

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

Minutes-January 4, 2012

Location-Telephone Conference Call

Board Members Present: Jack Chambers, Mike Colpo, Doug Dreeszen (Secretary), Glenn Erickson (Vice President), Tom Grimes (Treasurer), Steve Kline, Mike Menke (President), Brian Solan, Bruce Sterling, Jim Weatherly (Executive Director)

Director's Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

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, December 7, 2011.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the December 7, 2011, minutes be approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

J. Weatherly did report that he paid MT WSF liability insurance.

Membership: We currently have 254 members, 9 which are past due. 137 of these are life members.

Information:

- BLM Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Gather: D. Dreeszen reported that he had drafted a letter regards to the gather, which had been sent out to the Board for approval. After a few minor corrections, the final letter was sent to the BLM.
- Cinnabar Mountain Bighorn Sheep Pneumonia at Corwin Springs: D. Dreeszen reported that he had talked to Karen Loveless, FWP Biologist, Livingston, and got an up to date report on the pneumonia out break. Loveless states that the only sheep that have died are the ones they removed for examination at the state lab, four lambs and one ram. So far, the sheep are holding their own and FWP is monitoring the bighorns for coughing and for real sick sheep that are having a hard time foraging and movement. Loveless did state that because of the situation, they have changed their method of capture for the future collaring project this winter, by capturing sheep individually rather than baiting them and capturing them all at one location.

Old Business:

- Mount Carmel Youth Ranch Domestic Sheep Update: No Report
- Bylaw Changes: No Activity
- Domestic/Wild Sheep Interaction Education Committee: After a discussion, it was felt that we need to move forward on this project even though we haven't heard from FWP in Helena, after we had a meeting with them in the past. It was felt that due to continued domestic/wildsheep interactions we need to proceed with this endeavor. J. Weatherly stated that he will contact Ron Aashiem regards to his notes and that we will work on this on our own. Directors Chambers, Colpo, Erickson, Solan and Weatherly (Executive Director) are on this committee.
- Specialty License Plate: The MT WSF plate has been approved by the state and will be available around the end of January. After a discussion regards to the promotion of the plate at our banquet/fundraiser there was a **Motion: That we purchase 40 sample license plates and sell them first come first served at the fundraiser for \$30.00 each to members and attendees. Motion Passed.** We will also have one in the silent auction.
- National Bison Range fencing issue: There still appears to be some questions on this matter. M. Menke will follow-up and pursue this issue further and report back to the Board.
- Bighorn Sheep Transport Trailer: The trailer is on order and our logos have been ordered in Missoula. As of this time, SCI Chapters: Western Montana Chapter, Missoula; S.W. Chapter, Bozeman; and Montana Chapter, Billings, have contributed to the funding for the trailer. There was a question on the semblance of order of the SCI logos on the trailer. This will have to be worked out in the future.

New Business:

- MT WSF Booth and Attendance at Reno Convention: S. Kline will set up the booth in Reno. He is still looking for some current 2011 ram kill photos to be displayed in the booth. G. Erickson will contact FWP for the 2011 Bighorn Sheep harvest reports so they can be given out to the attendees. M.Colpo will also assist in setting up the booth.
- 2012 Fundraiser, Gran Tree, Bozeman, MT, February 24-25, 2012: T. Grimes reported on the fundraiser. So far, he has 9 booths. Directors reported on what they had obtained for auction items and pending donations. Doug and Patty Dreeszen will put the banquet program together. Doug asked everyone to send their pledge forms to him so that they can start. M. Colpo has again donated a 12 day Alaskan Dall's sheep and grizzly hunt. J. Weatherly is following up on an original piece of art work that was done by Gary Swanson.

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Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 6:30 PM.
This will be a telephone conference call.

Adjourned: Motion: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dreeszen, Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation