

Wyoming Wild Sheep Foundation  
Board Meeting  
July 9, 2025

- Call to Order: President Clifford called the meeting to order at 7 PM
- Absent: Kurt Eisenach, Greg Pope and Jimmy Owens
  
- Previous Meeting Minutes
  - After reviewing the previous meeting minutes the board approved them for posting with a motion from John Harris seconded by Scott Butler.
- Treasurer Report:
  - After a review of our finances and the checks written report, the treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Zach McDermott and a second from John Harris.
  
- Old Business:
  - Updates from Executive Director, Katie Cheesbrough. This month's workload included: Convention wrap up items, WGBGLC Chapter 44 comments, Stewardship tour, WWNRT, Rock Springs RMP comments, Ferris/Seminole Seasonal Range updates, Grand Targhee expansion proposal comments, planning for our Sheep Summit at Burgess Junction, Public Land Sale in the Federal Reconciliation bill comments, Legislative Affairs meeting, Seminole Pump Storage project contacts, meeting and comments.
  - Convention Recap. President Clifford reported that the event was very successful. There was discussion regarding continuing the EXPO. It was decided to refer this to the convention committee to explore how to better the attendance in 2026. We will probably move all events to the Ford Center for 2026 and look for hotels closer to the venue for our room blocks.
  - Burgess Junction Bighorn Sheep Summit recap. Katie reported that Elaine and Cole Benton should be congratulated for hosting us on Thursday evening and for continuing this unique meeting between our chapter and the G&F dept.
  - Steve Kilpatrick Remembrance Day. To be held in Dubois at the City Park on August 23 between 12-6, a joint venture with NBSC and WWF. Bring a potluck dish and celebrate Steve's life with his family and friends.
  - Area 26 Bennetts meeting on June 12. WGFD removed two more 3 yr old BHS recently.
  - Area 26 Seminole pump and storage project. FERC process
  
- New Business
  - Meeting Minutes. Dean will be completing minutes and sending them to Secretary Bruce for approval. These will be shared with the board prior to every meeting at which time they will be approved and posted for the public to review.
  - Annual Board Calendar. The board reviewed the planning calendar and committee assignment documents which can be found at wywsf/board of directors/planning in our shared workspace. Dean will complete a new sheet for goal planning. ACTION- Every board member must fill in three goals they deem important for the upcoming year by July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - NGO Training. Bralli spoke about the possibility of purchasing training materials that will assist new board members with their duties and responsibilities. ACTION-Dean and Katie will develop a new membership with information that will make their onboarding successful. Bralli will obtain some price quotes for training materials.
  - WSF Updates. Bralli reported that WSF has adopted a policy pertaining to Aoudad in the Southwest region of our country. ACTION- Board members are to review and vote to "sign on"

to the policy statement with WSF. Dean will create a Policy section in the Vault section of our webpage.

- Raffle Sales in Reno. Bralli reported that we will sell only by credit card at the 2026 event and all other vendors will be expected to do the same. Dean suggested bundling raffles together so that people will purchase larger dollar amounts of our items.
- Coming Home Appeal. On a board motion from John Harris and second from Bruce Perryman, the board authorized a \$2500 donation to assist in the transfer of California Bighorn Sheep from Oregon back to their original homeland in British Columbia.
- Gold Sponsorship for Sheep Week 2026. On a motion from Bruce Perryman with a second from John Harris, the board approved the purchase of a Gold Level (\$10,000) sponsorship for the Wild Sheep Foundation Sheep Week in 2026.
- UW Endowed Chair. Matt Hoobler presented information about endowment chairs at the University and how they can be effective in putting wild sheep on the mountain. The initial cost would be around 1.5 million. The board discussed partnering with other conservation organizations. ACTION- A standing committee will be created to further explore this idea and will be chaired by Matt. Zach offered to sit on this committee as well.
- Sweetwater Rocks Water Project. The Eastern Chapter has approved and funded a water development project on the Split Rock Ranch costing \$25,000. This area will be important in the first release of wild sheep back into the Rocks and we will be providing them a secure water source. The board voted on a motion from John Harris with the second by Bruce Perryman to pass the funds through our organization to the contractors upon receipt of invoices showing the work has been completed.

- Next Board Meeting – August 13, at 7PM
- Meeting Adjournment – 9:00 PM

Sincerely



Bruce Perryman  
Secretary