

WY-WSF Dec 2, 2016 Board Meeting
Saratoga Hot Springs Resort and Spa
2:00-5:00 PM

1. Call to Order – President Galles called the meeting to order with Board member, Bob Sundeen, absent and guests: Kevin Hurley, John Harris, Mack Miller, and Sara Domek in attendance. President Galles asked the board to show decorum during the meeting and to raise a hand to be recognized before speaking. He also asked the board to stay on topic. During the meeting we were joined by members Ryan Amundson and Doug McWhirter and by President Ron Smith from the Big Horn Sheep Restoration group.
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 Meade Dominick, the preceding meeting's minutes were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – Joni.

Update on Investment Accounts-Mike. Mike reported that our three investments have all been positive this year with returns ranging between 3-9%.

GIA updates-Funds available are about \$43,976.50- With the addition of \$62,500 from allotment buy-out funds and \$18260.55 from GIA rollbacks, we have \$115,960.55 available for this and the Spring GIA cycle.

Disposition of pass through Buy-out funds - \$143,000 – Steve. After applying the customary 15% administrative fee to our allotment buy-out funds, we are left with about \$22,000 which will be applied to GIAs and the remaining \$40,500 from Arambell allotment will also be used for GIAs.

Should we spend our interest income or take money from the general fund for GIAs. We decided to leave the interest in all three of the accounts this year.
5. Motion to approve treasure's report. After a very thorough accounting of our finances, a motion was made by Jim Collins and seconded by Scott Butler to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed.
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

7. 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 from our investment account. The board voted on and approved a motion by Kurt Eisenach with second by Meade Dominick to establish a \$25,000 Challenge fund to match donor contributions between now and June 5, 2017. 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. Update on Ty Miller hunts- With the assistance of WSF, another alternative hunt has been found for our buyer, we will pay about \$4000 in additional fees to complete this project.
- f. Update on Interaction Working Group Plan and annual meeting in Lander on Nov. 29. All in attendance state it was a very productive meeting with many new attendees.
- g. 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.
3. Reno Booth and sponsorship of the Silent Auction- 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.
4. Update from the National Interpretive Center-Sara Domek. Sara reported that the GIA funds we donated have been of huge benefit. Karen Sullivan has been hired and is already visiting schools and taking some of the day to day workload from Sara. The film project was put on hold during the busy summer season but is anticipated to be finished up during 2017.

New Business

1. 2017 Annual Convention & Banquet- We ran short of time for serious discussion on this topic. Jerry will host a conference call soon so we can discuss the venue, establish working committees, and get busy on hosting our 34th annual convention.
 - a. Continue the Life Member Incentive program? To be addressed in the future.
 - b. Possible hunts for the banquet, Dove Hunt? New Mexico sheep hunt? To be addressed in the future.
2. Welcome and presentation from Bighorn Restoration Group on their efforts to assist the Temple Peak herd. We welcomed Ron Smith who filled us in on the history and purpose of his group. All felt that we should be working together and sharing information on this important piece of wild sheep habitat.

3. Comprehensive Financial Audit as voted upon by the membership at last June's membership meeting. Committee members Jim Collins and Mike Porter will conference with members Butch Townsend and Jim Rice to get their input and then move on to selecting a firm to conduct this audit.

4. Annual Financial Audit- Three members will assist Joni. Jim Collins, Zack McDermott, and Greg Pope conducted the required audit with Joni's assistance. The results are posted on the website along with the membership minutes.

5. 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 8:30

Sincerely

Dean DiJenno
Secretary