

Officers Board Meeting 5/26/2021 7:00 pm

1. Attendees: Katie, Scott, Greg, Bruce, Jimmy, Ryan, Zach, Pat, Joni, Mack, JW, Kurt, Dean  
Absentees:
2. Dean- 395 paid included early eaters, 186 Friday, 152 for LMB, 30 kids (included in 392), 19 Full Curl Tables
3. Scott, Dean, Zach- fine tuned management plan, final draft
4. Thursday- Organization is done, no need to meet at Jerry's. Friday 6:30- meet at Fire Rock (20 committed) two large tables close to each other. Sportsman's-Meals and Tables set up for representatives. Glasses to Clarion Thursday to get washed. Donations for Steve (little bit of response- \$1900.00 price tag-\$750.00 in donations received)
5. Update on Committees  
Katie- Good on rooms, starting to feel pinch on rooms, Katie to walk through with sound, internet speed. Debrief breakfast for about 20 people Sunday morning (have regular continental breakfast for normal people) if people want to order off of menu they can.  
Scott- LMB, everything is good to go, will revisit to verify. Dean has been in touch with speaker to verify he is good to go.  
Greg- SA, everything is good to go. Thursday afternoon can start set-up. Friday should do just fine.  
Ryan-LA, set, Dean got additional tag added, Corn hole boards are here, one set donated to Sheep Foundation, one corn hole set needed. LA, SA, LMB everything is in order. Sheets all put together. Set items next to them.  
Bruce- Games, people are assigned, all accounted for, got it covered, run through before Friday night get together.  
Mack- Raffles, Joni to go through money bags and explain them, have people lined up to do General Raffle too  
Guns- new process, Sportsman's starting Sunday morning.  
Joni to present at membership meeting where the money goes to, members would benefit.  
People attending seminars possibly getting ticket and drawing for some sort of prize in order to get people to attend meeting.  
Burgess Junction- Rooms held at Elk View Inn until May 31, 2021. Katie spoke with Daryl and Doug regarding agenda items. Cole Benton extremely excited to have great attendance this year.  
Polaris draw date is December 2021 meeting in Laramie.
6. GIAs-
  - NW WY Sheep Nutrition & Disease- Kevin Monteith (Whiskey, Jackson, Cody) studying dynamics of BHS herds in NW WY. Determine roles of summer range nutrition, pathogens, predation, and listed objectives: seasonal range/migrations, estimate nutritional carrying capacity, survival/mortality, factors affecting vital rates, assess differences in disease and nutrition, diet forage quality and abundance, affects of browsing and fire on forage. Have funded in the past. They did receive \$85,000 from WGBGLC, provide good updates and it is a huge study. Over \$1.5 million project. Requesting \$20,000. All of the money from the WGBGLC was from the sheep account.

This study finishes up December 2021. Scott ranks high- promote to fully fund. Joni, Mack, Pat, Zach, Ryan, Kurt **Rank High- FULLY FUND \$20,000**

- Douglas Creek BHS Monitoring Post-Mullen Creek Fire- Lee Knox (Douglas Creek Herd) fire burned through Douglas Creek Sheep BHS herd unit. Purchase 20 GPS collars, cover capture costs for 20 sheep in 2021, secure data fees. Data will be used to determine habitat selection and movement to be compared pre-and post-fire. Sheep herd does not move very far. Information will be used to see if the sheep will utilize some of the Mullen Fire burned area as currently the sheep are in an old burn area from 20 years ago. Would like to recapture sheep with collars already so that the information from pre fire can be compared to post fire information. Possible that habitat has increased greatly since the fire and could provide an area to do transplants and increase hunter opportunity. Are we working with Forest Service to address future burns to increase habitat- if we sell it right, we could get more bang for a buck, use this fire as an example? Other parts of Snowy Range would be suitable without the conifer encroachment. **Rank High- FULLY FUND \$23,630**
- NBSC- Conservation, Education, & Research- Sara Bridge (Expansion to National Resource) expand center to become a national resource. Use funds to do listening tours, curriculum, and marketing development, share information on WY-WSF projects, education programming. Not sure if funding has been requested from other chapters or National. They need to request monies from other chapters, still missing in application. The whole idea was to make it a national umbrella. Had a meeting with Steve, Ian, Sarah. If they are to be National then other affiliates need to be utilized, not be stuck in city limits. Since 2017- WY-WSF has given the NBSC almost \$70,000.00. WY-WSF has funded them pretty well, they need a broader plan for funding. Once there are funds from other chapters, WY-WSF will help fund. Katie spoke with Sara Bridge and NBSC will be applying for National Funding which is due by July. Is their representation still representing WWSF for Wyoming Outdoor Wildlife Lander Expo and Casper Expo. Participating in WGFD Educators Camp and will represent WWSF in those camps. Jackson picked as site because it was thought that Dubois was too rural. As an organization we have always chose to do something for the youth, and we don't have anything else in the GIAs that supports our youth. New camp director. Sara deserves a shot at doing better. The Board of Directors is very focused on classroom expansion and not on what is WWSF's vision is. WGBGC donated \$5000.00. Motion made to rank high. Motion Approved. **Rank High-PARTIALLY FUND \$2,500 payable when matched, with challenge to get other chapters and National to donate. Option to reapply in December.**
- Seminole Mountain Conifer Encroachment- Chris Otto (Seminole Mountains) continue BHS habitat treatments in the Seminole Mountains. Conifer removal through mechanical methods to prepare area for prescribed burning. Treatment of Federal lands awaiting NEPA approval, most of WY-WSF would be used on private deeded lands, state leased lands, and BoR lands. Sheep habitat is sheep habitat no matter who owns the land. Any improvements on our lands will keep them from eyeing the Pedros mountains. Habitat enhancement long-term work. **Rank High-FULLY FUND \$25,000**
- Dynamic Messaging Signs- Sybille Canyon- Martin Hicks (Wheatland) 2 dynamic messaging signs to alert drivers of wildlife on the roads, issues with bighorn sheep concentrating on roadways due to hwy salting. Two mature BHS hit and killed and recently ewe was hit and they couldn't find her body. Borrowed signs past winter. Would be helpful for all wildlife. Would get a lot of use on Hwy 34. Is there data showing signs are working throughout the state, bandaid on the problem, first step for

wildlife collisions. No data that to say they help or don't. Not sure people really pay attention to them. Visitation with WYDOT has happened about chemical, but not budging. Daryl has seen people slow down when they see the signs. Signs will be used on Hwy 34 corridor, will be used by Sybille Canyon Research Station. Monies requested are for two signs. **Rank Med-Low- re-evaluate at December meeting as signs likely won't be available until 2022.**

- **Electromagnetic Drop Net- Joe Sandrini** (Newcastle) electromagnetic drop net system for sheep (and potentially other wildlife) captures. Will be located in Newcastle but will be available to other G&F personnel in the state. Bruce worked hard to get commissioner tag with this project in mind. Borrowing capture system from SD currently. Gathering disease samples, and to estimate populations size. Acts now will save money **Rank High- FULLY FUND \$4,995**
- **Statewide Invasive Treatments in BHS Habitats- Sam Stephens** (Statewide) invasive annual grass mitigation in BHS habitats. Aerial treatment with Indaziflam will be conducted in high priority BHS habitats from 2021-2023 throughout WY. These funds will be used to leverage funding from partners. Will use Endurance Funds \$150,000. Katie spoke with Ian Tater about funds being matched by G&F to leverage funds. Definitely a cheat grass problem in Devil's Canyon, haven't been able to treat due to NEPA not being completed by Forest Service. Several areas have had cheat grass issues, keeps showing up in BHS areas. To use our money has to be occupied BHS habitat. Will there be progressive updates? G&F has IAG Funds. \$150,000 will be used strictly for BHS habitat **Rank High- FULLY FUND \$150,000 from Endurance Funds**
- **Northern Wild Sheep & Goat Symposium- Doug McWhirter** (Jackson) sponsorship of the biennial Northern Wild Sheep and Goat Council meeting to be held in Jackson 4-7, 2022. Meeting happens every 2 years. Gathering of biologists that focus solely on wild sheep. Results in some management actions. Potential for advertising. Offset some costs for hosting the meeting. Give home chapter some recognition for sponsorship. National WSF and Goat Alliance sponsored \$2000.00. Match National **Rank Medium- PARTIALLY FUND \$4000.00**
- **WY Grizzly Conflict Mitigation- Joseph Goergen** (Statewide) bear conflict education and bear spray giveaway events. Future backcountry grizzly bear mitigation (bear boxes/meat poles). Could people that are going into the backcountry rent a can and return it rather than giving away cans that people may not even use. Out of our wheelhouse. Rather spend money on higher ranking items. **Rank Low- NO FUNDING**
- **Joey's Conservation Program: Streamkeepers- Joey Puettnam** (Sheridan) funding for the Stream Keepers conservation program. Focus on stream related activities and restoration. Non-profit works with kids to get into outdoors. Made donation to auction fishing on private water and two rods and reels. If asking for funds in return, not really donation. Other groups fit this better the WWSF. **Rank Low- NO FUNDING**
- **Devil's Canyon BHS Movement Analysis- Sam Stephens** (Greybull) request funded from existing WGBGLC project funds- no need to fund through GIA
- **Other GIA items were funded by WGBGLC and funds were not requested from WWSF**

Final approval for GIA funding- \$230,125 (150,000 Endurance Funds). Are any funds coming out of LMB Funds or Conservation Funds, need to determine? May come up at Membership Meeting, as members may want to know.

Motion to adjourn

Pat Pace, Secretary