

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes –January 14, 2016
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members present: Brian Solan (President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Mike Colpo, Tom Grimes, and Bruce Sterling. Directors absent: Justin Spring and Shane Clouse. Also present: Jim Weatherly, Executive Director Emeritus & Member.

Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Brian Solan at 6:34 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the December 3, 2015 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the December 3, 2015 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand totals \$106,253. Accounts payable include Grant In Aids (GIA) of \$44,800.00: 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, GIA 15-19 Highlands Herd Collar Project \$2,800, and GIA 15-15 Kurt Alt Projects \$12,000.

Membership: Current membership is 368 including 169 Life Members. Past due memberships tally 6.

Director Vacancy: The Board discussed the vacancy resulting from Tom Carlsen's resignation, with his term expiring in 2016. Grant Winn of Stevensville, Montana is the only Member expressing an interest in joining the Board. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that Mr. Winn be appointed to the Board of Directors of MTWSF.

Informational:

- MOGA will be hosting a Big Horn Sheep panel discussion January 30, 2016 at their convention in Helena, with a luncheon to follow at the Radisson Hotel (Colonial) at noon. Brian Solan will be a Panelist, along with Jack Atcheson Jr., Dr. Garrott, John Vore, and others.
- Brian Solan submitted comments to WSF regarding the NWF Big Horn study. WSF has not yet released its comment, but it will be distributed to the Board when available.

Old Business:

- Brian Solan will update the Board regarding the status of the Dubois Sheep Experiment Station at the next meeting.

New Business:

- FWP Sheep District proposals were discussed, including the potential for a change of HD 302 to Unlimited, with the consensus of the Board to support the proposal. As well, a proposal for a reduction in sheep quota to 1 – 4 for HD 501 was noted. Mike Colpo and Jack Atcheson, Jr. are to address with FWP.

- FWP will conduct a Sheep Capture on February 20 or 21, 2016 in the upper Madison. Brian Solan and Tom Grimes expressed on interest in participating.
- Annual fundraiser is March 18-19, 2016 in Helena. Mike Colpo has arranged for completion of the custom rifle for the raffle. The potential for a MTWSF rifle "series" was discussed. Sponsorship levels were reviewed, with commensurate recognition, with donation levels suggested at 10,000, \$5000, \$2500, \$1000, and less than \$1000. Speakers for the fundraiser include Jack Atcheson, Jr., Dr. Garrott, and Mike Colpo.
- The Board discussed funding expenses for the Sheep Show in Reno for 2016 only, including travel expenses, registration, and lodging for the MTWSF President and Executive Director.
Motion: It was moved and seconded that the expenses will be paid by MTWSF as proposed, with unanimous approval.

- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on February 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. via conference call.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation