

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes – February 15, 2018
Location – Conference Call**

Board Members present: Shane Clouse (President), D.J. Berg (Vice President), Jeff Mortensen (Secretary), Ray Vinkey, Tom Grimes, Grant Winn II, & Levi Bowler. Also present were Brian Solan, Montana Wild Sheep Foundation Executive Director, Corey Piersol & Kurt Alt. Directors absent: Max Bauer and Justin Spring.

Call to Order: The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Shane Clouse at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes: Approval of the January 25, 2018 Board Meeting minutes. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the January 25, 2018 minutes are approved, as written. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand totals \$153,780. Accounts payable include Grants In Aid (GIA) of \$19,000.00: GIA 15-11 South Dakota Disease Study \$10,000.00 over 2017, 2018, & 2018 Life Member Sheep Hunt \$6,000.00; and \$3,000.00 dedicated to a donation to Wild Horse Island State Park. Representatives of the Board are to walk the property with Stimson Lumber. In the event a purchase is arranged, Mike Mueller of RMEF will assist with the transaction and transfer to USFS.

Secretary's Report of Membership: Current membership is 419 including 258 Life Members and 161 Regular Members.

Informational:

- Kurt Alt summarized his recent activities. Kurt has drafted a "white paper" relative to Wilderness Study Areas now being debated in Congress with competing bills drafted by Senators Daines and Tester. The Alt document sets forth the concept of "Backcountry Management Areas", and it attached to these minutes. Kurt proposes to work with John McKenna of Bozeman and Jack Atcheson Jr. in an attempt to gain traction for this concept. After discussion, and upon motion and second, the Board endorsed the concept of Alt's document.

Open/Old Issues:

- Fundraiser update. The 26th annual fundraiser will be held at the Gran Tree Inn in Bozeman on March 9 and 10, 2018. Approximately 9 – 10 Exhibitors have committed to attend. The annual membership meeting will take place Friday evening March 9 with Shane Clouse to lead. Corey Piersol is coordinating films to run during that evening, with Bozeman Distillery to hold a tasting event, coordinated by Tom Grimes. Appetizers and beverages will be available. Saturday March 10 will kick off with the FWP displaying three Wildhorse Island rams, including the new world record. Banquet doors will open at 4 p.m. Traci Ulberg is on board to work the event and the MSU Chapter of WSF has been contacted to help at the event. President Clouse is working on the Duncan Gilcrest award to be presented at the Fundraiser.

New Business:

- The 2018 Chapters & Affiliate Summit will be held June 21 – 23, 2018 in Jackson, Wyoming. Tom Grimes has committed to attend.
- Committee assignments were briefly discussed.

- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2018, to be held at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman, Montana.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mortensen

Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation