

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes –February 25, 2015  
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

**Board Members present:** Brian Solan (President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Shane Clouse, Bruce Sterling, Mike Colpo, Jack Chambers , & Jim Weatherly (Executive Director). Absent: Justin Spring and Tom Carlson. Also present: Tom Grimes

**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 January 25, 2015 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call.

**Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the January 25, 2015 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cash on hand totals \$117,177.15(January statement). 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 325 including 172 Life Members. A total of 24 past due members were dropped from the membership list in January.

**Informational:**

- Tom Carlson recently discussed a potential transplant location with Scott Hemmer and Cory Loecker of MT FWP. Tom is to update the Board at the upcoming fundraiser in Helena.
- GIA 15-1, a proposal to contribute funding to fencing in the Gardner area was discussed. This appears to be a long-term project with discussion deferred to such time as more information is forthcoming.
- GIA 15-2, a proposal to fund a review of historical sheep records by University of Montana researchers has been received. Justin Spring is to outline in detail at the next Board meeting.
- Brian Solan confirmed that WSF has withdrawn support for the proposed closure/ revised mission proposal for the USSES. More information is expected from Kevin Hurley of WSF later.
- The Pittman Robertson annual report was provided to the Board for review.
- The annual Montana Bighorn Sheep population estimate grid was presented, with more discussion at the next Board meeting.
- MT WSF will fund a plaque for presentation at the Montana Taxidermists Association's annual convention in March.

**New Business:**

- The 2015 Fundraiser is scheduled for Helena on March 6 & 7, 2015. Silent auction items are short, with the Board asked to identify and confirm donations. Confirmed ticket sales are at 175, with a 250 goal. The Youth Event is set for Saturday March 7, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on March 6, 2015 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn.

**Adjourned:** The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Mortensen*

Jeff Mortensen, Secretary  
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation