

WY-WSF Dec 3, 2016 Board Meeting
Saratoga Hot Springs Resort and Spa
3:45-5:00 PM

1. Call to Order – President Galles called the meeting to order with Board member, Bob Sundeen, absent. He thanked James Rinehart, Will Schultz and Lee Knox for their roles in hosting a terrific winter meeting.
2. Review/Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. June 3&4, 2016 Casper, WY
3. Motion to approve minutes - On a motion from Jim Collins with a second from Kevin Hurley, the preceding meeting's minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – Joni.

We have \$627,232 in assets and \$468,396 in liabilities. Our profit for FY 2016 has been \$69,654. We have close to \$160,000 in funds available for the Dec 2016 and June 2017 GIA funding as well as to fund our approximately \$4500 per month operating expenses.

The treasurer's report was approved after a motion from Kevin Hurley with second from John Harris
5. Update on Investment Accounts-Mike. Mike reported that our three investments have all been positive this year with returns ranging between 3-9%. We have earned almost \$20,000 in interest since investing our Life member, conservation, and general funds this past spring.
6. GIA Requests
 - a. Joint Chiefs Cheat Grass Control \$8,000 Approved
 - b. Hunting With Heroes \$30,000 The Board voted to deny this request but to extend an offer to the HWH group to give them an auction slot at our Banquet and to provide manpower to assist with any hunting trips.
 - c. Temple Peak Disease Assessment \$10,950 Approved
 - d. Devils Canyon to Ferris Transplant \$20,000 Approved
 - e. Fred Roberts NWF \$15,000 Approved
 - f. Ferris Mountains Guzzlers \$11,000 Approved
 - g. Ferris Mountains Burn Phase II \$15,000 Approved
 - h. Whisky Mtn Genetic Diversity Study \$24,725 The Board voted to deny this request and hopes that existing DNA samples could be used to work on this specific study while the group continues the work that we have funded to establish a statewide genetic study.

TOTAL REQUESTED: \$134,675. Total approved \$79,950
6. Projects
 - a. Frank Robbins – Jim Collins reports that this project has not yet been started and no money has been spent. The ranch hopes to get this done in 2017. They remain satisfied with our joint letter of agreement.
 - b. Mary Thoman allotment retirement- All are pleased that this piece of the allotment retirement puzzle has been completed. Terrific work on the part of Steve Kilpatrick, Jim Collins, Joni Miller, and Kevin Hurley.
 - c. Conservation Fund- We are at about \$121,000 with impressive growth(6.34% YTD) from our investment account. A \$25,000 Challenge fund to match donor contributions between now and June 4, 2017 has been established by the board of directors. Dean will coordinate the publicity and invite all chapters/affiliates to come on board. Dean and Steve will also create a brochure to help board members solicit donations and get that to the board members by Jan 1, 2017.

d. Ron Lockwood Memorial Project- The board is interested in bundling the work at the Ferris Mtn's and dedicate the entire project to Ron's memory. Jim, Jerry, Steve, and Ryan Amundson will work on the logistics of erecting suitable informational signage. We will work with BLM to see if we can use the signature cairn at the top of Ferris Peak for further recognition of Ron's work for wild sheep.

e. Bam-Bam update-Joni. Joni reported that Bam-Bam is ensconced in the new diorama at Sinks Canyon and that a plaque acknowledging our efforts to help this project has been erected.

WY-WSF Affairs/Business/Upcoming Activities

1. Wilderness Study Areas - Update - Steve, Joni. Steve reports that most of the counties have started on the project that will result in our congressional group sponsoring a bill within the next 2-3 years. We feel it is important to get language in that bill that allows flexibility to continue to conduct habitat enhancement and to monitor and test sheep in these areas. Language similar to that in the Glacier addition to the Fitzpatrick Wilderness area will be proposed by our members.

2. We are hosting the Chapter affiliate meeting in Jackson Hole during 2018-Jerry/Steve. We are settling on June 20-23, 2018. Committee members are: Jerry/Steve/Joni/Zack/Dean. Kevin Hurley suggested that some of the committee could attend Montana's event at Flathead Lake this summer to see how it all works.

3. Reno Booth and sponsorship of the Silent Auction, January 19-21, 2017- About 9 of the board plan on attending. Dean will coordinate the booth schedule, and get the supplies to Reno via Bozeman. He will also draft an instruction letter on how to use our web page to sell the raffle tickets or accept conservation fund donations so we are all on the same page. We are getting terrific publicity from WSF for our sponsorship of the silent auction including two full page advertisements in their magazine. We will use the Spring advertisement to push the conservation fund challenge. Dean will send an email blast informing the membership of our booth and inviting them to stop by if they get to Reno.

4. Comprehensive Financial Audit- Our committee of Mike Porter and Jim Collins has been getting advice from financial firms regarding how to conduct this audit. They will soon arrange a conference call with Butch Townsend and Jim Rice to get their input on the intent of last spring's motion on this matter.

New Business

1. Hunting and Fishing Expo, Casper, WY May 19-20,2017-Steve. Steve briefed us on this project and asked us to answer the questions from G&F with response back to him. He will then summarize and inform the G&F of our decision on how we will participate.

After the presentation of a much deserved award to Treasurer Joni Miller for her exemplary efforts on behalf of Wyoming Wild Sheep, the meeting was adjourned on Saturday, Dec 3, 2016 at 4:30

Sincerely

Dean DiJenno
Secretary