

Board Meeting 11/10/2021 7:00 pm

Attendees: Katie, Scott, Dean, Pat, Zach, Joni, JW, Scott S., Mack, Bruce, Kurt

Absentees: Jimmy, Greg

1. Zach- Interaction Working Group: Dean, Joni, Katie, Mac there productive, feedback interesting. Recommend to group to contact Katie or Zach if there are any questions. Things behind the scenes, not sure what. Be patient. Kudos to Mac for speaking up at Interaction Working Group and last night and Jim Collins represented WY-WSF at Interaction Working Group.
2. Katie- GIA requests discussion
 - a) NBSC Education Programs & Critical Operation- Sarah Bridge: Requested \$15,000 to expand educational programs statewide and nationwide and to gain additional support for BHS conservation. Funds will be used for: staff, museum maintenance, expand marketing and outreach. Working with other chapters to get additional funds. Why is ask so small on National Contribution? Could there be conflicts of interest down the road with past board members. Past ED email needs to be pulled so that current ED contacts can be separated from NBSC Board members. Total cost of project \$118,000. Need better argument why we would give a greater amount than Nationals. Recommendation made for \$5,000 to \$10,000. Rank: Medium to High
 - b) West Side Story- UW Coop, Kevin Monteith: Requested \$20,000 to continue to explore pneumonia affects on WMBS, specifically Hunt Area 8 non migratory population. Tracking lamb mortality and nutrition. 4 out of 8 lambs still collared. Only project in native core herd to track why our sheep are dwindling. Seven objectives of research: Total cost of project is \$1,683,740. Recommendation made for \$20,000. Fully Fund. Rank: High
 - c) In Wild Company- Orijin Media, Zach Montes, Josh Metten: Requested \$40,000 for a high-quality film project illustrating the complexity and collaboration necessary for conserving wild sheep across the western United State. Focus on Whiskey Mountain Herd. More information is needed. Working through cooperation with Ag, not quite there. Where does WGFD stand on this? Don't want to look like a bad guy on our own film. Need a lot more information on this. Would like Zach and Josh to present more information, at next meeting, such as script. Could have conversation with Midwest regarding thoughts. Total cost of project is \$120,000. Recommendation not made at this time. Rank: Undecided
 - d) Teton BHS Winter Recreation Education & Stewardship Campaign- Teton Working Group, Aly Courtemanch/Sarah Dewey: Requested \$10,000 for successful completion of Teton Collaborative process with report/recommendation for winter recreation closures that would help protect BHS winter habitat. There are mixed feelings with ski groups. Funds would be used for education and a stewardship campaign to for these groups (etc. interactive maps, smartphone habitat apps, educational signs). Would like Aly to give some more information at next meeting. Forest Service should be doing some education too. Total cost of the project is \$73,000. Recommendation not made at this time. Rank: Medium

- e) Dynamic Messaging Signs- WGFD, Martin Hicks: Requested \$11,000 for purchasing of 2 dynamic messaging signs for Hwy 34 (Sybille Canyon) to alert drivers of wildlife on roads. BHS are concentrating on road due to salting. Funds were requested in Spring 2021, request saved until Winter 2021. 3 decent rams were struck by automobiles this fall. Who will own signs. Total cost of project \$33,000. WGFD spending a lot of time trying to keep sheep off the highway. WYDOT needs to be involved. WYDOT representation will be available at Sybille Canyon to discuss it. Currently borrowing signs from elsewhere. Would like Ryan to give update and see if there is an update with WYDOT. Is there a more permanent solution, such as fence, reduced speed, or reverse rumble strips. Is a bandaid! Recommendation to discuss in December. Rank: Undecided

- f) WY Chapter of Wildlife Society Conference Sponsorship- WT-TWS, Aly Courtemanch- Requested \$250 for annual conference in April 2022 in Jackson, WY. Around 200 participants. Provides one free registration and an opportunity to promote WY-WSF at the conference including verbal recognition during banquet, logo on conference program, website, and on PowerPoint during breaks. BHS research funded by WYWSF will be presented at banquet. \$250 seems minimal, should do more. Recommendation made for \$500-\$1000. Rank: Fully Fund and add some extra, will have travel expenses for sending Katie to Jackson to represent WY-WSF.

Joni to get amount available prior to next meeting. Preliminary report, there is plenty of money. Katie will work on rollback money as well.

Motion to adjourn:

Pat Pace, Secretary