

WY-WSF June 3, 2016 (Friday) Board Meeting  
Parkway Plaza, Casper, WY

1. Call to Order- By President Galles at 9:00 AM. Board member Rinehart arrived at 10:51 all other members were present. We had the following guests with us: Lynn Stewart, Greg Pope, Kevin Hurley, Doug McWhirter, Butch Townsend, Zack McDermott, Ryan Amundson
2. Review/Approval of Previous Minutes
  - a. December 4 & 5, 2015 (Dubois)
3. Motion to approve minutes by Jim and second by Mike- Motion Carried
4. Treasurer's Report – Joni reviewed the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement. Then she showed us the new, easy to understand listing of funds available for GIAs. We had \$49,318.96 available for our use.
5. Motion to approve treasure's report by Kurt and second by Bob. The motion carried.
6. Projects-
  - a. Frank Robbins-Jim went over the history of this project. We now have a signed agreement which was honored last year. We have \$14,000 set aside to help Robbins ranch water their domestic sheep in a lower pasture which will help maintain spacing away from Wild Sheep. Jim is still trying to get a tour of the ranch's higher country put together for this summer for a small group of us and would like to include Wade Bomengen since he has been instrumental in bringing the parties together. The BLM is getting close to a Phase 1 decision which is the lower part of the ranch. Phases 2&3 have now been combined and a decision concerning the granting of these permits is still some years away.
  - b. Mary Toman allotment retirement- Steve brought us up to date on this project. It is still nip and tuck to get this done. The forest service supervisor has to write a very tricky decision letter that will stand up in court. There has been opposition to this proposal from the Dept of Ag who perceive that their will be a net loss of AUMs and the governor's office is watching it very closely. Steve and Jim have money that will come to the table to help us out if the supervisor's decision letter meets their requirements. The cost will be \$427,000.
  - c. Conservation Fund-Doing very well at \$92,000 today
  - d. Ron Lockwood Memorial Project- Per Kevin, we should work on a transplant or permanent conservation easement. This item tabled until the suitable project arises.
  - e. Wells Fargo Investment Strategies Update- Bart Ostoff updated us on how our life member and conservation funds are invested. They are doing very well so far. We decided to create a third fund to transfer the remaining moneys from Vincent Financial into. \$35,000 of this account will go to the life member fund and the remainder into this new fund which we can easily access without penalty should the need arise. This fund will be set us under the "moderate/conservative" income equation. This motion was made by Mike Porter with a second from Jim and then approved by the board.
  - f. Life Member awards- We decided to give new life members the option of: Plaque with Name tag, just a name tag, or no award. Dean will set up on the internet, and get new grau sheets out to give away at our events. Every new member will now receive a "welcome" letter and a windshield decal which Dean is producing. New life members will also receive a welcome letter along with their awards.
7. GIA Requests

- a. Devils Canyon Ram Collaring- Leslie Schreiber-\$6200.00 - We approved 6, 200
- b. Wyoming Big Horn Sheep Population Geonomics: Year 2-Holly Ernst-\$49,050- We approved \$10,000
- c. Population characteristics, movements, and disease surveillance in the Palisades mountain goat herd, Wyoming - Gary Fralick- \$14,650- We approved \$14,650
- d. Whisky Basin Conservation Camp Renovation-Brian Parker-\$50,000 – We approved \$20,000

Total GIAs requested=\$119,900.00 Total funded 50,850

8. WGBGLC license sales and GIA's funded-Kurt brought us up to date on the proposals made at their meeting.

#### WY-WSF Affairs/Business/Upcoming Activities

- 1. June 2016 Board election results– Meade, Zack, Joni, Mike, and James were elected.
- 2. Motion to increase Board of Directors slots will be made to the membership and Dan and Greg will be appointed on Sunday
- 3. June 2016 Officer Elections-The entire officer slate was re-elected to another term.
- 4. Seminole Mtns Guzzler project-July 16-17, 2016 – Ryan will send out info and details soon.
- 5. Wilderness Study Areas - Update - Steve, Joni, and Sara Domek have all applied to be on county commissioner's study committees. Yet, unclear who is appointed but all will at least serve as sub committees to make sure Wild sheep are considered if any wilderness study areas are to be abolished.
- 6. WY-WSF Winter Meeting Location? December 3-4, 2016 – We decided on Saratoga with James to chair the winter meeting
- 7. The Chapter is considering hosting the Chapter affiliate meeting 2018- Alaska has been selected for 2018. We are the alternate and will probably host the meeting in 2019.
- 8. Commissioner's Lunch- we decided to hold this luncheon once a year.
- 9. Hunting with Heroes- We were briefed by Steve on how we will honor them on Saturday.
- 10. Ewe Hauler- It cannot be repaired we are working on specifics of what is needed.
- 11. Robbins visit- Jim will see about July 11 or July 14 and report back.
- 12. The summer pack trip is still being planned but nothing is definite.
- 13. Fort Robinson- Dan, Jerry, Steve to attend- get your applications and reservations in.
- 14. Moneys due to UW- This concerns the old Jeff Beck GIA, we differ with UW on the figures but have elected to pay the \$168.16 to settle the issue.

Being out of time, we adjourned at 2:15

Respectfully

Dean DiJenno