

WY-WSF December 6, 2014 (Saturday) Membership Meeting (3:45-5:00 PM)
Bandanna Room, Holiday Inn, Cody, WY

1. Call to Order- Mike P. called meeting to order @ 15500 hours; WY-WSF Board present: Mike Porter; Dean DiJenno, Joni Miller, Jim Collins, Dan Hinz, Kurt Eisenach, Jerry Galles, Meade Dominick; WY-WSF Executive Director Kevin Hurley; excused absence: Bob Sundeen, James Rinehart, Dirk Montgomery; also present were members Dan & Nila Clifton, Freddie Goetz, Ryan & Sierra Amundson, John O'Brien, Allen Mooney, Mack Miller, Steve Martin, Suzan Moulton
2. Review/Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. May 31, 2014 (Casper) Kevin reviewed past action items; Jim C. 1⁰, Allen M. 2⁰ to approve; all in favor.
3. Treasurer's Report – Joni
 - a. Joni went through Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss statement; Mack M. 1⁰, John O. 2⁰ to adopt, all in favor. 3% Credit Card Convenience Fee was discussed, members were advised that it was the Board's decision to program the webpage/Authorize.net to add this charge to all web-based CC transactions, except for donations, and this 3% fee will be initiated for all CC transactions, beginning this weekend

WY-WSF Affairs/Business/Upcoming Activities

1. *Rampage* Fall 2014 – it was discussed that we need to strengthen photos in both *Rampage* and on webpage; potential advertising trades with other WSF C&As should be pursued; keep articles < 2 pages, max
2. Webpage Status/Update – Kurt updated members about recent changes/features of new webpage; Kurt was thanked for his efforts in spearheading this update!
3. WY-WSF Endowment – Mike P. mentioned tentative plans/discussion to jump-start an Endowment \$ Challenge by June 2015
4. 2015 WGFC License Raffle update/status – Kevin advised we are currently at N=11 sold, and encouraged members to help in trying to sell these tickets
5. 2015 WSF Sheep Show (January 8-10, Reno, NV)
 - a. Mike advised of the Board's plans for Reno (WY-WSF booth #843), and requested assistance in booth coverage from members who might also be in Reno
6. 2015 WY-WSF Fundraiser/possible Life Membership drive, incentive: Mike brought up the concept that WA-WSF, ID-WSF, and other WSF C&As have done in offering a high-end hunt (e.g., sheep hunt) to Life Members in attendance at their banquet/event; considerable discussion ensued about a variety of options/approaches/strategies; ***Freddie G. 1⁰, Dan C. 2⁰ to authorize the Board to shop for a good Dall sheep hunt in Reno next month, for use in a Life Membership drawing***; motion approved. Hunt should be transferable to anyone; winner's call on that.

Projects/Issues

1. BCA Petition vs. USFS, on MB-RNF
 - a. We have spent ~\$4,000 to date, with no recent activity/billing since February 2014. Pending status...
2. Frank Robbins/HA 5 DS/BHS situation was discussed. We feel Worland BLM is not doing their job in terms of monitoring unauthorized domestic livestock use (both cattle and domestic sheep) on public land W of Thermopolis.
3. WY DS/BHS IWG update – Jim, Kevin advised anticipated discussion items on December 9th in Lander.
4. WGFD Budget Situation/Blue Ribbon Committee on WGFD Funding/WYSA – Mike advised no recent activity; Mike mentioned February 5, 2015 Legislative Reception @ Little America, Cheyenne; our members should attend if they can, to visit w/ state Legislators.
5. WGFD BHS transplant "concept" – Ryan A. advised that $N \geq 22$ BHS (10 VHF collars; 12 GPS collars) will be moved from Devil's Canyon to the Seminole Mtns in early/mid-March 2015, but WGFD has stood down for now on other transplants, till winter 2015-16 at the earliest (possibly into the Ferris Mtns); it was pointed out ≥ 10 BHS will be moved to Sybille, for research purposes, but the fence modifications are not ready to accommodate more BHS @ Sybille this winter. ***The notion of WY-WSF sending a letter to WGFD expressing our concern about the need to increase hunting opportunity(ies) in the Devil's Canyon herd was discussed; verbal discussion w/ Brian Nesvik will be pursued this evening [footnote: Jim C. visited w/ Brian Nesvik on 12/6/2014; a letter was drafted then sent by Mike P. on 12/15/2014]***. Possible ewe hunting was also discussed. WSGA resolution, USFS R4 R-o-C assessment, and other current political atmosphere, it's tough for WGFD to push/pursue BHS transplants, at present. Plans need to ratchet up for a large BHS transplant into Ferris Mtns in 2016, perhaps w/ up to 40 head.

6. “Art of the Hunt” WY State Museum – Kevin advised dates of AOTH exhibit/display (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015)

2014 WGBGLC BHS Project Funding Decisions (\$149,900) – Kevin described May 2014 decisions

1. Devil’s Canyon BHS Xplant (\$41,600 requested; approved for \$45,600)
2. Snake River Mtn Goat Capture (\$13,000 requested; approved for \$11,000)
3. 2 BHS Drop Nets (\$12,290 requested; approved for \$10,290)
4. SE Wind River Mtns DS Allotment Retirement (\$54,500 requested; approved for \$54,500)
5. S Absaroka BHS Capture/Disease Surveillance (\$26,000 requested; approved for \$21,000)
6. Whiskey Mtn Fertilizer Application (\$12,000 requested; approved for \$7,600)

GIAAs (8 requests; \$65,850 requested; 4 GIAAs were approved for \$25,500 by Board 10/28/2014; 4 pending for today)

1. Devil’s Canyon BHS Xplant (\$16,000 requested)
2. Snake River Mtn Goat Capture (\$2,000 requested)
3. 2 BHS Drop Nets (\$2,500 requested)
4. S Absaroka BHS Capture/Disease Surveillance (\$5,000 requested)
5. SE Wind River Mtns DS Allotment Retirement (\$20,000 requested)
6. Whiskey Mtn Fertilizer Application (\$4,400 requested)
7. Targhee Flight \$ (\$9,950 requested)
8. Dr. Sri (\$6,000 requested)

GIAAs were discussed individually; Suzan M. 1⁰, Dan C. 2⁰ to approve \$40,350, as requested; all in favor.

Jim C. pointed out how good the Friday night presentations were; all agreed!

Membership meeting adjourned 1655 hours.