

Montana Wild Sheep Foundation
Board of Directors Meeting
November 18, 2020
Location: Conference Call

(1)Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM

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

(3)Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: DJ made the motion and Don seconded. Motion passes unanimously

(4)Treasurer's Report: Cash on Hand \$174,618.49.

(a) Paid \$30,000 to FWP for Tracking Collars

(b) Paid \$2,869.25 for Life Member Cards. We also have 100 blank cards for future use.

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(d) Our accountant said we need to send out 1099's to raffle and gun winners.

(5)Secretary's Report: 202 Regular Members and 364 Life Members. 566 Total Members

(6)Informational:

(a) Coordination call with WSF – Discussed current transplant projects. Little Belts transplant will be in December and the Tendoy transplant will be in January. MTWSF and WSF will be directly involved with these transplants.

(b) MTFWP update – Still working on timeline for Bridger's transplant. Proceeding with Little Belt's transplant.

(7)Kurt Alt Update:

(a) Amy Lift a biologist with the National Bison Range said they did testing and removal of BHS who were infected by domestic sheep close to the Bison Range fencing. She has a good relationship with the domestic sheep producers and expressed interest in working collaboratively with MTWSF and the Woolgrowers to address this problem.

(b) There is also a project in the works for the West Fork of the Bitterroot area encompassing the wilderness in MT and ID. We may be able to work with Idaho Sheep foundation on this project.

(8)Newsletter: Brian asked the board to contribute pictures and articles. Especially Shane as he harvested a BHS this year.

(9)Master Hunter Program: Wise use of our sponsorship dollars. The program has been very successful. Ray suggested that the director of the program put together some photos and an article for our newsletter.

(10)Fannin Sheep Raffle: Going well. Have sold 41 tickets through the mail so far.

(11)Sportsman's Caucus: There are two Senator's and two Representative's from each party in this caucus. Brian attended a meeting and there were many Sportsman groups present. The group still needs a landowner rep and a recreational shooter rep. Brian was elected Vice Chairman of the Caucus.

(12)Open/Old Business: None

(13)New Business:

(a) Neon CRM system – We asked Traci at Meetings Northwest to give us a quote for running the system and handling

membership. Dj has spent some time getting to know the software and does not think it will be necessary to outsource this work. He agreed to take on these duties but will need help.

(b)Kirk Russell: Kirk has helped us out at the banquets in the past and offered to take on life member card distribution and membership mailings.

©2021 Banquet Discussion: Banquet will be a virtual event this year. A banquet meeting will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks. We need bigger items this year or combine items as we will need to ship everything to the winning bidders. Brian will look at the possibility of having a sweepstakes drawing. BHA have set up a good template for this that their director said we could use.

(14)Next Meeting: December 2, 2020. 8 pm

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