

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes –March 3, 2016
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members present: Brian Solan (President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Mike Colpo, Tom Grimes, Shane Clouse, and Grant Winn. Directors absent: Justin Spring & Bruce Sterling. Also present: Jack Chambers, Past President & Life Member, and Tom Powers, Past President & Life Member.

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

Minutes: Approval of the February 17, 2016 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the February 17, 2016 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand totals \$85,000+. Accounts payable include one Grant In Aid (GIA) of \$10,000: GIA 15-11 South Dakota Disease Study \$10,000 over 2016 & 2017

Secretary's Report of Membership: Current membership is 374 including 170 Life Members.

Informational:

- Mailing issues arose with the recent Newsletter and Fundraiser registration forms due to problems with Opportunity Resources and the USPS, which would not accept the non-profit rate. The result was a two week delay. A fix is in the works.
- Correspondence from Life Member Rodger Warwick was read and discussed by the Board. Mr. Warwick opined that the recent logo change was unnecessary and suggested an affront to the founders of MTWSF. President Solan confirmed that response to the change has been overwhelming positive. A poster for the Fundraiser was suggested incorporating the original logo and promoting the current Boards efforts to create a "brand" for MTWSF.

Old Business:

- An issue with a 2015 donation from Scott Smith Taxidermy was discussed wherein a 50/50 donation of \$1,500 toward a life-sized mount was sold as a 100% donation. The correct the error, and upon motion and second, the Board approved the payment of \$1,500 to Mr. Smith to rectify the mistake.

New Business:

- Tom Powers proposed a donation to upcoming Youth events, in the amount of \$5,000 per year for three years. These events include the Teller Refuge event, and youth camps held at the Theodore Roosevelt Ranch, Jack Creek Reserve, Lubrecht Forest, and Glacier Institute. Wild Sheep curriculum is included in these events. After discussion and upon motion and second, the Board approved the three year commitment for funding an aggregate amount of \$15,000.

- A letter supporting the Sportmen’s Conservation and Outdoor Recreational Enhancement Act (H.R. 3173), addressed to Congressman Zinke, was discussed. After review, and upon motion and second, President Solan as authorized to sign the letter on behalf of MTWSF.
- An outline of a wolf hunting season proposal was reviewed, including Mike Colpo’s input. Upon motion and second, a letter of support was authorized by the Board by unanimous vote.
- The upcoming fundraiser was discussed, with Mr. Solan confirming that 266 banquet tickets have been sold, with 40 – 45 tickets remaining available. This number includes 18 tables committed. A list of Live Auction and Silent Auction items was reviewed, with the list to be updated over the next week prior to going to print with the Banquet program. Brian will assign tasks to the Board and Member volunteers depending on arrival time in Helena. Traci will assist with the front desk including handling credit card charges. Nick Kaufman will reprise his role as Master of Ceremonies.

- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on March 18, 2016 at the Raddison Colonial Inn, Helena, Montana.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation