

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes –May 5, 2016
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

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

Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Brian Solan at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the March 3, 2016 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the March 3, 2016 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand totals \$123,418.00. Accounts payable include Grants In Aid (GIA) of \$23,025.00: GIA 15-11 South Dakota Disease Study \$10,000 over 2016 & 2017, 2017 Life Member Raffle Sheep Hunt \$11,725.00, and Youth Camps \$1,300.00.

Secretary's Report of Membership: Current membership is 419 including 233 Life Members. Brian Solan confirmed that all new (62) Life Member prints & certificates have been sent out. Life Membership has been increased to \$500.00.

Informational:

- The 2016 Fundraiser was reviewed, with Mr. Solan indicating that the majority of feedback from Attendees was positive. A final accounting of net revenue generated is in the works. The 25th Anniversary Fundraiser will be held in Bozeman on March 4, 2017. The Board discussed asking Gray Thornton to act as Master of Ceremonies. As well, Auctioneer Pat Busby has tentatively agreed to participate. Pat will be contacted to confirm. Finally, the Board will explore finding a larger facility for the 2018 fundraiser.
- A letter from NWF was received thanking MTWSF for help with the Tendoy's buyout. .

New Business:

- Following a meeting with the MTWGA, a joint letter was released in April, 2016. Going forward quarterly meetings are proposed. MTWSF Delegates are to be selected with additional input potentially from Kurt Alt and WSF.
- Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project was briefly discussed with no action taken.
- GIA 16-4 Weed Funding proposal was tabled due to insufficient information.
- GIA 16-5 Anaconda fencing proposal was discussed, with a date to be set and members recruited to help.
- Vanna Boccadori request to re-direct leftover funds to work with the Highland sheep herd. She will be asked for more details.
- The Board discussed sending a Board member to the 9th Annual Chapter and Affiliate Summit in Nebraska on June 23-25, 2016. A proposal to fund expenses for one Member was discussed, and upon motion and second, the Board concurred. The 2017 Summit is to be hosted by Montana, with possible locations detailed, including Polson, due to proximity to Wild Horse Island.

- The 2017 Life Member Sheep Hunt Raffle. Mike Litzen has confirmed the hunt, with \$1,525.00 already paid and \$11,725.00 remaining to be paid. Brendan Burns and Kurt Racicot donated a portion of the cost amounting to \$3,500.00. Mr. Burns has requested two Life Memberships for his sons. Brian Solan is to discuss with Brendan.
- The Bozeman Chronicle published a piece on the opinion page in support of eliminating domestic grazing in the Gravelly Range. President Brian Solan penned a response that has not yet been published. Mortensen will contact Chronicle Editor Nick Ehli to ask that it be published.

- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be held on June 9, 2016 via telephone conference call.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation