

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes –February 17, 2016
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members present: Brian Solan (President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Mike Colpo, Tom Grimes, Shane Clouse, Grant Winn, and Bruce Sterling. Director absent: Justin Spring. Also present: Jack Chambers, Past President & Member

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 January 14, 2016 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the January 14, 2016 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand totals \$84,158. Accounts payable include Grant In Aids (GIA) of \$30,000: GIA 15-3 Priscilla Peak Habitat Improvements \$15,000 over 3 years, GIA 15-11 South Dakota Disease Study \$10,000 over 2016 & 2017, GIA 15-17 NWF Tendoy buyout \$5,000. The Board was informed that a bill is in hand for \$9748 from the USFS, to be paid under the GIA 15-3 commitment. After discussion, and upon motion and second, the Board unanimously moved to fund the USFS invoice and void the balance of GIA 15-3

Membership: Current membership is 371 including 170 Life Members.

Informational:

- A final draft of the NWF study on risks to bighorns in Montana was presented to the Board for review.

Old Business:

- Brian Solan attended the MOGA Bighorn Sheep Session, which had sparse attendance.
- The MTWSF newsletter mailing was delayed by technical issues with the Postal Service.

New Business:

- FWP will conduct a Sheep Capture on February 20 or 21, 2016 in the upper Madison. Brian Solan plans on participating.
- Annual fundraiser is March 18-19, 2016 in Helena. Banquet ticket sales were at 179 as of this date. Speakers for the fundraiser include Jack Atcheson, Jr., Mike Colpo, Dr. Garrott, Adam Foss, and D.J. Berg. Brian Solan will present a funding summary at the banquet, with Gray Thornton to speak briefly as well. Donations have been coming in, with Mr. Solan compiling the items on a spreadsheet for the Live Auction and Silent Auction. Shane Clouse obtained a commitment to donate a bird hunt, fishing excursion, and an African safari. The latter included lodging amenities only, with all hunting paid out of pocket. The Board deferred accepting the African option with further review to be conducted. A possible issue relative to accepting credit cards for raffle tickets was discussed. This may be contrary to Montana gambling regulations. Brian Solan is to follow up with Traci Ulberg.

- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on March 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. via conference call.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation