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Montana Wild Sheep Foundation Board of Directors Meeting 06-19-2019

Board Members Present: Shane Clouse, DJ Berg, Grant Winn, Justin Spring, Ray Vinkey, Corey Piersol and Don Patterson. Also present were Brian Solan (Executive Director) and Kurt Alt (Biologist).

Board Members Absent: Max Bauer and Levi Bowler

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Brian Solan at 7:36 PM

Minutes approved from previous meeting. DJ made a motion to accept them and Shane seconded the motion.

Secretary's Report: Marci at WSF said there we 116 regular members and 313 Life Members. Grant pointed out that the count was obviously wrong and Brian said he would contact Marci about it. We have a portal set up on the WSF website and automatic letters that go out to new regular members, Life members, renewal letters and Loss of membership.

Treasurer's Report: \$237, 280 in the account with all expenses paid

Grant updated the board on the Chapter and Affiliate Summit in Las Vegas. THe M ovi problem was one of the main issues that was discussed with a lot of good ideas on separation of DS and BHS and even vaccinating DS that carry the virus. There was also a lot of discussion around the Wild Burro and Horse problem in Nevada. Gray Thornton was discussing the problem with Bill Brown and said that MTWSF attacked him over the ad he put in various magazines. By doing this, he had destroyed our budding relationship with the woolgrowers.Brian and Shane had a tense meeting with Gray regarding putting that ad out there and not even ask for input from our chapter. It was agreed that WSF and MTWSF will have monthly meeting to keep the lines of communication open.

An email went out to membership asking for nominations for the board of directors. Grant, DJ and Max are all up for reelection. The marketing director of WSF is interested in running for a board seat.

Don made a motion to authorize \$500 towards election processing, Justin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Don made another motion to fund \$20,000 towards Kurt's salary. Ray seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bridger Mountains transplant joint letter with Montana Woolgrowers. MTWSF AND MTWGA are sending a joint letter to MTFWP approving a transplant of BS to the Bridger mountains. We had opposed doing this in the past due to several small DS producers in the area and there was too much risk of DS and BS commingling. We will potentially partner with the SCI Foundation to help fund the transplant. Kurt was really excited about this opportunity to really address the WS vs DS issue.

Painted Rocks Report: Rebecca did a good job at darting and collaring this herd. Data shows that this herd travels a lot further than was expected.

Grant, Max and Shane will meet with our CPA regarding tax issues and investment rules for Investing our life member fund.

The next board meeting will be July 24 at 7:30 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Winn II Recording Secretary

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