

Board meeting 4/21/2021 7: 00 pm

1. Attendees: Katie, Pat, Scott, Dean, Zach, Kurt, Jimmy, Scott S., Greg, Joni, Mack, Bruce, Ryan, Steve

Absentees:

2. Review/Approval of Previous Minutes from the April 21, 2021 Board Meeting
Motion: Scott Second: Kurt Motion to: Approve
3. Katie- Burgess Junction Big Horn Sheep Summit Update June 17th and 18th. Cole Benton requesting number of individuals attending so we could get a head count to Cole Benton (2-Dean, 2-Scott, 2-Joni, 1-Zach, Jimmy-1, Scott S.-1, Bruce-1). Katie to send out hotel information. WWSF pays for everything, Cole to provide amount to Joni upon arrival.
4. Katie- Update on Game and Fish Department hunt area management needs. Called and email Daryl and Doug today. Busy with commission meeting. Daryl has not had a chance to sit down and discuss yet. No net losses of licenses. Couple changes- 2 licenses reduced in hunt area 5, 1 license reduced in hunt area 8 Jackson/Pinedale, no changes in Laramie region, increased licenses by 3 in Lander region, no changes in Casper region-Elk Mountain Herd. No net changes, there will be 180 licenses statewide. In 2020, harvest was 132 sheep harvested for about a 75% success rate. Mountain goats 55% success rate in 2020, net loss of 4 tags, type A license for the Jackson herd-only harvested 11 out of 40 for 28% success rate. Jimmy and Katie spoke- Wyoming Wildlife Task Force are calling for topics, so if we have something we want to discuss we need to get it to them by June 18th.
5. Dean- Calendar review, 6 weeks left. April finish donations & underwriting. Everything in print needs to be to Dean by May 1st. May 14th- LMB goes to printer, May 24th- banquet goes to printer. Concentrate on underwritings. Will send email blast reminding people to register. Half full right now. Peak registrations from May 15th-May 20th. If you nominated someone for a Ron Ball Award, please provide your recommendation letters. May 1st deadline for GIAs. Board will meet in May and discuss the GIAs and then membership will vote on them in June. Ian Tater has been asked by Katie to put in a GIA proposal for the endurance funds that WWSF is providing to G&F. Awarding of Big Horn Sheep and Mountain Goat Licenses- G&F to provide us a list. Every other day in May has a deadline.
6. Zach- Updated Management Plan after discussing with Scott, Dean, & Joni. Joni had more specific details about games and how they should be financed. Inserted worksheets. On banquet night dial in time and sequence and that all events are listed. Inserted item for breakfast. Everyone looking at duties, finalize where people are going to be at. Bruce needs a couple people for card games, raffle tickets. Discussion of volunteers and to see who is available to help. LMB items added- need to finalize times. Katie offering a welcome to everyone at LMB. James- assume not going to make it, Dean to get everything ready for him, if not then we will send him a card with plaque and do a follow-up call. Not sure if Rusty and Rosemary will be able to make it either, haven't heard from them (last minute planners). Zach to follow-up with James. Rowdy McBride and whole family are coming. Due to his generosity, can we do something for him? Comp Friday for him or other ideas for him giving us two hunts

at the cost he did. If there are videos that need to be shown during live auction they need to be given to Dean ASAP.

7. CWD Raffle sponsored by WY Game and Fish. Glenn Pauli and G&F advertises in the Rampage. We reciprocate by using our social media and webpage to push Supertags. Created special CWD raffle that intends to get people to participate fully in CWD testing. Asked WWSF to be founding sponsor which puts our logo and information on all of their publicity. The reach would go out to an exceptional amount of people including Wyoming Wildlife Magazine. Good fit for us to participate to get our information out to another group of people. Asking was for \$3500.00. Can do a GIA if needed. Board can decide. Needs to know by May 15th. They advertise in every issue of the Rampage and have been in every issue and paid. A lot of exposure and for a decent price. Due to the issues of disease that we have in sheep, would be good to show that we care about diseases in other species. Not sure what other organizations are involved. Jimmy suggests that full funding is a good idea- we received 2 commissioners tags this year and CWD is a bid deal in their eyes, "we spend our money in wildlife." Number one thing affecting the state right now. Is this cost per year, or a one-time deal? Not discussed in proposal. Scott for this idea due to exposure. Maybe endurance fund could be utilized for this. One of the reasons for bringing in the social media person was for outreach and advertising and with raffles and reports from her, the WWSF has exploded. Has helped with raising money in raffles. It shows that WWSF is not only about sheep. Care about other wildlife. If done through a GIA has to go through membership. Good idea to put some social media out regarding WWSF giving funding for other diseases in species. To be founding sponsors we need to do more than minimum amount. Is that something the Endurance Fund could fund? Looking for two or three founding members that will be prominent. Will be doing \$20,000 in raffle prizes in two different tiers depending on how people respond to CWD requests. Discussed funds coming from GIA, Endurance Funds, Life Member Funds, or General Fund. Have a little time to decide where the money is coming from.
Motion to fund full amount of \$3500.00: Kurt Second: Scott Motion: Approved
8. Steve- Debrief of video for Whiskey Mountain Herd. Would be different from Teton herd film. Would be a film that discusses what happened to the Whiskey Basin Herd. In the works. Exotic pathogens plaguing the herd and sheep herds across the west. In the film, would like to interview Wyoming agriculture people showing that we are working together on this. BLM, Forest Service, and possibly WY G&F, Sheep Center and WWSF would be mentioned. Would focus on the largest Bighorn Sheep Herd in the west at one time. Focus on why we don't have the sheep we used to have in the west. 15–20-minute video clip. Ryan recommends Hank Edwards that speaks well about disease and disease pathogens would be good to interview.
9. Katie-GIA review and approvals. New GIA approval forms. Used to receive GIAs that weren't specific. Used to not know where our money was going. New application form. Specific questions regarding other project contributions and matching funds. Would like to know if other groups are being asked for funding. Describe other future monitoring so we can see how they measure success. Like to see annual report and completion project report. Form that helps to rank each GIA (taken from WY Governor Big Game Coalition). Allows you to come up with a project total to rank each GIA for you. On the Board log in side of the website

10. Katie- Chapter and Affiliates meeting this week. They asked for donations. John Harris covered it for WWSF got a white goose hunt. Chapters can also donate cash if you so choose. Sponsorship donation is different from an item donation. In the past WWSF has donated cash on the higher level. Do as done in the past. Steve suggests WWSF hosting the next couple of years and raising funds for WWSF. Steve or Joni to let Katie know and can be decided offline. JW and Katie planning on attending Chapter and Affiliates Summit June 24th thru June 27th.
11. Katie- Scoping on the Bridger Teton National Forest in regard to their Bighorn Sheep Amendment. Will provide a draft and send out to you.
12. Ryan- When board term expires will be rejoining the Wyoming Game and Fish's Bighorn Sheep Working Group. WYGF wouldn't let him do both positions. Need some habitat services on Working Group. Felt services were in good use there.
13. Dean- thanks for a great agenda with the links.

Motion to adjourn: Kurt Second: Bruce Motion: Approved

Sincerely,
Pat Pace
Secretary