

The following major changes need to be noted for our upcoming 2020 events in response to COVID-19:

2020 Spring Newsletter

We would normally send out a spring newsletter around this time that would have most of this information. We did have a completed Spring 2020 newsletter that was ready to be printed and mailed out, but with the recent health concerns, we have decided against doing so. We are planning to postpone the printed newsletter until the end of June provided it is safe to do so. If you would like to contribute to our upcoming newsletters, please contact Sarah McCormick at sarahmccormick94@gmail.com.

Wool Pool & 2020 Shepherd's Forum

Due to the recent health crisis, we have cancelled the upcoming 2020 Shepherd's Forum and Wool Pool. It is a very difficult decision to cancel two of our major events, but as a board, we feel the safety of our members is very important. Also, all face to face events at URI are currently cancelled through June 30th, 2020. Therefore, the Forum will be postponed until further notice, we will be determining the new date at our fall board meeting. If you have already made a donation to the 2020 Shepherd's Forum T-shirt, we will be in contact about your donation.

Rhody Warm Blanket Project

Due to the cancellation of our 2020 Wool Pool, we will not be processing a 2020 Rhody Warm Blanket. With that being said, we want to assure our members that we still have plenty of inventory in stock! 2019 (new) blankets are still available for sale. It is very important for us to continue selling blankets even though we will not be processing one for this year. Please go to our website for more information on blankets.

Membership and Directory

In our Spring Newsletter, we generally put a copy of our Membership Form, which you send to us with the \$10.00 membership fee. Please continue to send these in. We have extended the date for inclusion in our directory/membership list through June 26, 2020. There is an updated membership form available on our website.

Mail

For the time being, please do not send mail to our PO Box address in Harmony, as it is very difficult for us to access this safely during this health crisis. The PO Box will still be checked periodically and mail will be dispersed appropriately.

Any mail can be sent to:

RI Sheep Cooperative ATTN: Treasurer
182 Camp Westwood Road in Greene, RI 02827.

Scholarship

We have updated our scholarship information for the 2020 application. If you or someone you know would like to apply for the scholarship, the updated form is available through the website.

Shearing

In our newsletter, we include a list of shearers. If you have a regular shearer, please contact them directly for services. We do not know if any shearers have ceased services due to current health concerns.

Colin Siegmund, Yankee Clippers Shearing (VT, medium or large flocks) - (959) 444-5566

Sarah McCormick (RI, small flocks) - (401) 585-6888

Aaron Loux (MA, small or large flocks) - (413) 230-8607

Sammye Patti (RI, small flocks) - (401) 585-0487

Please do not hesitate to contact with any questions or concerns. Everyone please stay safe and healthy while navigating this current health crisis!

Sarah DeLiberis

Treasurer, Rhode Island Sheep Cooperative