

**MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes – June 12, 2018  
Location – Conference Call**

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

**Call to Order:** The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by Shane Clouse at 7:36 p.m.

**Minutes:** Approval of April 11, 2018 Minutes. Director D.J. Berg suggested a minor change to the contents relative to the 2019 fundraiser. **Motion:** It was moved and seconded that the April 11, 2018 minutes, as amended, are approved. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cash on hand totals \$236,378. Accounts payable include Grants In Aid (GIA) of \$50,000.00: GIA 15-11 South Dakota Disease Study \$10,000.00 over 2017, 2018, & 2018. Review of the Stimson Lumber project is on-going, with assistance to be provided by Mike Mueller of RMEF. A date is to be set to walk the property, with Ray Vinkey and Shane Clouse to coordinate. If this transaction occurs, the anticipated cost is \$40,000.00. Brian Solan continues to work the Garrity Mountain WMA Addition, with a letter recently sent to request an extension of the grant funding approved by the FWP Commission. NRD is likely to approve additional funding.

**Secretary's Report of Membership:** Current membership is 423 including 280 Life Members and 143 Regular Members.

**Informational:**

- Kurt Alt summarized his recent activities including liaison with Montana Woolgrowers seeking their support for potential wild sheep transplants in the Tendoys and near Lewis & Clark Caverns. The Board affirmed support for Kurt to actively promote MTWG affirmation of the transplants. Upon motion & second, the resolution was unanimously approved. Mr. Alt is also reviewing a cheatgrass elimination program, with the thought to implement on Wild Horse Island if found to be effective. There is also a possible opportunity for a domestic buyout in the Missouri Breaks that is being investigated. Finally, Kurt is in contact with Senator Daines office working on a proposal for a 2 year review program for WSA's, then automatic conversion to wildlife management areas if resolution is not achieved.
- Brian Solan attended the Montana Sporting Coalition meeting. Discussions centered on preparing for the 2019 Legislative Session.
- WSF has arranged for several casts of the 216 B & C Wild Horse ram, with MT WSF to receive one at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00.
- The spring MT WSF newsletter is to be mailed this week.

**Open/Old Issues:**

- 2018 Fundraiser. The beer issue with the Gran Tree has been resolved with MT WSF to receive a refund for beer paid for, but not billed to the Gran Tree by Miller Coors.

**New Business:**

- Chapter & Affiliates Meeting June 21 – 24, 2018 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Directors Tom Grimes, DJ berg, Ray Vinkey, and Shane Clouse are planning to attend. President Clouse will deliver a short presentation outlining the recent activities of the Montana Chapter. Disease issues will be the focus of the Summit.
- Mike Colpo has offered to provide the 2019 MT WSF Life Member hunt at a cost of \$12,500.00. After discussion, and upon motion and second, the Board unanimously approved the expenditure.
- Board of Director nominations are being sought, with a call for nominations included in the current newsletter. Shane Clouse, Jeff Mortensen, and Tom Grimes are up for re-election, however Mr. Grimes has voiced his intention not to run.
- Committee assignments were reviewed, with no changes suggested at this time.
  
- **Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2018.

**Adjourned:** The Meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeff Mortensen*

Secretary  
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation