

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes –July 2, 2014
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members present: Jack Chambers (President), Brian Solan (Vice President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Mike Colpo, & Jim Weatherly (Executive Director). Absent: Shane Clouse, Steve Kline, Bruce Sterling, and Tom Carlsen.

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

Minutes: Approval of the April 14, 2014 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the April 14, 2014 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Max Bauer reported cash on hand of \$129,984.82. Accounts payable include Grant In Aids (GIA) of \$15,000.00: GIA 12-8 Cutoff herd habitat improvements \$5,000, GIA 13-12 Lazy J Cross Conservation Easement \$5,000, & GIA 13-14 Priscilla Peak Habitat Improvements \$5,000.

Membership: Current membership is 298 including 164 Life Members.

Informational:

- Executive Director Jim Weatherly reported that Tom Carlsen met with two grazing allotment holders in the Elkhorn Mountains and they are interested in discussing retirement of domestic sheep grazing. Tom will continue to work with the producers and monitor progress.
- Jim Weatherly confirmed that he submitted a comment on behalf of the MT WSF to the Flathead Forest to consider wild sheep in the updated forest plan and will comment in a similar manner to the Lewis & Clark National Forest when appropriate. This is a lengthy process and will likely take years to finalize.
- Member Tom Powers reported that the Teller Wildlife Refuge youth event was held on May 10, 2014. Approximately 400 youth attendees were on hand, ages 6 to 17, with numerous conservation groups involved. Summer camp scholarships were given for the Theodore Roosevelt Ranch, Jack Creek Preserve, and Lubrecht Forest near Missoula.
- The letter directed to USFS and BLM was reviewed and discussed. Brian Solan confirmed that national WSF worked on improving the content in concert with Wyoming Senator Barrasso.
- Jim Weatherly outlined the need for a private entity to take the lead in drafting proposed legislation and finding sponsors. Max Bauer, Jr. and Brian Solan, along with Mr. Weatherly are to work on this, with the intent to meet with MT FWP and the Woolgrowers prior to finalizing a draft bill for the Legislature.
- A proposed outline for the Landowner Recognition Award was discussed. A final version is to be forwarded to the Board for approval.
- Brian Solan detailed the highlights of the recent WSF Chapter Affiliate Summit. The 2015 Summit is set for British Columbia. Discussion was held regarding potentially sponsoring the Summit in the future.

New Business:

- The Board discussed a \$1,100.00 budget to fund the MT WSF booth at Reno in January 2015. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the budget as presented. Motion passed.
- Funding for water transportation as submitted by the Nevada WSF was discussed in the amount of \$2,000.00. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the funding as presented. Motion passed.
- A request for funding to the US Sportmen's Alliance in the amount of \$1,000.00 was submitted. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the funding as presented. Motion passed.
- Funding to Washington State University for \$6,000.00 for Wild Sheep disease study was discussed, with a one year commitment attached. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the funding as presented. Motion passed.
- Member Tom Powers submitted a request for \$1,000.00 to help fund youth camp scholarships for the B & C Roosevelt Ranch, Jack Creek Preserve, and Lubrecht Forest. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the funding as presented. Motion passed. Separately the Board discussed a budget for youth programs for the MT WSF 2014 – 2015 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,500.00. Consensus was that the Board was in favor of the amount.
- Nominations for directors seats were solicited, with Justin Spring, Mike Colpo, and Brian Solan nominated.
- Discussion regarding the 2015 fundraiser to be held March 6 & 7, 2015 at the Colonial Inn in Helena. The fundraiser committee is chaired by Brian Solan. Mr. Solan discussed several fundraising ideas for 2015, including some derived from other WSF Chapters at the recent Affiliate Summit.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on September 3, 2014 via conference call.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Jeff Mortensen, Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation