

**MONTANA WILDSHEEP FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes-February 20, 2013  
Location-Telephone Conference Call**

**Board Members Present:** Mike Menke (President), Jack Chambers (Vice President), Doug Dreeszen (Secretary), Brian Solan (Treasurer), Steve Kline, Jeff Mortensen, Jim Weatherly (Executive Director)

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Colpo, Shane Clouse, Glenn Erickson

**Members Present:** Tom Grimes

**Call to Order:** The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Menke at 6:36 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the last Board Meeting, January 23, 2013, a telephone conference call, were deferred to the next meeting for lack of a quorum. (Note: Several members were late for the meeting.)

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Weatherly reported that cash on hand was \$79,933.37. We received a \$500.00 GIA donation from NW Energy for GIA projects. Funds were applied to flying costs for Highland herd (H.D. 340). This was approved at January 23 Board Meeting. All GIA'S are paid in full. Treasurer's report deferred to the next meeting for lack of a quorum.

**Membership:** We currently have 293 members including 150 life members.

**Informational:**

- M. Menke is looking at available youth programs that we can get involved with. We had a discussion concerning the Youth Education Program that was conducted at the recent WSF Convention in Reno. This was sponsored by Larry Potterfield of Midway USA and was very successful due to the volunteers from the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited. Apparently \$160,000.00, has been again donated by Midway to be used by WSF Chapters to develop their own Youth Education Program. Additional information will be sent out to the Board for consideration as a future project.
- J. Weatherly gave a review of the recent legislative bills that he and others have been following up on that involve bighorn sheep matters in Montana. Jim has been monitoring these bills and coordinating and forwarding comments in an attempt to amend some of the language in the bills that are restrictive to the management of bighorn sheep in Montana. SB 83 and SB 341 are bills that need attention.

**Old Business:**

Domestic/Wildsheep Interaction Education: Tom Carlson is working with the MT FWP and others to develop an education campaign on dangers of interaction between them.

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**New Business:**

- Legislative Issues: J. Weatherly reported that in the coming weeks, we will have to gear up for SB 83 when it goes to the House, as we need to make some amendments to this bill for the sake of future bighorn sheep management in Montana
- Sheep Auction Money: There was a discussion concerning a rumor that the Appropriations Committee in the Legislature is trying to take control of the bighorn sheep auction proceeds that go back to the FWP from the sale of the bighorn sheep license at the WSF Convention. J. Weatherly reported that by law, the funds generated from the sale of the license have to go back to the FWP for bighorn sheep management.
- 2013 Fundraiser Updates: J. Weatherly reported that he was in Butte recently and that he went to the Copper King and looked over the facility. Jim will be making up the needed signage for the event. He also met with Mike Flanick, the Fundraiser Chairman. Bob Ward's in Butte will take care of the FFL paperwork. Pat Busby will again be the Auctioneer. The seminars are in place. Jim will be sending out the Luncheon tickets. We are still in need of silent auction items, booths, and sheep heads to be displayed.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next Meeting will be a General Membership Meeting set for 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 9, 2013, at the Copper King in Butte, MT.

**Adjourned: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dreeszen, Secretary  
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation

