

**MONTANA WILDSHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes-June 19, 2013
Location: Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members Present: Mike Menke (President), Jack Chambers (Vice President), Doug Dreeszen (Secretary), Mike Colpo, Steve Kline, Jim Weatherly (Executive Director)

Board Members Absent: Shane Clouse, Glenn Erickson, Jeff Mortensen, Brian Solan (Treasurer)
Members Present: Tom Powers

Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Menke at 6:36 PM.

Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes of the April 10, 2013, Board Meeting, a telephone conference call.

**Motion: It was moved and seconded that the April 10, 2013, minutes be approved as written:
Motion Passed.**

Treasurer's Report: J. Weatherly reported that cash on hand in the check book is \$98,776.00. Accounts payable include GIA'S of \$5,750.00. As of this past Monday, we also received a check from the State of Montana for \$1,080.00, for revenue generated from the sale of our MT WSF "specialty license plate".

M. Colpo asked if there was a way to follow-up on the sale of these plates in an attempt to contact the registered owner and see if we could get them to join our MT WSF, since they purchased the plate in the first place and must be interested in wild sheep. M. Menke stated that he would follow-up on this matter.

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

Membership: We currently have 287 members, including 155 Life Members. J. Weatherly stated that we have lost a few members, which is normal for this time of year. Jim will obtain the list of the successful bighorn sheep license holders that recently drew bighorn sheep licenses from the FWP and contact them for membership and for the mailing list at banquet/fundraiser time.

Informational:

- M. Colpo gave a report on the Chapter/Affiliates Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, that he had attended representing our chapter. Some of the items discussed were, GIA'S, banquet/fundraiser promotion, membership recruitment, non-consumptive membership, working relationship between Chapters and Cody office, and the WSF youth program. Mike said it was a good meeting.
- Meeting in Helena with the FWP Wildlife Division on June 17. J. Weatherly reported that he, M. Menke, D. Dreeszen, M. Colpo, and B. Solan attending the meeting. FWP personnel in attendance were Quentin Kujala, facilitator of the meeting and FWP Bureau Coordinator Manager, George Pauley, Wildlife Management Section Chief, Rick Northrup, Wildlife Habitat Section Supervisor, and Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief. FWP Director Jeff Hagener also attended later in the meeting. Some of the items discussed were the 2013 legislative session, 2013 proposed transplant sites, wild sheep habitat studies by Dr. Bob Garrott, working together to enhance bighorn sheep populations in Montana, access issues, and domestic sheep issues. As usual, this was a very informative meeting and enhances our working relationship with the FWP on bighorn sheep matters in Montana.
- Missouri Brakes Access Issues: J. Weatherly reported that Bill Brown of Chase Hills Outfitters recently sent out a post card to all hunters who had applied for a sheep license in H.D. 680. This card was an invitation to join a hunting club for an access fee. This is the third such incident involving access issues such as this. There was a discussion concerning this matter and the ramifications of tying up land and access issues for the average sheep hunter.

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Old Business:

- Confirmation Vote to fund Hanson grazing allotment termination in the Tendoy Mountains:
Last week there was an emergency internet vote on this matter and there was a motion to re-affirm our position on this issue to make it official.
Motion: It was moved and seconded to fund \$5,000.00 toward the termination of the Hanson grazing allotment. Motion Passed
- News release on Gardiner domestic sheep and goat issue: As reported in the last minutes, April 10, 2013, J. Weatherly was going to write up a news release, as an educational item concerning the dangers of the interaction of domestic sheep and goats with bighorn sheep concerning several recent incidents in the Gardiner area. Due to the fact of some other outside issues on this matter, this has been postponed.

New Business:

- Pryor Mountains Bighorn Sheep augmentation: D. Dreeszen reported that he would like the blessing of the Board to pursue the project of trying again to get an augmentation of sheep in the Pryor's and to look into the matter of removing some domestic goats that are still in the area. These goats stopped the augmentation in 2008. Doug has been visiting with the area FWP biologist Shawn Stewart and his supervisor Ray Mule' in the Billings FWP Office on this matter and also would like to visit with Wyoming WSF and Nat'l Conservation Director, Kevin Hurley on this matter.
- Lazy J Cross Conservation Easement on the East Fork of the Bitterroot: We received a funding request from Kyle Barber of the Bitterroot Land Trust for funding of a conservation easement on the 1,080 acre Wetzsteon family ranch which is on the East Fork of the Bitterroot River. This land has some important bighorn sheep habitat and provides perpetual public access and offers other outdoor related recreation.
Motion: It was moved and seconded that we would provide funding support for \$5,000.00, if they guaranteed that in the future, domestic sheep and goats are prohibited on the property. Motion Passed.
- Nomination of Members to run for Director Positions: D. Dreeszen and M. Menke are termed out; G. Erickson is up for re-election. We need members who are interested to step up and run for a Director position, several names have come up and they will be contacted to see if they are interested. We will have a conference call on July 10, 2013, for nominations which are due by August 1.
- Endowment Fund for MT WSF: M. Colpo brought up if an endowment fund could work for the MT WSF. After discussion it was felt that we are not a large enough organization and that it would not be a good fit for our organization.
- Youth Events in Montana: Past President Tom Powers and recent Youth Expo Chairman gave a report on the Youth Expo which was held in Corvallis, MT, on May 5, 2013. Tom also reported that he will attend the Youth Camp at the B & C Ranch near Dupuyer, MT, and that there are plans to have another Youth Expo next year, possibly in Helena. There is also one that will be in Billings, this August which is being organized by the Mule Deer Foundation and partially funded by Nat'l WSF Cody, WY. Tom is also working on the Youth Program in conjunction with our Annual Banquet/Fundraiser.
- 2014 Fundraiser Progress Report: This years Fundraiser Chairman, Shane Clouse wasn't in attendance to give a report. M. Menke stated that he has started to work on the Custom Rifle project for this year.

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Next Board Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at 6:30 PM
This will be a telephone conference call.

Adjourned: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dreeszen, Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation