

**MONTANA WILDSHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes-December 5, 2012
Location-Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members Present: Mike Menke (President), Jack Chambers (Vice President), Doug Dreeszen (Secretary), Brian Solan (Treasurer), Mike Colpo, Glenn Erickson, Steve Kline, Jeff Mortensen, J. Weatherly (Executive Director)

Board Members Absent: Shane Clouse

Members Present: Mike Flanick (Butte Banquet/Fundraiser Committee)

Call to Order: The Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by President Menke at 6:34 PM.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the September 5, 2012, Board Meeting, Conference Call

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the September 5, 2012, Minutes be approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: J. Weatherly reported that the current balance is \$81,029.04. All the accounts on past GIA'S are paid in full. The Skalkaho Weed Control Project was \$300.00 less than previously indicated. The MT WSF Specialty License Plated account shows \$700.00 income. We are in the profit column on this project at this time.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved as written.

Membership: We currently have 271 members. The total membership includes 148 Life Members. We have signed up several new Life Memberships recently through our promotion of the taxidermy contest.

Information:

* Bridger Mountains Proposed Bighorn Sheep Transplant: Our chapter supported ALT C; if more domestic sheep producers could be persuaded to ensure their domestics have no contact with the bighorns.

* Recent Bighorn Sheep Poaching Cases: It has been reported that the FWP is investigating two sheep poaching cases, one in the Elkhorn's and one in the Pryor Mountains. J. Weatherly has had contact with the FWP Warden on the Elkhorn's case and D. Dreeszen is in contact with Region 5, regards to the Pryor's case. The FWP has been notified of our standing \$1,000.00 reward, regards to information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s) in the poaching cases. We still have funds in the TIP-MONT account.

* Weed Control Project in bighorn sheep habitat near Big Sky: We received information from the local FWP Biologist Julie Cunningham that there is problem of weeds in this area. FWP and the local weed control district is looking into this matter.

* Bighorn Sheep Capture in the upper Yellowstone River area near Gardiner, MT: FWP Biologist Karen Loveless, Livingston, MT, is coordinating a capture and collaring project in the Tom Miner area. She has been in contact with our chapter as several members might be assisting in this project. It was first scheduled for Dec 10, but has been postponed due to weather. She will keep us informed of future developments in this project.

* Wrap up of the 2012 Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season: S. Kline reported that he is again in need of photos of rams taken this past fall for our booth at the Reno Sheep Show.

Old Business:

* GIA Proposal from the Plains Ranger District, USFS: This GIA Project is on hold until next spring. The project is a controlled burn in bighorn sheep habitat and it is felt that the burn will be more successful in the spring.

* MT WSF Mission Statement: Pending. J. Weatherly, S. Kline and J. Chambers are on this committee

* Domestic/Wild Sheep Interaction Education Committee. No activity. S. Kline suggested that we look into this as the Montana 2013 Legislature will be here soon and there could be some more bills addressing this matter. There has been one bill drafted already regards to bighorn sheep matters. We are still looking into updating the Domestic/Wildsheep brochure and have been in contact with Nat'l WSF in Cody.

* Little domestic sheep issue in H.D. 680-Fencing request: No activity.

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New Business:

* Attendance at WSF Convention in Reno: J. Weatherly and S. Kline will set up our MT WSF booth. Several other directors will be attending the convention and assist in manning the booth.

* By law Changes:

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the proposed bylaw changes that were sent out recently for review, be approved.

* 2013 Banquet/Fundraiser Updates:

Custom Rifle: M. Menke reported that he is working on soliciting parts for the rifle. It will be a .280 Ackley Improved rifle. He will get a complete description soon, so the tickets can be printed and handed out for sale.

Sheep Camp Raffle: Tom Powers will donate a Sims stove that he won in the past. Montana Canvas will donate a tent as usual.

Mike Flanick, Fundraiser Chairman from Butte gave a report on what he has done up to this point. He will follow up on some donations after January 1. Julie Cunningham and Vanna Boccadori FWP Biologists in the Butte area, (Region 3), will be guest speakers at functions during the fundraiser.

J. Weatherly reported that he is preparing a spread sheet of past donations that he will send out to the directors so they can contact past donors.

M. Menke reminded everyone to complete the Donor Forms with all the necessary information so we have the correct information for the program and thank you letters.

J. Weatherly will coordinate banquet/fundraiser information to go on the web site.

B. Solan will up date Face Book regards to banquet/fundraiser information.

T. Grimes, past Director has donated a .300 Winchester Magnum rifle.

J. Chambers reported that we have two ladies fur coats. One will be auctioned off, the other will be raffled.

Newsletter:

The deadline for the next Newsletter is January 18th. We are in need of articles and items for this issue.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 23, 2013, at 6:30 PM. This will be a telephone conference call.

Adjourned: Motion: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dreeszen, Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation