

MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2019
LOCATION – CONFERENCE CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DJ Berg, Grant Winn, Levi Bowler, Brian Solan, Cory Piersol, Shane Clouse, Ray Vinkey, Max Bauer and past board member Tom Grimes.

All new and old business was deferred until after the fundraiser. Meeting addressed fundraiser coming up on March 8 & 9, 2019.

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:35

We have 27 Live auction items and could use 3 to 4 more. Brian noted that we were in need of non-hunting items and items the female attendees may like. Shane said we had a large order of items coming from Montana Silversmiths.

Brian said that all auction items were on the website and the banquet is now officially sold out. Pat Busby will be the auctioneer and Nick Kaufmann will be the MC.

Friday Night – Cory would like Friday night to be a general social event. Jason Matzinger will speak for +/- one hour and then show a 20 minute video ending around 7:00. We would then socialize for another hour and end at 8:00. Will have 10+ raffle prizes and hope to raise \$5000 that evening. Cory would like to tie this money to a specific project like a conservation easement etc. It was also discussed that we should try to collect contact info from non members. Brian suggested we have a set of banquet tickets for a raffle that night or auction the tickets off.

Cory has put together an awesome womens package with Sitka gear and a Matthews bow. Instead of having this in the live auction, we will sell raffle tickets at \$200 each. This should raise around \$4,000 for the package.

Sportsmans Warehouse cannot give us a big break on guns as their margins are very tight. They offered to give us \$700-\$800 of merchandise at cost, along with

buying guns from them at cost. Cory will go shopping and buy items there for the Sheep Camp raffle.

We currently have 18 silent auction items and are in need of more high end type items worth \$500 or more. Brian expects that we will receive many more items in the next couple of weeks.

A local wildlife biologist received the biologist of the year award at National. He was unable to go so Brian suggested we present the award to him at the banquet. I did not catch his last name but his first name is Shawn.

We will use our old beer mugs, from past banquets, on Friday night until they are gone.

DJ is going to contact someone in the breaks about a youth hunt. Sorry, did not catch the name of the landowner.

Tom arranged tentative dates for the Copper King Inn on February 28 & 29 2020. Group thought that having the banquet there was a good idea, but historically, we have been staying in the same city for two years in a row. We have very good attendance for this banquet and we might miss out on new members by moving. DJ said he will look for another venue in Billings that could handle a crowd of 500+. We decided to see what DJ comes up with and make a decision sometime before the 2019 banquet. Brian suggested we would have better participation if we moved the date of the banquet from the first weekend in March as a lot of the other chapters have their banquet on the same day.

Shane will try to nail down some dates for 2021 and 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula.

Next meeting is set for February 25 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully Submitted,

Grant Winn- Recording Secretary

