

## **President's Message**

Hello from Mickey Sue and I to all SCKA members and guests. The weather has changed to early fall here in South Louisiana. The Rye grass and Clover has been planted and our flock will enjoy this forage all winter long. Our perennial peanut hay is in the barn also. Our Rye grass is a good stand.

Again this month we have sad news. One of our past presidents, Howard Brown, has passed away. Prayers are with Lavonne and the family on their loss. Our SCKA Board donated \$100.00 to the KHSI Youth Group as requested by the family. SCKA members also sent flowers in memory of Howard.

We have an update on Kenneth Jessee, another past president of SCKA. His COVID virus attacked his spinal cord (Guillain Barre Syndrome) and has caused him to lose functionality of his lower extremities. He was released from the hospital and now is at home receiving a rigid rehabilitative program to get him back up on his legs. I know he would love to here from you once in a while.

Jim Hill, Vice President SCKA, and the SCKA Board are working hard on the SCKA first on-line sale/Katahdin auction on May 25, 2022, for our members and to be followed June 3-4, 2022, SCKA Annual Gathering held in Vicksburg, Mississippi at the Silver Creek Equestrian Center.

I have been receiving multiple calls from new folks interested in becoming Katahdin owners, however, they are having a hard time finding quality Katahdins ewes to get started. This is very encouraging news for the upcoming year 2022. Get your ewes bred to the meet the continuous demand.

I'm happy to hear KHSI Expo will be held next year in Cookeville, TN. August 4-6, 2022. As we receive more details, you will be the first to know.

As several of you know, I have become interested in the value of Linear measurements on our lambs this past year. I read an article in Stockman Grass Farmer May 2020 by Mr. Abram Bowerman, a hair sheep producer in Mo. with follow up articles in Shepherd Magazine by Lee Howes.

I'm interested in hearing your opinion/thoughts on the importance of Linear measurements.

If you are like me, I'm looking forward to spring lambing when we can see lambs from our new ram recently purchased at the KHSI Expo in Mexico, MO.

Reminders:

- Renew your membership for 2022. We would like to see 100% participation in our Katahdin Association. Katahdins will do more than pay your feed bill or keep your grass down in your pastures. They make you money!
- Advertise your Katahdin Operation by utilizing our SCKA website.
- We will be electing two new board members at the 2022 Gathering, so consider getting active in our group of Katahdin Breeders.

I'll leave you with a heartfelt wish that all have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving. Make your celebration more special by providing a lamb dish – Enjoy!

Mark Dennis

President