MLWPA Welcomes New Board Members

At the Annual Shepherd’s Holiday, Randy Kinney was elected President and Steve Froehlich was elected as 2nd Vice-President. Randy and his family have a commercial sheep operation near Glenwood. Travis Fowler, Glentette Sperry and Jeremy Geske were re-elected to be the offices of 1st Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Dary Boehm, Bob Padula and Don Drewry were re-elected to their regional director positions. Al Hendrickx was elected to the NW director position. Doug Mathias was elected to the SW director position. John Dvorak and Melanie Pamp will continue on the board as the two immediate Past Presidents. There were no nominees for the NE director position (the board will attempt to fill this position at a future meeting—if you are interested, contact President Kinney).

MLWPA thanks the retiring board members for their dedicated service: Karen Stormo, Don Adelmann and Mike Haubrich. Melanie Pamp was also recognized for her service as President these past two years.

Jo Bernard Receives Silver Bell Award

Jo Bernard has devoted many years and countless hours supporting the youth sheep project. At the local level, leasing ewes and mentoring 4-H and FFA members. At the national level, she is one of the coordinators of the All-American Junior Sheep Show, with participants from all over the country. Jo also serves as the MN State Fair sheep superintendent and assists with many major sheep shows and sales such as the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and Louisville.

Jo and her husband Mark raise Cheviots near New Richland.

The Jr Silver Bell award was presented to Andrew Berg. Andrew is a great role model for the younger kids, always lending a hand and mentoring others. He shows sheep, pigs and beef, and participates in Livestock Judging and Knowledge Bowl. Andrew is a student at SDSU. He is the son of Phil and Laurel Berg of Pipestone.

Lamb Price update

Sioux Falls SD Dec. 14
Fat Lambs 121lbs &up $130.00 - $137.50/cwt
Feeder Lambs 42-103lb $121.00 - $235.00/cwt
Ewes—$52 - $68/cwt

Mt Hope OH Dec. 7
Feeder Lambs 40-80lb $180.00 - $330.00/cwt
Fed Lambs 100+lbs $110.00 - $150.00/cwt
Ewes & bucks $55.00 - 100.00/cwt

Billings MT Dec. 12
Fed Lambs 102 lbs &up $154.50 - $165.50/cwt
Feeder Lambs $173.00 - $223.00/cwt
Market Ewes $62.50 - $75.00/cwt

Kalona IA Dec. 7
Feeder lambs $160-220.00/cwt
Fed Lambs $128.00-155.00/cwt
Cull ewes & bucks $72.50-90/cwt

Fort Collins CO Dec. 7
Slaughter lambs $142.00-162.00/cwt
Feeder lambs $151.00 - $216.00/cwt
Ewes & bucks $59.00 - $80.00/cwt

Zumbrota MN Dec. 13
Fed lambs $115.00-130.00/cwt
Feeder lambs $100.00 - $215.00/cwt
Ewes: $30-$77.50/cwt

Mark & Jo Bernard
2017 Shepherd’s Holiday to be held jointly with ND Lamb & Wool

MLWPA is in the process of planning a joint convention with ND Lamb & Wool. The conference will be Dec. 1-2, at the Cambria Suites (soon to be the Double Tree) in Fargo. In addition to the opportunity to interact with sheep producers from two (or more) states, there will be opportunities to visit the Sheep Unit at NDSU. Both boards are collaborating on tremendous line-up of seminars, as well as a Friday evening lamb cook-off. More details will be provided as they become available. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

- **Jan. 6** - Deadline to register for the NLFA Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School - Albany, Ore. - www.nlfa-sheep.org
- **Jan. 25-28** - ASI Annual Convention - Denver, Colo. - Details Available at www.sheepusa.org/About_Events_Convention
- **ISBA Shepherd’s Clinic. Feb. 4, Rice Lake, WI. Register here.** The 2017 Shepherds’ Clinic has been expanded to include goats as well as sheep. The program will focus on Profitability and Sustainability, Genetics and Reproduction, and Flock Health plus special breakout sessions for youth enrolled in 4-H and FFA livestock projects. The keynote speaker is Susan Schoenian, Sheep and Goat Specialist, at the Western Maryland Research & Education Center, University of Maryland Extension. Schoenian is a nationally known expert specializing in profitable & sustainable sheep and goat production systems. The Youth Sessions will feature Dr. Justin Luther, UW-River Falls discussing “Showmanship” and Cami Subra, sheep producer talking about “Feeding Lambs for Showing at the Fair.” Maria Bendixon, Chippewa Valley Technical College, Marlin Subra, sheep producer, and Tim Jergenson, UW-Extension -Barron County will provide presentations that focus on profitability and sustainability of sheep enterprises. Heather Landin will discuss “Wool for Fun and Profit.”
- **Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program Lambing Time Short Course and Bus Tour, February 10 - 11:** The program starts with an optional Friday afternoon hands-on computer record keeping session using Microsoft Excel and Shearwell Data FarmWorks software program. Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions will cover lambing time management and health topics. Saturday afternoon will be spent touring and viewing two successful sheep operations. The purpose of this short course and bus tour is to help producers recognize and effectively deal with common lambing time problems. We are fortunate to have highly qualified sheep veterinarians on the program to share their thoughts on common lamb and ewe health problems. Touring two top area sheep operations in the afternoon will provide an opportunity for individuals to see firsthand how other sheep producers recognize and deal with lambing time problems. You will see how they lay out their lambing barn, set up creep pens, graft lambs, dock, vaccinate, feed and manage their lambs and ewes. Click here for more information.
- **March TBD** - Spring Sheep Workshop—St Paul, MN. Plans are underway to hold the 2017 Spring Sheep Workshop at the St Paul Campus. The day will include sessions in the diagnostic lab. Watch for more information!

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