

**MONTANA WILDSHEEP FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
Minutes-January 23, 2013  
Location-Telephone Conference Call**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Colpo, Steve Kline  
**Members Present:** None

**Call to Order:** The Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by President Menke at 6:37 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the last Board Meeting, December 5, 2012. Conference Call.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Weatherly reported that the current balance is about the same as last reported which was \$81,029.04. The only account payable is the GIA invoice for \$5,000.00, to the National Wildlife Federation regards to the Bighorn Sheep Restoration Study on the CMR in Garfield County. The MT WSF Specialty License Plate account shows an income of \$390.00. J. Mortensen reported that when he inquired on the plate in Gallatin County they did not have any.

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

**Membership:** We currently have 269 members, which includes 148 Life Members.

**Information:**

\*J. Weatherly reported that he had been contacted by Chris Doyle of the Art in the Park Festival in Anaconda, for the MT WSF to participate in a Conservation Organization gathering at the Festival, July 12-14, 2013.

\*Pryor Mountain Bighorn Sheep Poaching Case: D. Dreeszen reported that he checked into this and found that this was not a sheep poaching. It turned out to be a legal sheep kill.

\*Tom Miner Bighorn Sheep Capture: M. Menke reported that he, J. Weatherly, and M. Colpo, assisted in the bighorn capture that was organized by MT FWP biologist Karen Loveless, in the Tom Minor Basin. The operation went very well and they netted 10 bighorns that were fitted with radio collars and ear tags. The whole operation took one hour. Photos were taken for a future article in the Newsletter. Video was also taken and we should get a copy at a later date from the FWP.

\*Wildhorse Island Bighorn Sheep Capture: A capture is planned for early February. The bighorns are to go to the Kootenai Falls and Beary Mountain in Region 1. The Island was recently flown and 191 bighorns were surveyed. 40-50 bighorns are to be removed, 10 ewes and the rest rams.

**Old Business:**

\* Domestic/Wildsheep Interaction Education: Retired FWP Biologist Tom Carlson is working with the FWP and others to develop an Education Campaign on the concerns of disease with the interaction between domestics and wild sheep. It is planned to develop a brochure and other material that can be given out in grade schools, 4-H, and other organizations to educate the public.

\* Wild Sheep Convention in Reno January 30-February 2, 2013: Several Directors and members are going to the Convention. Everyone is invited to stop at our MT WSF Booth and participate.

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**New Business:**

\*Legislative issues: Several Bills involving bighorn sheep legislative matters have come up.

SB 118, setting aside special bighorn sheep and mountain goat licenses for residents who are 65 years or older. D. Dreeszen and B. Solan testified against this bill. Several other conservation/hunting organizations also testified against this bill.

SB 83, an act establishing criteria for the transportation of mountain sheep. J. Weatherly testified against this bill. If this bill passes it will have a major effect on future transplanting and augmentation of bighorn sheep in Montana. Everyone is encouraged to contact their local legislator and have them vote against this bill. This bill, if passed will have a major effect on the management of bighorn sheep in Montana. Several individuals are working on amendments to this bill at this time.

\*Funding of bighorn sheep survey flight in the Highland Mountains, H.D. 340. FWP Biologist Vanna Boccadori is requesting \$1,000.00 for two hours flight time plus ferry time to Butte.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded to fund this survey. Motion Passed.**

\* Annual Banquet/Fundraiser, Copper King Motel, Butte, MT, March 8-9, 2013. M. Menke reported on the development of the custom rifle. He is also working on a fishing trip donation in Alaska. Past Board Member Tom Grimes has donated a .300 Win Mag rifle for the Grand Door Prize. Doug and Patty Dreeszen will donate the Youth Grand Door Prize. J. Weatherly is working on the Program of Events and will donate the New Membership rifle. It was decided that the Friday Night Event will be billed as a Sheep Hunters Reunion with hors d'oeuvres. We are still looking into seminar speakers and for the Saturday luncheon. Several individuals are pending. S. Kline and B. Solan are working on some raffles. We are in need of auction items. The cut off date for the Program is March 1, 2013. Please have your Pledge Forms to J. Weatherly by this date. We will have another Board Meeting after the WSF Convention in Reno to discuss the banquet/fundraiser developments.

**Newsletter:** The Newsletter is at the printers and will be mailed out in the very near future.

**Next Meeting:** The next Board Meeting is set for Wednesday, February 20, 2013, at 6:30 PM. This will be a telephone conference call.

**Adjourned: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dreeszen, Secretary  
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation