



Montana Wild Sheep Foundation

Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

1. Call to Order – 8:04 pm

2. Roll Call

Grant Winn II – yes
Alex Russell – yes
DJ Berg – yes
Max Bauer – no
Ray Vinkey – yes
Don Patterson – yes
Kurt Alt – yes
Levi Bowler- no
Jeff Mortensen - yes
Justin Spring- yes
Brian Solan - yes

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

4. Treasurers Report

- a. Cash on hand - No update, Max is not present- He will send summary.
- b. Grant in Aid and Outstanding – (i) Quarterly payment to WSF for Kurt Alt (\$5k) (ii) \$20,000 for Highlands research

5. Secretary's Report

- a. Still working on numbers since banquet but nearing 570 members

6. Informational

- a. Coordination call with WSF was cancelled this month.
- b. Chapter and Affiliates Summit – San Antonio May 19-21, 2022. – Board members should send Brian an email if interested.

7. Open/Old Business

- a. Banquet Recap – Group discussion on improvements for the banquet:
 - Add contact information for donors to program so bidders/winners can contact directly.
 - Checkout stations at live and silent auction areas
 - Develop cross – check system to verify donors and presentations

- Do not allow pledges for dinner tickets
- Enter raffle items in Givesmart to record the winners of raffles
- Assign a board member to write down all winners of auctions and raffles
- Have 2 ATM's on site
- Hat raffle – raffle 1 hat each and sell over 100 hats in one or two raffles.
- More help needed in raffle sales
- Raffles – raffle ticket sales “specialists” to sell directly to the crowd
- More raffle and auction items that appeal to non-hunting women
- Rose raffle – Sell rose and a ticket for a chance at a gun.
- Certificates for auction items- hand winners a certificate with contact info
- Don't give Brian any bags of money
- Have a security company to come and secure cash
- Yeti cup raffles – Have varying ticket amounts and prizes – Such as a \$200 ticket and sell 40 and a \$300 dollar ticket and sell 30.
- Add more Entertainment Value to the program
- Have a more formal time schedule for the event
- More emphasis on the silent auction during the live auction
- Silent auction items need to be finalized 15 days prior to the event
- Increase our volunteers by 50% to account for larger crowds
- Seminars – three different projects presented to highlight our work.
- Attract younger members – Maybe a Friday night poker run with seminars directed at younger members?
- Board decided to hire Kevin Hill for the 2023 banquet.

8. New Business

- a. National Business Sportsmans Caucus – Brian is vice chair of this caucus. Dues are \$1000 annually. Justin made a motion to pay the dues and Ray seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. National Assembly of Sportsman's Caucuses (NASC) Summit – Suggested sponsorship is \$5000. Ray made a motion to sponsor and Jeff seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. Bank Account – We need to remove Shane and Max as signatories. Alex made a motion to add Jeff, DJ and Grant as signatories on the account. Justin seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
- d. Legacy project – Board discussed setting a meeting with MTFWP. Kurt will work on arranging a meeting for late April.

9. Schedule Next Meeting

- a.** The next meeting will be 04-06-2022 at 8pm.

10. Adjournment

- a.** Grant made a motion to adjourn and Don seconded. Motion passes unanimously.