

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes –December 3, 2015
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members present: Brian Solan (President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Tom Grimes, Shane Clouse, and Bruce Sterling. Directors absent: Justin Spring and Mike Colpo.

Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Brian Solan at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the October 7, 2015 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the October 7, 2015 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand totals \$104,544. Accounts payable include Grant In Aids (GIA) of \$32,500.00: GIA 15-3 Priscilla Peak Habitat Improvements \$15,000 over 3 years, GIA 15-11 South Dakota Disease Study \$10,000, GIA 15-17 NWF Tendoy buyout \$5,000, and GIA 15-18 WSF Floor Credit \$2,500.

Membership: Current membership is 385 including 168 Life Members. Past due memberships tally 27.

Informational:

- NWF study on protection of bighorn document. Brian submitted comments to WSF for a potential joint response supporting the position. WSF has not yet signed off.
- Glenn Hocket's paper regarding bighorn sheep was reviewed, wherein he is advocating the formation of a coalition of wild sheep supporters. No action was taken at this time.
- Jim Weatherly has moved the majority of his duties as Executive Director of MTWSF to Brian Solan, Max Bauer, and Jeff Mortensen. The Board discussed parceling out his duties to Board Members or identifying a new Executive Director, however no formal action was taken.

Old Business:

- GIA 15-15 WSF request to assist in funding Kurt Alt work on Montana wild sheep projects. Brian Solan reviewed and suggests support for specific tasks and deliverables. After discussion and upon motion and second, the amount of \$12,000.00 was approved on a one-time basis.

New Business:

- GIA 15- 19 Vanna Boccadori of MTFWP request for \$2,800.00 to track wild sheep in the Highlands Herd. Upon a motion and second, the grant was approved.
- Proposal from Ben Long soliciting support for the Bunker Creek/Sullivan Creek (South fork of the Flathead River west of Spotted Bear) addition to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The board discussed and deferred pending additional information regarding the impact on all potential Stakeholders.

- Proposal to raise MT WSF Life Membership to \$500 from the current \$350 after the 2016 Fundraiser. Life Membership at the current \$350.00 will be promoted before and during the Fundraiser. A Life Member raffle will also be held again for those present at the banquet. Also discussed was the potential for a hunt raffle for Life Members commencing in 2017. Upon motion and second, the above was approved unanimously.
- Annual fundraiser is March 18-19, 2016 in Helena. A Fundraiser Committee, Disease/Education/Outreach Committee, and Membership Committee were discussed, with no formal action taken. A previous custom rifle winner is donating back the rifle, on a 50/50 basis. An action and barrel have been obtained for the 2016 rifle, with a scope and stock needed. Tom Grimes will work on those items. Sponsorship levels were reviewed, with commensurate recognition, with donation levels suggested at 10,000, \$5000, \$2500, \$1000, and less than \$1000. Finally, new ideas for raffles were considered.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on January 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. via conference call.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation