

WY-WSF June 4, 2016 (Saturday) Membership Meeting  
Parkway Plaza, Casper, WY

1. Call to Order- At 9:13 on June 4, 2016 by President Jerry Galles
  2. Review/Approval of Previous Minutes
    - a. December 4 & 5, 2015 (Dubois)- Motion to approve by Cole Benton, Second by Fritz Meyer, motion was approved
  4. Treasurer's Report – Joni
  5. Motion to approve treasure's report was made by Kevin Hurley with second by Butch Townsend. The motion was approved.
  6. Projects-
 

Arranbel- Kevin Hurley reported that this buy out was complete. Above the wilderness line is now closed to domestic sheep grazing. Our first buy out was in 1999 and we partnered with Jim Magagna on that one. We have spent 2.1 million to accomplish this with about 700-800K actually being Wild Sheep funded. The interaction group is now 16 years young and still setting standards for the nation on how to work out cooperative deals. Not one live stock producer has gone out of business as a result of our buy outs.

    - a. Frank Robbins- Summation presented by Jim Collins. We approved 14,000 to keep domestic sheep on private land around 8 miles from Forest Service boundary. Sheep were kept down low last year per our agreement. Not a permanent fix but progress. We still await the BLM decisions on all phases of the Robbins permitting controversy.
    - b. Mary Toman allotment retirement- coming right down to the crux, waiting on the Forest Service decision letter to close the last domestic sheep allotment in the Upper Green River grazing area. The project will require about 400K to complete and we have lots of partners lined up for funding.
    - c. Conservation Fund- The board is excited to report that we have raised 100K as of this morning, and moving quickly towards our goal of 250K in permanent trust.
    - d. Ron Lockwood Memorial Project-We have narrowed the scope to either a transplant or a permanent conservation easement. Every project is reviewed to see if it is suitable to put Ron's name on.
  7. GIA Requests
    - a. Devils Canyon Ram Collaring- Leslie Schreiber-\$6200.00
    - b. Wyoming Big Horn Sheep Population Geonomics: Year 2-Holly Ernst-\$10,000
    - c. Population characteristics, movements, and disease surveillance in the Palisades mountain goat herd, Wyoming - Gary Fralick- \$14,650
    - d. Whisky Basin Conservation Camp Renovation-Brian Parker-\$20,000

Funding recommendations were approved on a motion by J.W.Harris with a second from Butch Townsend.
- Total GIAs requested=\$119,900.00, Approved \$50,850
8. WGBGLC license sales and GIA's funded- Kurt summarized the activity.

WY-WSF Affairs/Business/Upcoming Activities

1. June 2016 Board election results– Dean reported that Meade Dominick, Mike Porter, Joni Miller, James Rinehart, and Zack McDermott have been elected by the membership

2. Motion to increase Board of Directors slots- On a Motion by Kevin Hurley, with second by Mack Miller, the membership increased the board of directors by two positions.
3. June 2016 Officer Elections-Steve- The present board was reappointed for another term on a motion by Bob Joslin with second from John Hockett.
4. Seminole Mtns Guzzler project-July 16-17, 2016 – Ryan had a sign- up sheet and explained the plans to get this project completed.
5. Wilderness Study Areas - Update - Steve and Joni applied for spots on the county commissioner’s new study committees, neither was approved for the main committee but both will sit on sub committees to make sure wild sheep needs are considered during discussion on what to do with the wilderness study areas that have been around since the 1980.
6. WY-WSF Winter Meeting Location? December 3-4, 2016 – Jerry reported that we will meet in Saratoga this December with James Rinehart acting as chairperson.
7. Chapter is considering hosting Chapter affiliate meeting 2019-Jerry reported that we will be the alternate location for 2018 if Alaska decides not to do it and that we will probably host the meeting in 2019.

New Business?

Discussion was held on moving the venue away from the Parkway because the accommodations are not adequate and the meal prices are too high. Jerry is to negotiate “hardball” with the Parkway if they want us to stay with them for 2017 and beyond.

Butch Townsend brought up the thought that we were dealing with a lot of money now and that an outside audit should be conducted to make sure our financial practices were in order. After some discussion on the cost of a full audit, which could run between \$10,000-\$15,000, he made a motion to conduct an audit review and that the board should make changes based upon the recommendations received. The cost range approved would be between 3-5,000. After a second by James D Rice, the motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully,

Dean DiJenno  
Secretary