

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes –September 3, 2014
Location – Telephone Conference Call**

Board Members present: Jack Chambers (President), Brian Solan (Vice President), Max Bauer, Jr. (Treasurer), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Bruce Sterling, Tom Carlsen, Steve Kline, Justin Spring, & Jim Weatherly (Executive Director). Absent: Shane Clouse & Mike Colpo.

Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Jack Chambers at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the July 2, 2014 Board Meeting minutes, held via telephone conference call.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the July 2, 2014 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Max Bauer reported cash on hand of \$119,240.73. 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 311 including 164 Life Members.

Old Business:

- The final draft of the Landowner Recognition Award was discussed, which was distributed via email by Jack Chambers prior to the meeting. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the Landowner Recognition Award criteria. Motion passed.
- The Board previously approved funding in the amount of \$200.00 to Sandra Gibson to buyout her domestics in the Thompson River drainage. The Board acknowledged the on-line approval with a thank you to Bruce Sterling for his work.

Informational:

- Bruce Sterling informed the Board that 500 to 600 acres were burned in a recent wild fire in the area designated for habitat burning under the outstanding Priscilla Peak GIA. The US Forest Service would like to apply the funds to further burning when conditions are favorable. Mr. Sterling will monitor and the commitment will remain outstanding subject to further information.
- A request for financial assistance for weed control/range improvements for the Iron Mask property in the Elkhorns was received recently from Monte Schnur. Tom Carlsen indicated that more information would be needed to assess the request. Jack Chambers or Brian Solan will contact Monte for clarification.
- Ben Lamb and the Back Country Horsemen contracted MT WSF to solicit participation in a September 27, 2014 rally in Helena. Brian Solan volunteered to represent MT WSF.
- Jim Weatherly attended the August 14, 2014 MT FWP Commission meeting. A possible wild sheep transplant site near Livingston does not appear to be promising due to conflicts with domestics. As well, a plan to move excess wild sheep from HD482 will possibly send sheep out-of-state due to lack of appropriate sites available in Montana.

- Jim Weatherly indicated that the deadline for the next MT WSF newsletter is September 18, 2014, and asked for content.
- Brian Solan outlined developing plans for the March, 2015 Fundraiser in Helena. A youth event is planned, with a Friday Board meeting and social on the schedule. Saturday is to include a full day of seminars including a possible presentation by Gary Thornton. The idea of a raffle, with a rifle prize, as a method to attract more taxidermy was presented. As well, Brian suggested that local micro-brewery operators be included with MT WSF mugs sold for \$20 each. The Board was supportive of these ideas.

New Business:

- Nominations for 2014-2015 Officers were solicited, with the following nominations: Brian Solan, President, Shane Clouse, Vice President, Max Bauer, Jr., Treasurer, & Jeff Mortensen, Secretary. Following the close of nominations, the Board unanimously elected the Officer slate proposed via voice vote. Incoming Board member Justin Spring was welcomed and outgoing Board member Steve Kline was recognized for his numerous years of service to MT WSF.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be held on December 3, 2014 via conference call.

Adjourned: The Meeting of the Board of Directors as adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Jeff Mortensen, Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation