

Summer 2017

Tomorrow's Sheep Today

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## View from the Great Lakes State

Brett Pharo, APSA President

The 2017 annual membership meeting and sale are history. For the second year in a row, membership participation both as consignors and in the meeting was much higher than it had been for several previous years. However, the sale again produced very poor results, with ram buyers in short supply. What can we do to fix this? Prices are always good at Spencer, A couple years ago they were good at the APSA sale at Arlington. This year they were good at Sedalia. Ram sales at the farm are strong. That's all good, but how do we get buyers to our national sale? And how can we get even more members to attend the meeting/dinner and consign? That is a big topic of discussion among the board and other members. If you have ideas, please share. We want to make an effort to satisfy all the various elements of our organization. Can we have a show/sale/meeting that will attract folks that are interested in the show ring and also those that are interested in including production data?

The annual dinner was absolutely delicious. Cravings Catering did an awesome job. The annual meet-

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ing was well attended with lots of lively discussion. Votes were counted beforehand, and the membership did vote to adopt the proposed bylaw amendment/replacement. Among other things, that means the number of directors will drop to seven. The board made the decision to do this over a two year period, going to eight this year and seven next year.

Beyond the annual meeting and sale, how do we best bring the membership together now and in the future? We are too small of an organization to toy with the idea of splitting. Trying to avoid that is why I ran for the board three years ago after many, many years off. I suppose with any organization with a varied of membership as we have, some differences of opinion are inevitable. For several years leading up to three years ago, there was a fairly large, and growing, number of members who felt disenfranchised and were preparing to abandon the APSA, possibly starting a new Polypay registry. That seemed to me to be a very poor idea. Now I hear there are other members who are feeling disenfranchised and are considering starting a new Polypay registry. That still seems to me to be a very poor idea. I can assure all that no one on this board desires to disenfranchise anyone, as many remember well how they felt. I will grant an assumption that previous boards did not intend to disenfranchise anyone either.

So, now that people on both “sides” of this divide have felt both sides, how about we all come together, start communicating better with each other, support each other in our various efforts even if it’s not something we’re interested in, and concentrate on making/keeping Polypays the premier seed stock breed in the nation. We all have much more in common than we have differences. It’s up to us, it’s up to you, whether we spend efforts squabbling with each other or supporting each other.

## Fee Change

It's been many years since there has been an increase in registration and transfer fees in the APSA. We recently had an increase in what we are charged by our registry to do the registrations. We didn't raise our fees last year to cover this, but the board feels we need to this year. Rather than raising both registrations and transfers, the board decided to raise only the transfer fees from \$5 to \$7. This will take effect August 1. Registrations will remain at \$5 for members.

## National Sale Pictures



**2017 National Polypay Sale – Berrien Springs, Michigan**

Lot	Selling Price	Consignor	Buyer	City	State
<b>Yearling Rams</b>					
101	\$350	Allen Farms	University of Wisconsin - Madison,		WI
107	\$550	Freking Polypay	Peterson, Craig	Scranton	IA
116	\$350	Hidden Valley Farm	Shadow Sheep Farm,	Kirkland	IL
120	\$350	Irish Acres	Hacker, Aaron	Crown Point	IN
122	\$550	Lambshire Polypays	Kaeb, Chris	Buckley	IL
131	\$350	Patriot Polypay	Schloss, Patrick	Dexter	MI
<b>Fall Ram Lambs</b>					
102	\$500	Big Prairie Polypays	Pharo, Brett	Rapid City	MI
123	\$500	Lambshire Polypays	Grandview Polypay, Schmidt, L or D	Marshall	MN
153	\$350	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Barclay, Lew	Grand Ledge	MI
<b>Winter/Spring Ram Lambs</b>					
117	\$350	Hidden Valley Farm	University of Wisconsin - Madison,		WI
121	\$450	JCC Polypays	Vonroekel, Mark	Orange City	IA
126	\$350	Meinders Stock Farms	Wyant, Margaret	Dowagiac	MI
132	\$350	Patriot Polypay	Vanwyck, Sheri	Fowlerville	MI
147	\$350	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Pharo, Brett	Rapid City	MI
<b>Mature Ewes</b>					
118	\$300	Hidden Valley Farm	Shadow Sheep Farm,	Kirkland	IL
<b>Yearling Ewes</b>					
148	\$550	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Wollin, Scott	Karlstad	MN
<b>Fall Ewe Lambs</b>					
104	\$400	Big Prairie Polypays	Vanwyck, Sheri	Fowlerville	MI
105	\$400	Big Prairie Polypays	Shadow Sheep Farm,	Kirkland	IL
125	\$450	Lambshire Polypays	Big Prairie Polypays,	Ashton	IL
150	\$500	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Hacker, Aaron	Crown Point	IN
149	\$500	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Shadow Sheep Farm,	Kirkland	IL
124	\$375	Lambshire Polypays	Nash, Kendall	Pittsford	MI
<b>Winter/Spring Ewe Lambs</b>					
108	\$325	Hausser Polypays	Hacker, Aaron	Crown Point	IN
111	\$300	Hausser Polypays	Wyant, Margaret	Dowagiac	MI
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119	\$400	Hidden Valley Farm	Vanwyck, Sheri	Fowlerville	MI
128	\$375	Meinders Stock Farms	Hacker, Aaron	Crown Point	IN
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134	\$300	Patriot Polypay	Vonroekel, Mark	Orange City	IA
133	\$325	Patriot Polypay	D & J Ary Ranch, Dufoe, Debra	Center Point	IA
151	\$425	University of Wisconsin - Madison	Hacker, Aaron	Crown Point	IN
152	\$550	University of Wisconsin-Madison	Wollin, Scott	Karlstad	MN
<b>e Total</b>	<b>\$9,175</b>		<b>Sale Average</b>	<b>\$401.00</b>	
<i>32 Total Head Sold</i>					

## More National Sale Pictures



Voter's Choice ram, selected by vote of APSA members. Ram lamb consigned by John Carlson.



Top selling ram award shared by Bryce Freking and John Anderson



Top selling ewe consigned by Todd Taylor and University of Wisconsin, Madison.

## Sedalia Sale Results

Polypay sheep sold well this year at Sedalia. Rams averaged \$883. Ewes averaged \$525. Overall, the average Polypay sold for \$678. It's good to see buyers returning to Sedalia looking for Polyps.



Diane and Kevin Hermann with their reserve champion ram and champion ewe at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, MO.

