

**Montana Wild Sheep Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 10, 2021**  
**Location: Conference Call**

**(1)Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 8:08 PM

**(2)Directors Present:** Shane Clouse, DJ Berg, Max Bauer, Grant Winn, Don Patterson, Ray Vinkey, Justin Spring, Levi Bowler, Executive Director Brian Solan and Biologist Kurt Alt.

**Absent:** Cory Piersol

**(3)Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:** Shane took notes and will look for them.

**(4)Treasurer's Report:** Cash on Hand \$180,000 +/-

**(a)** Paid for Weatherby rifles

**(b) Grant in Aid & Outstanding**

**(i)** \$25,000 Whiskey Ridge Conservation easement

**(5)Secretary's Report:** 168 Regular Members and 390 Life Members. 558 Total Members.

**(6)Informational:**

**(a)** Coordination call with WSF -2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7 am. Brian, DJ and Shane participated in a call this morning. Kurt said that FWP is starting a new wild sheep/goat working group with a biologist from each district in the group. Kurt made a pitch to get himself and the goat research manager from MSU included in the group. Kurt would like to elbow in and really push wild

sheep restoration in the next 4-5 years. The current administration would be supportive of this.

**(b) MTFWP Update:**

(i) Bridgers – Nothing new

(ii) Little Belts – Sheep moved

(iii) Tendoy – Proceeding likely on 2-13

**(C Sportsmans Caucus**

Discussion on outfitter bill. Caucus should stay neutral on the issue along with the elk foundation. Brian suggested we stay neutral as well as our mission is BH sheep conservation. There was a lot of discussion amongst the board as this bill could significantly affect Montana resident hunters access to private land. Max made a motion that MTWSF oppose Senate bill 143 and Ray seconded the motion. Motion carries. Brian will write a letter

**(7)Open/Old Business – None**

**(8)New Business:**

**(a) Bob Garrot Book Proposal** – Requested \$5,000 from us to get the book layout completed. DJ made a motion to fund at \$5,000 then \$2,500 and the board was still hesitant. Motion unanimously tabled .

**(b) Ovis Outfitter Brown Bear Hunt** – They had offered a hunt for auction at a discounted rate. Although it is a great hunt, it was decided it would be hard to make any money at the offered price.

**(c) Auction** – Schnees will be sending something. Sitka and Kenetrek stepped up to Beartooth sponsors. General discussion about auction items. We are having problems with the facebook campaign being blocked by FB. Emails will be sent to National and the Midwestern Chapter.

**(9)Next Meeting:** February 17, 2021. 8 pm

**(15) Motion to Adjourn:** Grant made the motion and Shane seconded