

LAMB & WOOL

A Newsletter For The Iowa Sheep Industry / September - 2011

Fiber Center Stage at State Fair

By Micky Burch, ISIA Executive Director

ISIA represents food and fiber, and fiber was in fine form at the Iowa State Fair (ISF). A huge crowd was on hand for the ever-popular Shearing Contest, the Wool Show garnered a high number of entries and Spin & Knit brought 36 people doing demonstrations to the sheep barn.

Shearing Contest

Five amateurs and 13 pros took the four-station stage for the ISF Shearing Contest. Amateurs were timed shearing three head in one round, while pros did four head in each of the preliminary and final rounds. Participants are judged on time (20 points), absence of second cuts (20 points), condition of the fleece (20 points), handling of the livestock (15 points), absence of cuts on the animal (15 points) and overall appearance (10 points) for a total of 100 points. This year's amateur winner swept



Five amateurs and 13 pros competed in front of a huge crowd at the ISF Shearing Contest

the competition in all three categories. Kyle Hoogenboom won Overall Shearing, Best Pen and Best Time. The professional division recognized three different winners. Bruce Sellers won Overall Shearing, Rocky Anderson won Best Pen and Tony Troadle won Best Time.

Wool Show

Whether you're a hand-spinner that likes lots of length or a processor that favors 3-6 inches of wool, many high-quality fleeces to fit anyone's preference could be seen at the ISF Wool Show. Fleeces are judged on multiple characteristics,

including distinctness, crimp, microns and tensile strength. Fleeces were broken down into classes and champions were picked in White, Natural and Overall divisions. In the White category, the champion was a medium fleece entered by Peeper Hollow Farm, Dee & Rick Heinrich. Taking second was a fine fleece exhibited by Still Water Fiber Farm, Mary Parks. Both the Champion and Reserve Champion Natural winners were long wools entered by Peeper Hollow Farm. For Overall honors, judge Mark Goehring used the White winners.

Spin & Knit

Now in its 9th year, Spin & Knit is a regular demonstration held the first Sunday of the State Fair and includes the Des Moines Spinners & Weavers Gild, Adel Spinners & Weavers Gild and three different knitting gilds, also from Des Moines. While the spinners are spinning already prepared roving, the knitters are making stocking hats for the needy that will be given away at Christmas time. On this particular Sunday, 22 hats were expected to be made for the charitable

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Thank You!

On behalf of the ISIA Board, Chuck and Carolyn Johnson, and Micky Burch, a huge THANK YOU goes out to the more than 100 volunteers who worked at the lamb food stand at the Iowa State Fair, especially those that worked multiple shifts. Your generosity of time and energy are greatly appreciated; we couldn't have done it without you!



Koch Retires "Burger Splitter"

Eldon Koch officially retired the home-made "burger splitter" his father, Henry, made for the ISIA some 25 years ago. The gadget, used to split apart frozen burgers at the lamb food stand, is thought to be made out of a sickle blade and completed with a hard-wood handle.

Eldon Koch sits on a bench donated in honor of his mother, Melva, and shows off the "burger splitter" made by his father, Henry.

Burch Banter

By Micky Burch, ISIA Executive Director

My first Iowa State Fair (ISF) as ISIA Executive Director has come and gone, in my mind, went exceptionally well. The best part was getting to know so many members while serving customers our No. 1 product: lamb. We received many good comments from our clientele. Lots of folks said they come to the State Fair for lamb because it's the only time of year they get it. We saw several people purchase lamb multiple times a day and multiple days of the fair. Some we got to know on a first-name basis. To the disappointment of many, we ran out of our most popular item - kabobs - on Thursday

afternoon. Before they were gone, though, one young fellow bought two and commented, "Oh my gosh...it's like Christmas in my mouth!"

In addition to working at the food stand, I also had the opportunity to stop in at the FFA Carcass Lamb Ultrasound Evaluation, Big Ram Contest, Wool Show, Sheep Shearing Contest, Spin & Knit, Farm Bureau Cook Off, introduce Rhonda Renee Ross at the Animal Learning Center Stage, watch the Weather Sire & Dam Sale to see who purchased the ram donated to ISIA by Daryl Mickelson, take in the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement Winner's Circle Scholarship Picnic, teach others about sheep at "Ask a Farmer" in the Agriculture Building and pop in at the Hawkeye Suffolk Sale. I also took the chance to take leg of lamb sandwiches and lamb brats

to Crystal Studios and meet WHO broadcasters Mark Pearson, Simon Conway, and Van & Bonnie. Look for more details about ISF events on the following pages.

By the time you receive this newsletter in the mail, I will also have been to the Nebraska State Fair and back, having helped my Mom show her starter flock of registered Southdowns in the Open Show. My husband, Kolby, will have a few weeks of school under his belt and we will hopefully have settled back into "normal" life again - whatever that is. I'm looking forward to sharing ideas for ISF next year with the Board at our September meeting and encourage all of you to send me any ideas and suggestions you may have. You can contact me at the new ISIA number, (712) 790-6303, or e-mail info@iowasheep.com.

July Meeting Minutes

The ISIA held a meeting on July 21, 2011 at Kilde Hall on the Iowa State University Campus in Ames. Chairman Leland Shipley called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Board members present were Chris Osborn, Leland Shipley, Erlene Leonard, Dan Morriscal, Gary Erickson and guest Micky Burch. Leland introduced Micky as the new Executive Director effective Aug. 1, 2011.

Gary moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as they appeared in the July/August newsletter. Dan seconded and the motion passed.

Erlene gave the treasurers report. Gary made a motion to acknowledge the treasurers report and Dan seconded. The motion passed. Erlene also gave the Interim Executive Director's report. She got legs to State Center and replaced borrowed lamb patties to Madison County. Terry Leonard installed new 50 AMP breakers in the supply trailer. Dan motioned to pay Terry for the breakers; Chris seconded and the motion passed. Erlene motioned to pay Gary for taking over the Festival. Dan seconded and the motion passed. Dan motioned to pay Sharon Erickson, Susan Day and Judy Timmons for working in the Festival food stand. The motion was seconded and passed. Chris motioned to purchase two new Casio cash registers. Dan seconded and the motion passed. Dan motioned to get unlimited minutes and texting for the new Executive Director's phone. Erlene seconded and the motion passed.

The board authorized Micky to get a name tag. They also discussed job duties with Micky and answered her questions about job responsibilities.

The next meeting is a pot luck at Dolliver State Park on Sept. 18, 2011.

Gary motioned to adjourn; Erlene seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary M. Erickson
ISIA Secretary

Short CLIPS

By Dr. Dan Morriscal

Another state fair has come and gone. Chuck and Carolyn Johnson did a great job running the food stand. Our new Executive, Micky, learned the food stand ropes and attended multiple events on the fairgrounds. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked a shift or several shifts in the food stand.

Rams Fertility

The summer heat is taking a toll on ram fertility. Reports from various sources has less than 50% of the rams passing their breeding soundness exams back in early August to around 65% passing now. Sub-fertile rams are going to result in fewer lambs born per ewe lambing and ewes being strung out over an extended lambing season. Producers should monitor, via breeding harnesses and/or grease paint on the brisket, for repeat cycling in ewes. It would not surprise

me if less than half the ewes which were exposed in early August settled to the first cycle. Spermatogenesis, or sperm development, takes 6-8 weeks, so the rams should be coming out of the heat stress-induced infertility.

Lamb Market Situation

Reports from the American Lamb Board meeting this month indicate that consumers are starting to resist the high prices in the meat case for our product. Meat inventory in the coolers is starting to build, which has some worried about the lamb market. August is never a good time to sell red meat with the summer heat. If the market does not pick up with the cooler weather in September, then, yes, we may see a permanent retraction in the live lamb market. However, I do not expect the market to get much below \$1.75 on live price. Pelts are still selling very well, so that is softening the impact of a weaker demand situation.

The Center of the Nation National Sheep Improvement Program Sale Report is located in another portion of the newsletter. A training session on using "Lambplan" is scheduled for Sept. 17, 2011 in Pipestone, Minn.

The American Sheep Industry (ASI) Association has put a push on to improve the production efficiency of the U.S. ewe flock. Selecting superior genetics via buying animals with Estimated Breeding Values or placing one's own flock on "Lambplan" are two ways to increase output per ewe. Details of the meeting can be found on the NSIP website <http://nsip.org>. You can also visit the ASI webpage and look at Timely Tips for the "Lets Grow with Two Plus" campaign: <http://www.growourflock.org>.

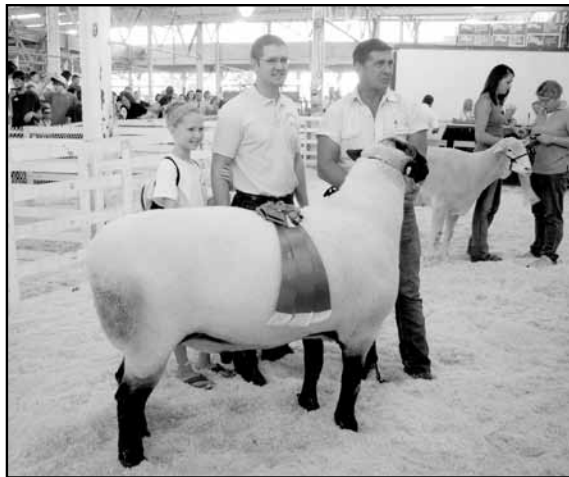
State fair champions and performance division information will be in next month's newsletter.

Big Ram Sets New Record

Out of six entries at the Iowa State Fair Big Ram Contest, "Lover Boy," owned by Daryl Mickelson of Perry, not only took home top honors, he also set a new record. The registered Hamp weighed in at 483 lb., 4 lb. heavier than the old record of 479 lb., also held by a ram owned by Mickelson.

The two-year-old ram brought Mickelson his eighth Big Ram win and his first with a home-raised ram since 1997. Mickelson has also had two Reserve Champion Big Rams. He plans on bringing "Lover Boy" back for the contest again next year.

"Hank," a six-year-old Columbia-cross ram, earned the reserve honors this year for Kelly Hammen of Clarion. He weighed in at 409.5 lb.



"Lover Boy" with (right to left) owner Daryl Mickelson, his son Jason and granddaughter Eily.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 18 ISIA Board Meeting, Dolliver State Park, Ft. Dodge

Oct. 7-9 Madison County Covered Bridge Festival. Madison County Sheep Producers will have shearing and spinning demonstrations.

Oct. 20 Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board Conference Call

Nov. 4-6 Second Annual Iowa Wool Gatherers' Retreat, Barn on the Bluff, Elkader. Contact Margie Meehan with questions at (563) 926-2573 or tipperaryfiberstudio@gmail.com.

Nov. 11-13 16th Annual Great Lakes Dairy Sheep Symposium, Eau Claire, Wisc. Program includes presentations, a bus tour of a sheep dairy farm, a cheese operation and the Spooner Ag Research Station – the only dairy sheep research farm in North America. Final program and registration forms can be found at www.dsana.org. For more information, contact Claire Mikolayunas at (608) 332-2889 or mikolayunas@wisc.edu.

Nov. 12 Iowa Make It With Wool Contest, Holiday Inn Express, Ames. For more information, contact Katie Olson at (712) 461-0007 or ktbear@hickorytech.net.

Do you have an event you would like to place in the Lamb & Wool Newsletter? Please send your information by the 20th of the month preceding the publication date of the Newsletter. You may submit your events at info@iowasheep.com or call (712) 790-6303.

5th Annual Center of the Nation National Sheep Improvement Program Sale

Clay County Fairgrounds, Spencer, IA
Saturday, July 30, 2011

Sale Manager: Conover Auction Service Inc., Al & Jeanne Conover, Baxter, IA

Auctioneer: Col. Al Conover, Baxter, IA

Lots: 74
Gross: \$61,450
Avg.: \$830

48 Rams - Avg. \$1,017
26 Ewes - Avg. \$487

| Lots | Avg. |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 18 Polypay Rams | \$1,214 |
| 10 Polypay Ewes..... | \$490 |
| 12 Suffolk Rams | \$1,029 |
| 9 Suffolk Ewes..... | \$475 |
| 10 Hamp Rams..... | \$900 |
| 1 Hamp Ewe | \$450 |
| 6 Dorset Rams..... | \$533 |
| 4 Dorset Ewes | \$456 |
| 2 Columbia Rams | \$1,200 |
| 2 Columbia Ewes..... | \$600 |



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Commercial Breeding Stock for Sale

For Sale (6/11) Romanov and Polypay cross ewe lambs for sale. January and February born. Also have Great Pyrenees puppies born May 1st that will be ready in 8 weeks. Knoxville. Contact iowafarmerpete@yahoo.com or (641) 891-7490.

For Sale (6/11) Hardy, "easy care," White Dorper and Dorper x Ile de France cross rams. Rams start at \$400. Contact S.A. Mitcham, Sumner, at (563) 578-5665 or sam@netins.net. www.ccdorpers.com.

For Sale (7/11) Suffolk ewe lambs. Increase your prolificacy and capacity for lambs. From a 200% lamb crop. Well-muscled, good growth rates. Scrapie resistant. Contact Dave Hofland, Hartley, at (712) 728-3103 or (712) 348-3518 (cell).

For Sale (8/11) Suffolk RR ram lambs. Call Doug Nielsen, Rock Valley, at (71) 476-5238 (home) or (712) 470-2841 (cell).

For Sale (8/11) Polypay rams from a highly productive flock. Detailed production records available. Contact Dave Hofland, Hartley, at 712-728-3103.

For Sale (8/11) Yearling and ram lambs, mostly Ile de France and Dorset breeding. All rams are high-indexing animals with scan figures available. Start at \$500. Contact Doug Wirth, Ames, at (515) 979-3938 or e-mail wirthdoug@yahoo.com.

For Sale (8/11) Taking orders for ewe lambs. We have SAMM and Ild de France cross ewes raised on grass. Delivery Sept./Oct. Contact Doug Wirth, Ames, at (515) 979-3938 or e-mail wirthdoug@yahoo.com.

For Sale (8/11) Dorset/Romanov ewe lambs. Mostly born in March, mostly 1/8 to 3/8 Romanov. High production flock. Contact Tom Metzger,

Larchwood, at (712) 477-2613 or (712) 470-3829 (cell). Please leave a message or e-mail tdmetzger@mewlan.com.

For Sale (8/11) Suffolk ram lambs and one yearling ram for sale. Detailed records and pictures available. Contact Kim Meerdink, Hawarden, at (712) 552-1802 or e-mail kdmeerdink@netllcwb.net.

For Sale (8/11) January-born Dorset rams, Martin background, and nice Dorset, Dorset/Hamp ewe lambs available. Contact Erlene Leonard, Colfax, at (515) 669-0573.

For Sale (8/11) Registered Suffolk ewe and ram lambs. Sired by Ruby Mountain. All rams RR, most ewes RR with possible QR. Big, well-structured lambs with good mothering ability. Contact Randy & Barb Stewart, Newton, at (641) 792-2323 (home), (641) 521-7981 (cell) or e-mail rstewart@ppartner.net.

For Sale (8/11) 1/2 Ile de France Crossbred Ram Lamb. March born. Tested positive for Booroola gene. \$450. Contact Vernon Spykerman, Sibley, at (712) 736-2472 or (712) 461-0919.

Free listing

of "Sheep for Sale" for ISIA members. Ads must be limited to 50 words and will run in four issues of the Newsletter (date in parenthesis indicates first issue). Ads may be re-submitted for an additional four issues. Send ad information along with name, address, phone, mail and e-mail to the ISIA office at 28425 340th St., Coon Rapids, IA 50058 or e-mail info@iowasheep.com by the 15th of the month for publication in the following month's newsletter. The Lamb & Wool Newsletter is published 11 times/year with a combined July/August issue.

Farm Style Lamb

by Paco Ochoa

Lamb:

1 or 1 1/2 lb. average round lamb steaks, tenderized
3/4 lb. bacon (used to wrap steaks)

Marinade:

1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 cloves garlic
1 T. chopped fresh cilantro
1 fresh lime (juiced)
1 T. cider vinegar
Your favorite dry rub seasoning

Stuffing:

1/8 cup cut sweet corn
1/8 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/8 cup chopped red onions
1/8 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Directions: Tenderize lamb steaks. Marinate steaks for 4 hours. Mix together stuffing ingredients and sauté lightly. Take sautéed stuffing and spread over marinated lamb steaks. Roll up each lamb steak and tie with several strips of bacon. Add dry rub to taste. Grill over medium heat until tender.

Editor's Note: Paco Ochoa of Stone City won the Lamb/Goat category of the Iowa State Fair Farm Bureau Cook-Out with his recipe "Farm Style Lamb." Look for the second place recipe in next month's newsletter.



Still Time to Register for Iowa Wool Gatherers' Retreat

Steal away to the Barn on the Bluff Bed & Breakfast at Elkader, nestled in the beautiful hills of Iowa's Little Switzerland, for a fall weekend fiber retreat. It will be the perfect time to make new friends, renew old acquaintances, spin, knit and weave your way through a relaxing weekend.

Dates are Nov. 4-6 - Friday after 2:00 p.m. through 11:00 a.m. Sunday. For more information and to register, contact Margie Meehan at (563) 920-7704 or e-mail her at tipperaryfiberstudio@gmail.com.

Gilman Fixture in Sheep Barn

By Micky Burch, ISIA Executive Director

Anyone who has spent time in the sheep barn at the Iowa State Fair (ISF) in the last 70 years or so has probably run into Carl Gilman - either because he was showing sheep or because he was the Assistant Superintendent for some 30 years.

The 93-year-old from Stuart started attending the ISF as a youngster and hasn't missed a fair yet - except when he was serving in the war. His earliest memory, when he was 6 or 7 years old, is of his father buying a Shrop ram at the State Fair and having to ride home in the backseat of the car with him.

For many years, Gilman could be seen showing Hampshire's. It was also during these early years that he graduated from high school - the Class of 1936 - and spent two years attending Iowa State University (ISU) before returning to the farm that

has been in the Gilman family since the 1880's. Today, his youngest son is on that farm.

He and his wife, Ruth, were married in 1941 and shortly after welcomed children Millie, Cary and Craig to the family. In addition to raising sheep and farming, Gilman exhibited Border Collies at ISF; VEISHEA at ISU; Red Wing, Minn.; and even went as far north as Canada.

It was during the transition from the 80s to the 90s that Gilman became Assistant Superintendent of the sheep barn - about the same time he retired from farming. Over the years, he has worked with Superintendents Dewey Jontz, Tom Cory and current Superintendent Don Hummel. Through it all, one thing hasn't changed: Gilman sits on the same stool he did some 20 years ago... a stool the swine barn tried to steal at one time, but was retrieved because someone wrote "Sheep Barn" on the bottom of it.

He has, however, seen many



Craig, Millie, Carl and Cary Gilman.

other things change in the sheep barn - namely, the sheep. "The Shrop's heads look like a Hamp and their ears look like a Suffolk," he says. "And all of the sheep are good. They're all blue-ribbon lambs." His daughter, Millie, remembers coming to the state fair for the whole time. Now, different breeds and shows are shuffled in and out of the barn in a matter of days. Even through the changes, being at the state fair is important for the entire family; all of the Gilman children and grandchildren have shown livestock there. But Gilman's favorite thing at the fair has never changed: "All the pretty girls!"

In recognition of his commitment to the ISF sheep

barn and the industry in Iowa, Carl was admitted to the ISIA Hall of Fame in 1987 and has his picture on display in the Historical Museum at the fairgrounds. Sadly, he said goodbye to his wife of 65 years in 2006. The day of our interview, August 18, was her birthday and Carl and his children were enjoying cinnamon rolls in her memory.

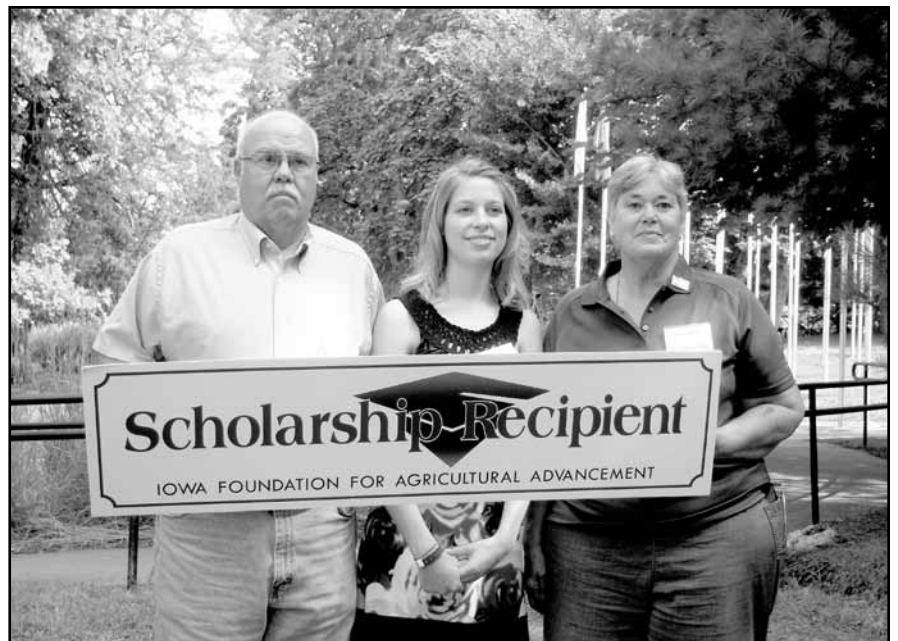
Today, Gilman still lives on his farm and goes to coffee and visits his friends at the nursing home almost every day. He mentioned this may be the last state fair he attends. His oldest son, Cary, says he's been saying that for many years already. Either way, the effect he's had and the memories he's made in the sheep barn will last for generations to come.

Moser Wins First-Ever Leonard Memorial Scholarship

Alecia Moser of Garden Grove was selected the winner of the first-ever Brice "Spanky" Leonard \$1,500 Memorial Sheep Scholarship. The award was presented by Brice's parents, Terry and Erlene.

Moser purchased her first speckle-faced show lamb from Brice in 2003 at the Premier 10 sale in Richmond, Ind. Then, in 2006, she purchased a Dorset from him.

Moser is a senior at Iowa State University majoring in Ag Business. She's graduating in December and hopes to get a job in southeast Iowa in sales and marketing. This was Moser's third Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement scholarship.



Terry Leonard, Alecia Moser and Erlene Leonard.

Minutes of the Iowa Sheep & Wool Promotion Board (ISWPB)

Iowa State University (ISU) - Kildee Hall, Ames, IA
July 21, 2011

Present at the meeting was Mark Van Roekel, Dist. 1; Daniel Schmitt, Dist. 2; Mary Esther Pullin, Dist. 3; Mike Park, Dist. 4; Bob Kimm, Dist. 5; Sid Greiner, Dist. 6; Danny Anderson, Dist. 7; and David Arieux, Dist. 9. Dist. 8 was absent.

Also present were Erlene Leonard, Leland Shipley and Gary Erickson, Iowa Sheep Industry Association (ISIA) Board; Dan Morriral, ISU; Micky Burch, ISIA Executive Director; and Jeanne Van Houweling, ISWPB Executive Secretary.

Dan Schmitt called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

We welcomed new board members Mark Van Roekel,

Dist. 1; and Mike Park, Dist. 4. Election of officers for fiscal year 2012 was held.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Dan Schmitt as chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Sid Greiner as vice chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion and second was made to appoint Dave Arieux as secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion and second was made for Dan Schmitt to remain as treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion and second was made to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.



Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was reviewed. As there was not an executive director for the month of June, no salary or mileage was paid to ISIA.

Erlene Leonard performed the duties in a directors absence and had a bill for mileage. A motion and second was made to approve the treasurer's report and the compensation wage/mileage for Erlene. Motion carried unanimously.

We reviewed material from Deb Moser, the state auditor. Andy Wilson from the state Auditor's office joined the conference call meeting on Jan. 27, 2011. The board reviewed the options he presented to them at that meeting. One of the options was to not have an

audit unless there was a complaint, as the board has a good record over the past 20 years that he reviewed. Deb Moser told us that the agreed upon procedures for 2010 would take approximately 25 hours. The board also discussed the fact that sheep numbers are down, effecting revenue.

A motion and second to discontinue annual audits until further notice was made. Motion carried unanimously.

There was an annual review of guidelines. A motion and second was made to add "if funds are available" on page 5 of the guidelines for funding of agreements (item #3). Motion carried unanimously.

The tone of this meeting was the decline in sheep and producers. A motion to nominate Dan Schmitt and with assistance from ISIA president Leland Shipley to investigate the opportunity to increase the assessment rate, currently at 10 cents per head, to 25 cents per head. What action needs to take place to implement a change? They will begin with a visit to the Ag Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. Morriral discussed educational-type programs for 2012.

Dr. Maynard Hogberg, ISU Animal Science Department Chair, was introduced to the group.

It was motioned and second that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Morriral served up a delicious leg of lamb lunch.

The next meeting will be a conference call on Oct. 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Van Houweling, Executive Secretary

Funding requests:

#618 Black Hawk County 4-H "Family Picnic" - \$100

Motion and second to approve request. Motion carried unanimously.

#619 Jasper County Sheep Producers "Jasper Co. Fair Free Supper" - \$257.50

Due to limited funds, the motion and second approved the request for \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

#620 ISU Livestock Judging Camp held June 15-17, 2011 - No amount requested.

Proposal came after event was held. Motion and second to deny request. Motion carried unanimously.

#621 Boone County Sheep Committee "Enjoy the taste of Lamb" - \$100

A motion and second to approve the request for \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

#622 ISIA Executive Director's Salary - \$24,000 (July 2011 to June 2012)

A motion and second to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

#623 ISIA Executive Director mileage support - \$2,400 (July 2011 to June 2012)

A motion and second to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

#624 ISIA Complementary Lamb & Wool Newsletter - \$1,359.04.

A motion and second to approve request. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: In the newsletter budget, ISWPB is paying for 168 complimentary copies each month. A motion and second

to have an insert card placed in the complimentary newsletters twice asking if they wish to continue receiving the newsletter, then please return the card. After two months, if they do not return the card, take them off the mailing list. Motion carried unanimously.

#625 Iowa Make It with Wool Contest - \$1975.00

Discussion: Contest needs more exposure or advertising. Entry blanks should be available in the sheep barn at the state fair. Contest organizers need to look for outside funding. ISWPB should not include meals for contestants, etc. A motion and second that, due to the economy and the drop in numbers of sheep sold, request be approved for \$750. A letter with comments will be sent to Katie Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

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contribution; knitters made any hat pattern they liked. Of the 36 participants, 11 were spinners and 25 were knitters. While the spinners were primarily using wheel spinners, one young lady, Tracy Leff of Des Moines, demonstrated hand spinning with a drop spindle.

Pictured are (L to R) Judge Mark Goehring; Dee Heinrich, Peeper Hollow Farm, Champion; and Mary Parks, Still Water Fiber Farm, Reserve Champion.



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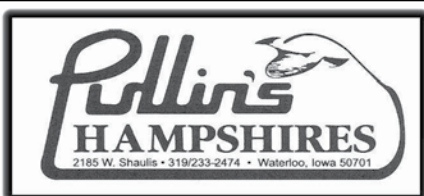
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