

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes-July 19, 2012**

Location-Copper King Motel, Butte, MT

Board Members Present: Mike Menke (President), Doug Dreeszen (Secretary), Jack Chambers, Mike Colpo, Bruce Sterling, Brian Solan.

Director's Absent: Glenn Erickson (Vice President), Tom Grimes (Treasurer), Steve Kline, Jim Weatherly (Executive Director).

Note: Jim Weatherly and Steve Kline called in on Telephone Conference Phone

Other Members Present: None

Call to Order: The Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by President Menke at 11:32 AM.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the May 17, 2012, Board Meeting.

Motion: It was moved and seconded the May 17, 2012, minutes be approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: J. Weatherly reported that the current balance is \$98,637.03. Accounts payable is the GIA Skalkaho Weed Control Project at \$6,300.00. The MT WSF Specialty License Plate shows \$1, 885.00 income and \$4,252.12 expense to date. The license plate sales average approximately \$500.00 per month. We have three (3) sample plates left. We have hats and 20th Anniversary pins in stock.

Membership: We currently have 281 members, 22 who are past due and 144 Life Members.

Discussion: A question came up on what the procedure is for re-contacting the past due members. J. Weatherly reported that he sends out 3 notices to the member past due. After further discussion, it was felt the perhaps a director could call a respective past due member in each directors area and remind the member that he or she is past due and perhaps with this personal contact the member might re-up their membership. J. Weatherly is going to compile a list and send it out to the Directors.

Information:

* Bridger Mountains Proposed Transplant Study: This Study appears to be moving forward and promoted by the Gallatin Wildlife Association. There appears to be some conflicts to this transplant and the FWP is working with landowners and others so everyone can work together in the same direction.

* WSF Grant-in-Aid Form: Jim W. reported that Nat'l WSF changed their form and since we have had the same form for years that maybe we should also update ours and also have it posted on our Web-Site, as we currently don't have one on there.

Old Business:

* Bylaw Changes (no activity). Discussion: It was reported that we should perhaps look into revising our bylaws, as they haven't been changed since 2002. We don't have a Mission Statement and each director was asked to submit ideas for a Mission statement.

* Domestic/Wild Sheep Interaction Education (no activity). Discussion: Doug D asked why nothing had been done on this matter as it was one of the priorities in the past to work on better relationships and communication with the woolgrowers and develop a dialog with them. After further discussion, it was felt that we need to pursue this matter further, even though we have made some positive contributions. J. Weatherly reported that he had contact with a representative of the woolgrowers and that he felt this person was interested in working with us in our project. We also might consider getting mailing lists of FFA, 4-H groups, and working with county extension agents to get the word out about the dangers of the interaction of domestics and wild sheep.

* Little Domestic Sheep Issue in H.D. 680. This is a fencing issue. Pending. J. Weatherly reported that he and FWP biologist Scott Hemmer have rescheduled their meeting with the producer. Jim stated that he has been in contact with a domestic sheep producer and this individual is willing to help out also on this issue.

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* Chapter & Affiliate Summit meeting sponsored by the Tri-State Chapters, June 21-24, 2012. B. Solan reported that he attended and that he learned a lot as a new director. He also reported on the research that is currently being conducted on wild sheep diseases caused by domestic sheep. He said that he also had some fund raising ideas that we might consider. President Mike Menke also attended the meeting.

New Business:

* GIA 12-6 Funding request for possible Garfield County Bighorn Sheep Transplant Study: This was submitted by Hank Fischer, National Wildlife Federation. They are requesting a \$5,000.00 contribution to survey domestic sheep producers/landowners in the area regards to restoring bighorn sheep into this area of the Missouri Breaks. **Motion: It was moved and seconded to donate up to \$5,000.00 for this project. Motion Passed.**

* GIA 12-7 Funding request by Washington State University for disease research. This is a continuation of disease research regards to bighorn sheep diseases caused by interaction with domestic sheep.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to donate \$5,000.00 for one year to WSU for research. Motion Passed

* Nominations for MT WSF Board Member Elections: J. Chambers, T. Grimes and B Sterling terms are up. B. Sterling is termed out. T. Grimes is not running . The nominations are as follows: J. Chambers, Shane Clouse, and Jeff Mortensen.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to close the nominations. Motion Passed. J. Weatherly will prepare the necessary ballot to be sent out to the membership, per bylaws.

* 2013 Banquet/ Fundraiser, The Copper King Motel, Butte, MT, March 8&9, 2013. M. Menke gave a report that he will chair the custom rifle raffle this year. He has been in contact with several rifle makers and has some ideas. He will report back to the Board on his findings. B. Solan has some ideas on some different raffles. S. Kline gave a brief report on the follow up of the Karl Tyler, Cast and Blast auction item from the last fundraiser and reported that the purchaser was very happy and satisfied on this adventure. Karl Tyler will also again sponsor the annual hat raffle and will probably donate another Cast and Blast Adventure.

J. Chambers presented the fur coats that will be raffled off this year. Two coats will be raffled off this next fundraiser and the other two for the 2014 Fundraiser.

Mike Flanick, of the Butte Banquet/Fundraiser Committee arrived and gave a brief over view of the up coming function.

***Next Meeting:** The next meeting is set for Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at 6:30 PM. This will be a telephone conference call.

Board Charette Work Plan: J. Chambers facilitated this work session. The purpose was to set future goals, objectives and priorities for the MTWSF.

Note: Secretary Dreeszen left the meeting a 3:00 PM, as he had a business commitment to attend at 7:00 PM at his home. M. Menke recorded notes at this time.

Adjourned: Motion: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dreeszen, Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation