**Sheep AI Meeting – March 19th, 2014**

**Things we have accomplished on the grant:**

Held training for LAI, VAI and ram collection. Had good attendance and others interested.

Produced some AI lambs for producers to see from both LAI and VAI

Have talked about the results in the ag news, sheep and goat newsletter and at Sheep and Goat Week.

**Things we still need to do:**

Get some producers to try it in their flocks by 2015.

 Jim Fraley offered to have us try it on his Cotswalds with his ram, fresh semen AI

Get more info on using frozen semen for VAI (still haven’t gotten to talk to folks in Norway)

 Not making much progress on this yet.

Said we would either bring in a ram and collect and use him on farms or will ship in fresh semen from somewhere else and use it on local flocks.

Need to talk to Glen about more details, also Carolyn, and maybe Ives from Spooner. Also Dave Souter from Dependable

Talked about how important good synch timing is for success

Will Glen be coming to NY or somewhere close this fall??

Field Day Summer/Fall 2014 – to show AI lambs to public

Article for a sheep magazine (besides Ext)

Present at Cornell Symposium – when we have more results

Reporting

**Some ideas--🡪**

Get more training on collecting and shipping ram semen.

We have some semen left to do something with

Try collecting some and sending it somewhere (like to Kris in Maine) and see what shape it is in when it arrives

 Maybe Nicole Hirt interested? Sean Harney?

Practice on our good rams from Kathy Soder or eventually on our new AI rams and get some small flocks to try fresh semen AI.

Use the ram shipment money to ship in a ram, or to ship in some semen for us to use fresh semen AI – who and what kind of ram from where?

Cradle? LAI?

**Money we have left:**

Ram Transport money $500.00 – Wait to see where the interest is….

Lodging and meal money for trainer - $150 and $78

Mileage to go to cooperator farms $666.00

Intern money $416 (about 40 hours)

Conf Call money $180.00 (could we use this for something else?)

**Where do we go from here??**

Other grants?

List of people that collect semen for us if we find the ram we want collected?

Tim.fargo@crv4all.us – contact him – he does deer

Laparoscope – is there any old equipment at Cornell or local hospital?

Kim Cantrell – at Kentucky – does she have any semen on hand?

Contact Alliance Pastorale – semen, training, etc.

Contact Joe Emenheiser from UVM joe.emenheiser@uvm.edu – 802-524-6501

Paul Cardyn from Canada!