

MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes – September 7, 2017
Location – Conference call

Board Members present: Brian Solan (President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Tom Grimes, Shane Clouse, & D.J. Berg. Director absent: Grant Winn II, Mike Colpo, and Justin Spring.

Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Brian Solan at 6:36 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the May 17, 2017 Board Meeting minutes, held at Wild Sheep Foundation Headquarters, Bozeman, Montana. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the May 17, 2017 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand totals \$142,650.00. Accounts payable include Grants In Aid (GIA) of \$23,000.00: GIA 15-11 South Dakota Disease Study \$10,000 over 2016 & 2017, 2018, GIA 17-3 Petty Creek project \$2,000.00, 2018 Life Member Sheep Hunt \$6,000.00, and Website rebuild \$5,000.00.

Secretary's Report of Membership: Current membership is 428 including 261 Life Members and 167 Regular Members. President Solan discussed the potential to establish a Life Member Endowment to fund the long-term costs of maintaining Life Memberships. It was suggested that the Board address at future meetings.

Open/Old Issues:

- Nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors election were solicited from Members in the most recent MT WSF Newsletter. Director Mike Colpo is termed out and Solan's and Spring's terms are up. After discussion and careful consideration, Mr. Solan opted to not stand for re-election. The Board discussed the contributions and leadership exhibited by Brian since joining the Board, particularly since his election as President of the Board. Addition discussion led to a Motion and Second to name Brian Solan as Executive Director of MT WSF, with the motion unanimously approved. Therefore, the candidates for three Board seats are as follows:
 1. Levi Bowler
 2. Don Patterson
 3. Corey Piersol
 4. Ray Vinkey
 5. Justin Spring

Traci Ulberg's office will arrange to mail ballots, per current membership lists.

- Garrity WMA land purchase near Anaconda, from RY Timber. No new information is available at this time.
- The on-going re-build of the MT WSF website was again discussed, with Shane Clouse working closely with Traci's office to complete the project. The site will include wild sheep population statistics, a Youth page, GIA information, and Board minutes.
- Dates for the 2018 Fundraiser are March 9 & 10, 2018 at the Gran Tree in Bozeman, with those dates secured. National is coordinating with Kimber and Leopold to provide a rifle for raffle or

auction at a preferred price, and will hold one for the 2018 fundraiser. Board members suggested that prospecting for 2019 fundraiser site in Billings should commence soon.

- The Chapter & Affiliates Summit was hosted by MT WSF June 21 - 23, 2017 in Polson, Montana at the KwaTaqNuk Resort. A final number accruing to MT WSF has not yet been received from WSF, with a project yet to be finalized. Discussion continued about the Stimson Land near Plains, Montana, with coordination with RMEF suggested. No further action was taken.
- DJ Berg is working to include MT WSF in the Montana Charitable Giving Campaign for MT State Employees. He will set up the booth at an event for this in late September.
- 2018 Sheep Show in Reno. Solan and Bauer confirmed that the booth fee has been paid. At this time it appears that several Board Members will attend, with Chapter assistance to be discussed later.

New Issues

- GIA request from Tom Besser – additional clarification needed prior to any further discussion.
- October newsletter. Articles and photos are needed, particularly of 2017 Montana sheep. New Board Members will be announced. A photo and possible article will be included for the 2017 Life Member Sheep drawing winner.
- B & C has billed the Chapter for \$900.00 for Youth Camp expenses. This was discussed and upon motion and second, payment was unanimously approved, with the understanding that the funds will be a portion of the 2018 Youth budget. GIA 18-1 was assigned to this expenditure.

- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is to be held October 18, 2018 via conference call.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation