



<http://www.bflsheep.com>

President: Lisa Rodenfels 740-732-7120 somerhill@earthlink.net
Vice-Pres: Margaret VanCamp 810-655-4091 mavaca@usol.com
Secretary: Kristen Barndt 610-905-1136 kris@kabstudio.com
Treasurer: Becky Utecht 320-679-4117 becky@riveroakssheep.com
Board Members: Jolene Vezzetti 215-257-0348 breezymeadowsfarm@verizon.net
Jared Lloyd 970-201-4439 cymrucowboy@gmail.com
Robina Koenig 541-389-7678 bflsheep@gmail.com

Bluefaced Leicester Union - February 2010 update

While you have all been busy digging out from record snows and preparing for lambing, your board has been working away behind the scenes, organizing and working out the many details that make this association run smoothly.

A newsletter editor has been found – Judy Colvin of Bitterroot Ranch in Montana. She will be publishing her first edition as the spring issue. The newsletter will be made available in .pdf format, and will be emailed as much as is possible to save on printing and postage. Some highlights to look for will be a treasurer's report, details on the national BFL show, and regional reports from around the continent.

The board is looking into revamping the website format to make it more dynamic and timely, as well as to possibly save on costs involved. In the mean time, all the downloadable forms have been redone and are now available on the website in .pdf format. Please be sure to discard any old forms you have, and print new ones from the website.

The media committee is looking at how the association's advertising dollars are spent in an effort to get the most "bang for the buck". Currently, BLU advertises in the Maryland Sheep & Wool festival catalog, the Banner, Shepherd, Sheep!, the Black Sheep Newsletter, and will be adding Sheep-Canada. If there are other places we could consider advertising that would benefit our members, please make suggestions.

During the January board meeting, a limit of \$250 dollars was set to support the 3rd National BFL show. It will be held at the Black Sheep Gathering in Eugene, Oregon, June 18-20th. Thanks to member volunteers, we have sponsors for all the classes to be held. Please be thinking and working on fleece and fiber arts entries. These can be sent with breeders who are attending the show, or mailed to committee chair Robina Koenig, who has agreed to receive them and to make sure they are returned after the event.

Most importantly – a reminder that membership dues need to be paid NOW. To be considered a member in good standing, it is important to get your membership for 2010 paid by March 1st. While dues are still accepted after this date, in order to remain listed on the website, be included in printed membership lists that are passed out at various events, receive your copy of the 2009 Flockbook, and receive your newsletters, it's important to get your dues paid on time. Dues also need to be current in order to vote in BLU elections, and to run for office. All these things can be reinstated once your late dues are paid, but it causes extra work for the secretary, treasurer, and membership chair, and can cause possible errors and corrections to be overlooked.

To pay dues, make your check payable to **BLU** and mail to:

Becky Utecht, Treasurer BLU
2157 River Oaks Circle
Mora, MN 55051

Or for your convenience, a Paypal account has been set up, and there will soon be an option to pay online from the website. Please contact our treasurer, Becky Utecht, for more information on paying by Paypal.

Here's to loads of beautiful, healthy lambs this spring!

Lisa Rodenfels, President, BLU