



Monthly Board of Directors Meeting on February 11, 2026

- The Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Clifford. Absent were Jaden Bales and Jimmy Owens.

Action Items

- **(ASAP – Dean)** Add the January Credit Card statement to the Finance folder.
- **(ASAP – All)** Confirm attendance for the WYOGA table (8 people).
- **(ASAP – Bralli/Dean)** Coordinate WYOGA attendees and sponsorship details.
- **(ASAP – Bralli)** Finalize and route the MOU with National Bighorn Sheep Center for signatures.
- **(ASAP – Dean)** Create the MOU payment schedule: \$7,500 semi-annually (conservation + life member funds).
- **(Before Apr 1 – Raffle Committee / Dean)** Launch and confirm all raffles on Zeffy, starting April 1.
- **(Before Apr 1 – Ticket Team)** Open banquet ticket sales on Zeffy April 1; confirm donation and checkout links.
- **(By next meeting – Katie)** Schedule and lead the SRI special meeting, preparing cheatgrass overlay data and campaign plan.
- **(By next meeting – Katie & Dean)** Coordinate with Carbon County and partners to seek support for the North Carbon cheatgrass request.
- **(By next meeting – Katie)** Confirm dates, venues, and budget for carrying capacity film distribution events; request venue funding if needed.
- **(By next meeting – Katie)** Update the banquet solicitation folder with the new Impact Statement Document.
- **(Before June banquet – Donation/Expo Team)** Continue donation solicitation, tracking progress in the Banquet planner spreadsheet to fill silent auction, merchandise, and games.
- **(By next meeting – Tera / Games Committee)** Finalize the games list, pay-to-play concept, and logistics for blackjack/tables.
- **(By next meeting – Kurt / Prize Manager)** Collect firearms requests from committee chairs and finalize Capra card raffle logistics and Weatherby collaboration.
- **(By next meeting – Bralli)** Prepare the annual employee goals email to Katie and Dean; finalize monthly KPI tracking.
- **(By next meeting – Katie)** Schedule the next board meeting (March 11) and confirm availability for members attending the Governor's license coalition.

Decisions / Votes



- **Approved:** Checks as written and associated credit card approvals.
- **Approved:** WYOGA participation, including the purchase of one table (8 seats) and \$1200 sponsorship.
- **Approved:** MOU with National Bighorn Sheep Center for \$15,000 annually, paid semi-annually (\$7,500 conservation fund + \$7,500 life member fund). The MOU will be a dual-party agreement with an added annual reporting requirement before the summer meeting.
- **Declined:** Wild Harvest Initiative sponsorship request for \$25,000 per year.
- **Approved:** Newcastle, WY as the location for the 2026 Winter Meeting, targeted for December 4–5, 2026.

Financial Summary

The balance sheet indicates current liabilities of approximately \$302,000, following a \$95,000 Monteith payout. Equity stands at \$846,843.43. The checking account cleared balance was \$9,427.57, with a total checking balance around \$59,040.

- **Recent P&L:** Total income for the period was \$40,459.47, derived from raffles, donations, and dividends. Expenses totaled \$126,874.34, resulting in a net loss of approximately -\$86,414.87, which includes unrealized investment losses.
- **GIAs:** Approved GIA amounts not yet paid are referenced at \$228,1xx. The Monteith projects received a ~\$95,000 payout, reducing related liabilities.
- **Cash Management:** A \$125,000 transfer from the investment account to checking was made to cover expenses.
- **Outstanding Items:**
 - A \$20,000 pass-through for a Cody mural from external donors will be transferred to Tony.
 - Efforts are underway to delay a desert sheep payment to Midwest until April 1 to consolidate transfers and reduce fees.

Staff Updates

- **Dean (Executive Director):** Focusing on the 2026 summer convention, including banquet structure, auctioneers, MCs, AV, and venue logistics. Improved raffle page and Zeffy setup for April 1 ticket loading. Refined Zeffy export to QuickBooks and general donation/raffle workflows which is saving time and money.
- **Katie (Programs / Government Relations):** Reworked GIA award letters to include clearer reporting timelines. Monitoring the FERC Seminole Pump Storage Project



comment deadline, coordinating input with Game & Fish and Wild Sheep. Engaged in outreach, including a CAMO at the Capitol presentation, BTNF revision, Conservation Roundtable, and legislative monitoring. Manages GIA invoicing, reports, and supports Rampage content.

Convention / Banquet (Summer 2026) – Key Items

- **Ticket Sales:** Go live April 1 via Zeffy.
- **Banquet Logistics:**
 - Doors suggested to open around 5:00 pm, with games from 5:00–6:30 pm.
 - An estimated \$3,000 AV budget for hanging monitors, live feed, and video playback received board support.
 - Dan & Jacob Gay are confirmed auctioneers, with Josh Leinbaugh as MC. The ring crew will be increased for efficiency.
- **Youth Programming:**
 - The Youth Expo area will continue, with consideration for cornhole/activities near the silent auction.
 - The youth committee will discuss options for youth life memberships, youth raffles, and Camp Bighorn sponsorship.
- **Games Committee:**
 - Plans include adding a pay-to-play (squares) concept, snowy mountain rifle golden-ticket cups, and replacing blackjack if tables are unavailable. Consideration for expanding game times and a clear opening/closing schedule.
- **Silent Auction & Donations:**
 - Aiming for approximately 50 silent auction items, with optics and a tripod planned.
 - Donation forms and a solicitation folder are available in the planner; \$56,000 has been pledged/donated.
- **Merchandise & Prizes:**
 - The merchandise committee is collecting donor items.
 - The Capra/Weatherby rifle fundraising plan includes an online Capra card raffle before the banquet and a Weatherby rifle auction item.
- **Life Member Breakfast:** Catering, location (Ford Center), raffles, and incentives are in planning.

Raffle & Fundraising Plans

The Raffle Committee proposed a robust lineup, many launching April 1 on Zeffy. Initial deposits for new hunts are estimated at \$36,000, which the board's cash reserves can cover. Donation links and designations will be organized.



- Current Raffle Lineup:
 - **Terminus Stone Mountain Sheep Hunt:** Cost \$95,000; 800 tickets @ \$200.
 - **ROAR Kodiak Island Brown Bear Hunt** (includes Sitka deer & sea ducks): Cost \$35,000; 500 tickets @ \$150.
 - **Muskox / Caribou Combo:** Cost \$13,500; 300 tickets.
 - **Game & Fish Commissioner's Tag (Monteith):** \$100 ticket; 400 chances (10% retained).
 - **Midwest Partnership Sheep/Moose Raffle:** \$150 ticket; 650 tickets (chapter keeps ~10%, or ~\$10,000).
 - **McKenna Black Bear Hunt:** Cost \$5,000; 200 tickets @ \$50.
 - **Henry Conservation Rifle:** Ongoing raffle.
 - **Weatherby / Capra Special Rifles:** Planned online auction and card raffle (estimated \$4k–\$10k potential).

Committee Updates

- **Finance:** Investment account reporting is now aligned monthly with Ashton Thomas. Discussed unrealized losses under accrual accounting which can be confusing as they appear as a negative expense number on our profit and loss statement.
- **Raffle Committee:** A robust lineup was proposed, with clarified deposit plans and timelines for the April 1 Zeffy launch.
- **Games Committee:** Introduced new pay-to-play squares and snowy mountain rifle golden-ticket cups, with plans to adjust game timing.
- **Silent Auction:** Targeting approximately 50 items, with procurement ongoing, including optics and a tripod.
- **Expo / Marketing:** Budget of ~\$5,000 focusing on social media over radio/TV; vendor signups are increasing.
- **Youth:** Committee meeting planned for late February to coordinate volunteers (Anna, Tara, Ryan) and explore alternative youth awards like Camp Bighorn or life membership sponsorship.
- **UW Endowed Chair / Boone & Crockett:** Ongoing planning, awaiting a finalized framework.
- **Bylaws / Governance:** Updates are in progress, with a draft to be sent to the board for review before the June banquet.

Decisions Pending / Next Steps

- Finalize and sign the MOU with NBSC; implement semi-annual payments and reporting timeline.



- Confirm WYOGA table attendees and issue payment, also determining if additional sponsorship levels will be added.
- Launch ticket sales and raffles on April 1, confirming Zeffy donation flows and checkout options.
- Finalize AV/video specifics and confirm the vendor for the ~\$3,000 budget.
- Finalize the games schedule and confirm whether blackjack or replacement games will run.
- Confirm gift/perk levels printed and distributed to solicitors; finalize the underwriting catalog.
- Confirm Spring distribution dates and budget needs for carrying capacity film screenings.
- Follow up on Cody mural pass-through funds to Tony.
- Clarify timing and logistics for the desert sheep payment to Midwest, confirming if a delay until April 1 is acceptable.
- Finalize decisions on youth raffle approach and youth life membership process (stage vs. life member breakfast distribution).
- Next Meeting: March 11, 2026 at 7PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.