



## Montana Wild Sheep Foundation

### **Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

#### **1. Call to Order – 8:04 pm**

#### **2. Roll Call**

Brian Solan (Volunteer Executive Director) – yes

Kurt Alt (Conservation director) – yes

DJ Berg (President) – yes

Don Patterson (Vice President) – yes

Max Bauer (Treasurer) – yes

Jeff Mortensen (Co-Treasurer) – yes

Grant Winn II (Secretary) – yes

Alex Russell – yes

DJ Berg – yes

Ray Vinkey – yes

Levi Bowler- yes

Justin Spring- yes

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from last meeting** – Grant made a motion to approve. Ray Seconded the motion.

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

**a.** Cash on hand - \$230,534 plus banquet funds ~\$102,219

**b.** Grant in Aid and Outstanding

(i) Leica Binocular purchase

(ii) Desert Sheep hunt raffle (\$25,000)

(iii) Life Member Hunt raffle (\$9,500)

(iv) NASC Summit Sponsorship (\$5,000)

(v) One Montana Master hunter program (\$1000) Ray made a motion to donate \$1000 Max seconded the motion.

#### **5. Secretary's Report**

**a.** Regular members (91) Life members (470) Total members (561)

#### **6. Informational**

**a.** Coordination call with WSF – Call scheduled for this month

**b.** MTFWP update – Kurt updated us on two projects that will be proposed to FWP.

Proposals are due April 8<sup>th</sup> and will be prioritized on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The comingling project could put GPS trackers on up to 500 domestic sheep and the adaptive management project enables biologists to do experimental studies and act on the results with the ultimate goal of putting more sheep herds in Montana. Funding

amounts to 2.5 million between these two projects and they will last 5+ years. Kurt seems confident that they will be approved.

## 7. Open/Old Business

- a. Desert Sheep Raffle – We still have 189 tickets to sell. Levi will send out digital ad to the board to share on social media. Grant will contact SCI about doing an email blast to their members.
- b. Committee discussion – We had tentatively set up committees in a past board meeting to help share the work load of the MTWSF. It was agreed to defer discussion for now, but board members agreed that this is something we will implement in the future.
- c. Chapter and Affiliates Summit – Board agreed to fund lodging, airfare and registration if a board member would like to go. Grant made a motion to donate \$1000 and to also give authorization for our attendee to donate up to \$2000 for any special projects. Alex seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Teller Youth Expo 5-7-22 – Don made a motion to donate \$2500 and Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
- e. Newsletter discussion – Talked about Wyoming’s “magazine” vs. our newsletter. Possible revenue source. Printed vs. digital newsletter. This item will be assigned to a future committee.

## 8. New Business

- a. Lamb Capture – The FWP biologist for the Highlands project needs volunteers to put necklace collars on newborn lambs. Kurt thought she would need a 4 day commitment for 10 hours a day. Volunteers would need to be very fit. We will email the membership for volunteers.
- b. HWY 135 Bighorn sheep mortality – Levi was contacted by a local FS employee who had found several road kill sheep including the biggest ram in the unit. The general consensus was by reducing the speed limit, there would be less mortality. The FS might also support this as they have a boat launch, campground and trailheads in the area. DJ said the first step would be a speed study in the area by the highway department. Levi will investigate what needs to be done.

## 9. Schedule Next Meeting

- a. Meeting will be held May, 2022 at 8 pm

## 10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM