

First General Meeting of the American Black Welsh Mountain Sheep Association

WHERE: Wye Heights Plantation, Easton MD – along the eastern shore
WHEN: October 29-31, 2004 (ALL DAY, Friday the 29th, ALL DAY, Saturday the 30th
PART DAY, Sunday the 31st (farm tour) until departure

Please plan to arrive on Thursday the 28th, or at least early enough on Friday the 29th to take advantage of all the learning AND fun opportunities that are planned.

There is NO CHARGE for this meeting and some meals and refreshments are included, courtesy of Mr. Thomas G. Wyman, and it is being held at his Wye Heights Plantation, home of the first North American flock of Black Welsh. Transportation to and from the airport and to and from your hotel or inn can be arranged.

You DO need to **make your own travel arrangements to the Easton area**, and your **own hotel accommodations**. The nearest major airport is Baltimore (about 1 hour, 15 minutes), and is serviced by most major airlines, including U.S.Air and Southwest Airlines.

The **Tidewater Inn in Easton** (101 East Dover Street) is serving as our “host” hotel and has arranged special rates for our meeting of \$109-\$125 per night, continental breakfast included. Please mention that you are with the Black Welsh group to receive these rates. There are other hotels in the area, including a Holiday Inn.

Please plan on registering and submitting your travel and hotel information to Suzanne Correia, 2646 FM 1704, Elgin TX 78621 (suzanne@fireantranch.com) by mail or by email by SEPTEMBER 15th, so that we may plan transportation and meals accordingly. You will be sent confirmation and any agenda changes if they occur.

NAME: _____ # of Persons: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I will be arriving on _____ (date) ___ at the Baltimore Airport ___ via automobile

On Flight _____ at _____ am pm (circle one)

___ I will need transportation ___ I will be renting a car and can make it on my own

I plan on staying at the Tide Water Inn, the host hotel and have registered there.

___ I will need transportation to and from the meeting ___ I'm on my own

I plan on staying at the _____ hotel

I am departing on _____ (date) ___ from Baltimore Airport ___ via automobile

Flight: _____ at _____ (time)

Black Welsh Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 28th: Arrivals

Friday, October 29th:

- 8:30am:** Morning Meeting (coffee, tea, rolls)
Introductions of members, board and officers
General subjects including current breed and flock status in the U.S. and Canada
Current status in the U.K. (about 1 hour)
Desirable Qualities of the breed
Breed Standards, including conformation, wool quality, carcass, etc.
- Hands on with the flock until lunch time.
- Lunch:** Soup and sandwiches in the Pub at Wye Heights
- Afternoon:** More hands on with the sheep until we've all had enough
- Dinner:** The Crab Claw Restaurant – no host so we're on our own for costs
This is a fun, noisy seafood place on the Miles River harbor in the town of St. Michaels, about 10 miles away

Saturday, October 30th

- 8:30am:** Morning Meeting (coffee and rolls). We will cover what we can of the below list until we break for lunch, which again will be at the Pub
- Artificial Insemination
Wool
Nutrition
GENETICS (including inbreeding in the North American flocks)
Scrapie
Anything not covered on Friday
Marketing will be covered more or less all the time as things unfold
Our featured speaker is Mr. Will Workman of the U.K.
- Dinner:** Held at Wye Heights Plantation and hosted by Mr. Tom Wyman
Keynote Speech by Mr. Will Workman (see brief bio below)
Dinner featuring Black Welsh Mountain lamb, of course!

Sunday, October 31st

- Morning:** Tour of Wye Heights Plantation (for those able to attend)
Departure

The featured guest for the meeting is Mr. Will Workman. He is a member of the British Black Welsh Mountain Sheep Council, and his family has been involved with the breed since the beginning. He is a full-time farmer with about 100 Black Welsh plus 500 Cheviots. He is a recognized Judge of Sheep in Great Britain. He and his wife, Samantha, live in Wales. Mr. Workman will be a major contributor to the hands-on with the sheep during the day on Friday also.