



Montana Wild Sheep Foundation
Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 3, 2021

1. Call to Order – 8:05 pm

2. Roll Call

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

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

4. Treasurers Report

- a. Cash on hand - \$200,000 + -No update, Max is not present
- b. Grant in Aid and Outstanding – (i) Remaining payment to WSF for Kurt Alt (\$5k) (ii) \$20,000 for Highlands research (iii) Side by Side \$14,000
- c. Jeff will meet with CPA to find the best electronic bookkeeping system to use for best interfacing.

5. Secretary's Report

- a. 523 Total Members
- b. 411 Life Members
- c. 112 Regular Members

6. Informational

- a. Sheep station update – A new ecologist was hired for the area but is more focused on rangeland work and not looking at wild/domestic sheep issues. WSF is coordinating a response.
- b. Coordination call with WSF scheduled for next Wednesday. In the last meeting WSF told us of major staff changes at their office. Michelle Bodner is the new office mgr, Matty is in charge of membership and Mike will run all booths and exhibits. Kurt believes this is the best working group he has seen there.
- c. MTFWP update – Second Little Belt transfer and the Highlands transfer are on for this Winter. Should have additional funding through a 3x1 match on funds raised.

7. Open/Old Business

- a. Sheep Show – DJ and Brian will coordinate getting our booth to Bozeman for WSF to ship to Reno. Brian will take care of reservations for board attendees. Attendees are DJ, Don, Alex, Jeff, Grant and Levi. Max and Ray are possibilities.
- b. Fannin Hunt Raffle – Blackstone is not responding to our request for a hunt. Brian and Kurt will inquire about a desert sheep hunt and Grant will call Jack Atcheson about other sheep hunt possibilities. Discussed doing high value limited tickets vs. low dollar unlimited tickets.

8. New Business

- a. Banquet 2022 – We have two new volunteers for the banquet committee. DJ stressed the need to get donations and put them on Givesmart asap. Brian thinks we should shoot for having our Givesmart site up by December 15.
 - (i) To do – get side by side tickets and rooms on Givesmart
 - (ii) Tickets – Discussed doing premium, standard and virtual tickets. Still open issue
 - (iii) Online Banquet – Would cost \$1200 and would complicate the banquet, but in the end, we do not think it would affect attendance at the live event. Still open issue
 - (iv) Room or Rooms – DJ will do a walk through of the facility and let us know the feasibility of having two rooms.
- b. Committee Charters – We had a good response from membership in our request for volunteers. – Ray volunteered to be Conservation committee chair. Jack Atcheson is interested in this committee and Ray will reach out to him. Grant and Alex volunteered for the membership committee. DJ will start handing out task assignments but they are low priority, until after the banquet.
 - (i) New committee members: Erika Putnum -membership, Ricardo Fernandez – Conservation, Brad Morlock – Marketing & outreach and Greg Wisnener - undecided

9. Schedule Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be 12-01-2021 at 8pm.

10. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm