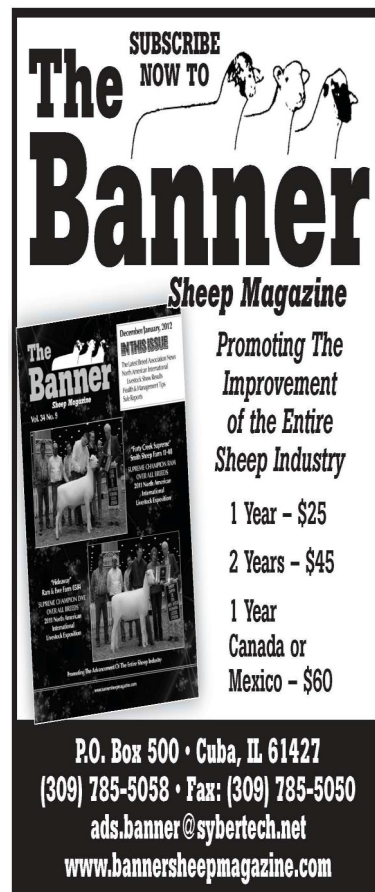
Less than a mile hike up Big Timber Canyon

Natural Bridge

~18 miles south of town, up McLeod/Main Boulder Rd

Yellowstone/Boulder Rivers

Big Timber Museum



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ALB Provides Resource Database

Increasing flock productivity and improving the ability to deliver upon consumer demands is a major focus of the U.S. sheep industry. The American Lamb Board has gathered existing resources that address these topics of importance to all segments of the U.S. sheep industry. This free Best Practices Resource Database is available on www.LambResourceCenter.com.

"A universal tool being asked for by all segments of the industry is a database that is easily accessible to search for existing resources that address a wide variety of production topics," says Gwen Kitzan, ALB chair. "We've compiled these resources and made them available as a downloadable database that is searchable, but not an endorsement."

President's Notes

Happy New Year to everyone. We are blessed to live in America and raise Targhee!

I am looking forward to the National Show and Sale in Big Timber this Summer. Kudos to Montana for planning and arranging this big event. Watch your lambs and yearlings in order to pick out your show prospects. Experts are saying prices for lamb should be very strong in 2022.

Keep in mind if anyone has a new idea or venture let one of the board members and Mardy know and we will see what we can do.

God bless the USA and the USTSA,
Leroy Pedersen

Starter Flock Program

Application is now available on our website (ustargheesheep.org). Please help spread the word to eligible youth that would be a great addition to the Association. This will be the thirteenth year the Association has given away a Starter Flock to a deserving Youth. In the previous years, the generous members of the USTSA has awarded 17 starter flocks, totaling 555 head of sheep, and have also donated almost \$14,000 towards buyers credits for the award winners to purchase additional sheep at USTSA national sales.

The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2022 national sale.

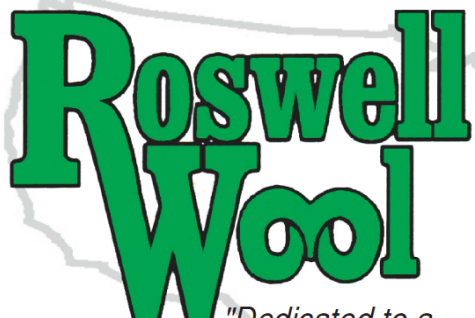
Save the Date: ASI Spring Trip

The American Sheep Industry Association's Spring Trip to Washington, D.C., is set for March 14-16. The annual gathering allows sheep producers to visit with members of Congress, as well as leaders at government agencies ranging from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Sheep producers interested in taking part in the Spring Trip should contact their state association leadership to begin the process. Participants will fly into the nation's capital on Monday, March 14, and visit with agency leaders the next morning. Congressional visits will follow that afternoon and into Wednesday. ASI will host a reception and BBQ on Wednesday evening. Participants will be joined at the reception by Congressional leaders and staff.

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

Jan. 27 - Colorado Farm Show Sheep Day - Island Grove Park in Greeley, Colo. - www.coloradofarmshow.com

Jan. 29 - South Carolina Sheep Industry Association Spring Lambing and Kidding School - Seneca, S.C. - www.eventbrite.com/e/what-to-expect-when-expecting-baby-goats-and-lambs-tickets-224979619097

Feb. 3 - National Sheep Shearing Contest at the Black Hills Stock Show - Rapid City, S.D. - Leann Brimmer at mtrousie73@gmail.com

Feb. 4-5 - Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program's Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour - Pipestone, Minn. - www.pipestonesheep.com

Feb. 8 - Small Ruminant Webinar Series: Strategic and Cost Effective Mineral Nutrition for Sheep - Online - extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research

Feb. 18-19 - Maryland Sheep Breeders Association Beginners Shearing School - Fairplay, Md. - marylandsheepbreeders.org/activities/maryland-shearing-school/

Feb. 21 - ReproScan Small Ruminant Ultrasound Training - Perkins, Okla. - call 877-890-2411 to register.

Feb. 26 - Washington State Sheep Producers Lambing School - Martinez Lambing Camp in Mabton, Wash. - www.wssp.org

March 2-3 - Missouri Sheep Shearing School - Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. - Amy Bax at 573-681-6190 or Bax2@LincolnU.edu

March 8 - Small Ruminant Webinar Series: Parasite Management for Small Ruminants in Grazing Systems - Online - extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research

March 18-20 - Moffat County Sheep Shearing School Beginner Course - Craig, Colo. - Megan at megan.stetson@colostate.edu or 970-826-3402

March 21-22 - Moffat County Sheep Shearing School Advanced Course - Craig, Colo. - Megan at megan.stetson@colostate.edu or 970-826-3402

April 12 - Small Ruminant Webinar Series: Bridging the Gap Between Meat Goat Hobby and Commercial Meat Goat Business - Online - extension.wisc.edu/agriculture/farm-ready-research

April 21-23 - Shepherd's Cross Shearing School - Claremore, Okla. - www.shepherdscross.com

April 22-23 - Tennessee Sheep Producers Association Shearing School - Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. - www.tennesseesheep.org

April 23 - Washington State Sheep Producers Lambing School - Feustel Farms in Lamont, Wash. - www.wssp.org

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