

MONTANA WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes-February 2, 2011

Location- Telephone Conference Call

Board Members Present: Jack Chambers (President), Mike Colpo, Doug Dreeszen (Secretary), Glenn Erickson (Vice President), Steve Kline, Mike Menke (Treasurer), Dan Spicher, Bruce Sterling, and Jim Weatherly (Executive Director)

Directors Absent: Tom Grimes

Members Present: None

Call To Order:

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Jack Chambers at 6:39 PM.

Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes of the last meeting, December 8, 2010, a telephone conference call.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the December 8, 2010, minutes be approved.

Motion Passed

Treasurer's Report:

Jim W reported the current balance is \$86,281.59, with approximately \$10,050.00 in accounts payable as follows: Skalkaho Weed Control \$6,300.00, Pryor Mountain Mahogany Study \$2,000.00, Gilchrist Signs \$1,750.00.

Motion: It was moved and seconded that the Treasures Report be accepted as reported.

Motion Passed.

Informational Items:

Website Updates: Steve K continues to update the website with new information. After a short discussion, there were some ideas and new information that Steve will add.

Participation at the Montana Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting in Helena: Glenn E will attend and give a short overview about our organization and activities.

Newsletter Publication: After a short discussion, it was thought that we should try and put more educational items and reports into the Newsletter in the future for our members and the public.

2011 Legislative Session: It was reported that there are a lot of Bison Bills and numerous Bills involving the MT FWP and wildlife issues.

Proposed land acquisition in Sanders County: There has been some land come up for sale that is bighorn sheep habitat. We are monitoring this and looking into some ideas for purchase.

Report on Long Range Planning Items:

Missouri Breaks landowner relationships/access and education of hunters/tag holders. There did not appear to be any adverse problems in the Breaks this past hunting season.

Domestic Sheep Issues: FWP has been trying to set up a meeting with the Woolgrowers with negative response. We should do this within our organization and start educating the public about the dangers of interaction between domestic sheep, goats and Wildsheep. After further discussion it was decided that we should have a committee work on this issue. Bruce S, Mike C, Glenn E, Jack C, and Jim W, volunteered to set on the committee.

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Membership: Our membership fees were discussed and there was a **Motion: To create a Youth Membership fee of \$15.00 per year and \$35.00 for 3 years. To create a Family Membership fee of \$50.00 per year and \$120.00 for 3 years. Motion Passed.**

Old Business:

Affinity Automobile License Plates: The affinity license plate issue is still being looked into. Several ideas were discussed.

New Business:

Transplants for 2010-2011: 50 bighorns comprised of 33 ewes, 6 lambs, 11 rams (9 of these were yearling rams) were recently removed from of Wild Horse Island, on 1-31 and 2-1-2011. 22 sheep were transplanted to the Confederated Salish Kootenai Indian Reservation near H.D.124, the Perma-Paradise area. The remainder of the sheep (28) went to Hog Heaven, on the reservation west of Wild Horse. FWP paid for this transplant to reduce the bighorn sheep population on Wild Horse Island.

GIA Request for a bighorn sheep transport trailer: Jim W is researching this and will check with several different state wildlife agencies for specs for such a trailer and will report on this at a later date.

2012 Fundraiser Location (20th Anniversary Event): After a short discussion, a location for next year couldn't be agreed on and this will be explored at a later date as we need to know by our banquet/fundraiser so we can announce the 2012 location in Missoula on March 12, 2011.

2011 Fundraiser Issues: Jim W and Jack C led the discussion on the up-coming fundraiser in Missoula and the schedule of events for the day. Jim W added that he will be sending a Registration Form out to about 2000 past attendees, sheep license applicants and interested people to purchase banquet tickets.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on March 12, 2011 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula, MT.

This will be our annual membership meeting.

Motion: It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Dreeszen, Secretary
Montana Wild Sheep Foundation