

- **Wyoming Sportsman's Group Meeting**

The Wyoming Sportsmans Group regular meeting was called to order at 6:08 on April 15, 2021. Members present were Steve Fichter, Mike Loutas, Jim Lyon, Ken Ford, Dave and Holly Tate, Becca Lutz, Matt Craig, Rob Severance, Sheila Slocum, Lynne Gray. New Members Chris McBarnes with WYLDlife Fund, Jamie and Wade Christensen with Hunting with Heroes.

**Approval of minutes** - Steve made motion, Ken seconded all voted aye.

**Treasurer Report** - 343,521.66 ending balance See scanned image for treasurer report. Need to send Complex invoice and Lynne's receipts to Rob to get paid. Bad check from Joslyn's taken care of with cash. Mike motion Matt Craig second all voted aye.

**New Business-**

Matt made a motion to make a ½ page ad to WYLDlife fund Jim seconded all in favor

**Funding Requests -**

Wade and Jamie Christensen with Hunting with Heroes Campbell crook and Weston counties came to present. Requesting \$10,000 one time donation, or partner with them and see what we can do to sponsor lodging/food etc.

Wade and Jamie do it all, they don't have a big chapter yet but are hoping to grow. Hunters have to be at least 50% service disability to hunt. Chapter pays for everything except for them getting here. They have a deal with Arbuckle on rooms for \$50 a night but are here for 3 days. The veterans hunt in Upton on Ty Miller's ranch and Wyoming Vets get priority. They have 6 antelope scheduled already this year so far.

Lynne Gray with 4H shooting sports

\$5500.00 requested

Prepared ahead and ordered the ammo already so they have it.

Sheila Slocum HS shooting sports

\$4,000 requested total project cost \$20,000, have \$2,000 from RMEF.

Was able to have both seasons last year 30 kids, this year have 60 kids enrolled.

Ordered ahead with funds from last year for ammo. They fundraised \$12,000 last year and made \$20,000+ on most recent fundraiser this year. They do not receive funds from the high schools.

Chris McBarnes WYLDlife fund

\$10,000 requested Total project cost \$17,000, have received \$7,000 from Game and Fish.

Project will be to get youth and young adults with hands on learning boxes to help them gain outdoor experiences. 3 different boxes -

Expo Booth Boxes for classrooms \$114 per box (8). Contains materials to create fish and teaches them about that curriculum. These boxes available to teachers and have the ability to ship the boxes and zoom in with a biologist from Wy Game and Fish.

Pronghorn Boxes \$568 per box (4). Contains a Skull, hide, books, puzzle, and Wyoming migration videos. These will go out to long term to facilities, one being the science center in Gillette

Educational Tracking Collars \$1382 (5). Contains Tracking collars to show the kids how they find the tracking collars. Every region. Functional collars made for the classroom setting.

WYLDlife Fund has a 5 member board throughout the state. They put \$220,000 back into Wyoming's wildlife in 2020 through various projects, the most important being the I25 project which is the 2nd deadliest crossing and will save mule deer.

## **Old Business**

WSG fishing hole - Ken met with commissioners and city and is in the process of applying for the water rights. 80% are open to apply for. Will also apply for a conservation easement from Black Hills Power. Ken will be meeting soon with the CEO of Black Hills Power. Will be filling to a 60ft depth, no motorized on the pond. Will look at different picnic table, walking paths, parking etc ideas.

## **Scholarships**

Matt Craig will be at Thunder Basin to present for scholarships. Mike and Jim can do CCHS. Need to get a spreadsheet set up for the scholarships to track.

**Backpack Program** no update we're looking good for now

**Family Day** - ribbon cutting at pond?? Would probably be in August and do a BBQ.

## **Other Business**

Rusty Bell is going to put on a fishing day at Keyhole for kids may need volunteers.

4h family fun shoot is September 12th

## **Elections**

President - Dave nominates Katie Ford

Mike nominates Steve Fichter

Steve declines

Katie Ford accepts, all approve

Treasurer - Matt Craig nominates Rob Serverance to continue, Rob accepts, all approve

Secretary - Steve nominates Holly Tate , Holly accepts, all approve

Board Member - Steve nominates Jim Lyon he accepts, all approve

Board Member - Dave nominates Matt to stay, all approve

## **Banquet**

Need to setup a Complex discussion with Makenzie about this years banquet and sign contract for next year.

Platinum Table cost per table \$2242.00 Total Profit for platinum \$18,590.00

Gold Table Cost per table \$1080 Total Profit Gold Table \$30,240

Silver Table Cost per table \$480 Total Profit for Silver Table \$17,760

Live auction - spent \$6.380 Total Profit \$29370.00

Banquet Cost \$155,920.65 Gross Net \$129,385.35

Discussion with the group about the next banquet - Handbid didn't work as well for us as it does other groups. The rodeo fundraiser used a different program that seemed more user friendly. Possibly look into this for next year. Want to have the silent auction for ONLY Donated items. Easier to track and just a bonus. Matt Craig said he needs to be out in crowd more for the slides to make that run smoother. Sound needs to be better, will discuss with Camplex at the meeting. Do we increase Platinum tables? Maybe raise the price to \$4000 and have them underwrite \$500. Would be more advertising for their company etc. Next year banquet will be mostly all about the pond and we should get a model made for people to see the pond and our vision.

Meeting adjourned 9:08

- **Wyoming Sportsmans Group Meeting**

The Wyoming Sportsmans Group regular meeting was called to order at 6:02pm on May 20th, 2021. Members present were Mike Robbins (Gillette Gun Club), Bud Knight (Wright Days), Steve Fichter, Katie Ford, Jim Lyon, Murphy Love, Rob Severance, Matt Craig, Mike Loutas, Matt Mungoile, and Dave and Holly Tate

**Approval of Minutes** - Dave made a motion, Steve seconded all voted aye

**Treasurer Report -**

Checks written to Holly tate 571.86, Untamed design 867.98, Weatherby 11,400, 6275.50  
Camplex and Lynn gray 173.51 all banquet expenses.  
Wildlife fund \$500 and \$250 ad in the Hunting Program  
Camplex 918.00 next year deposit for banquet rental  
ABC cpa 402.00 banquet services  
Deposit of 9632.31 from the banquet and a deposit of 27,726.38 from handbid.

**Ending balance of 360,646.50**

**Funding Requests -**

Wright days fishing derby presented by Bud Knight. Asking for \$800. They're expecting 100 kids this year June 27th 2020 8am-12pm. Asking for the funds to buy prizes, kayak etc... An executive decision was made to vote on this tonight as they need the funds before our next meeting. Motion was made by Dave to approve Jim seconds, all voted aye. Motion passes

Keyhole family day bow fishing for youth presented by Ken Ford for Rusty Bell. 6 people donated boats to take kids out and are using their own gear to take them out. Would take anything we could offer. What would like is bow fishing bows for prizes.. They are wanting to promote bow fishing. Mike Loutas will do research on bow prices and will vote on next month.

Sportsmans warehouse Maintain the Terrain Program presented by Mike Loutas. 110 stores nationwide each store will do 2 projects a year, they can fly solo or partner with a non profit like WSG. The goal is to clean up trash, plant trees and other things to beautify the outdoors. They will do one in June and one in the fall. Gun club work party June 12th will be the first one they help with. Need volunteers to come help do labor, weedeating, welding, scattering rocks and landscaping. 5-8 people will be there from Sportsmans 8am-3pm. Rakes and weed eaters would be helpful. No funds requested just manpower. Ideas for fall everyone thought Weston would be a good project.

## **New Business**

Wade Christensen found a veterans group to raffle off fishing pole for Hunting with Heroes so doesn't need our help now.

Set up new email for wsg funding request and edit the way we do funding requests. More information would be better. Matt Craig will make the new funding request page.

Wsg fishing hole - no news

## **Important Dates**

June 12th GGC Cleanup Day with Save the Terrain Program

August 28th WSG Family Fun Day

September 12th 4H Family Fun Shoot

November 12th Gillette Gun Club Banquet

March 5th 2021 WSG Banquet

## **Old Business**

1-Hunting with Heroes funding request. Dave makes motion for \$2000 for this year and we will revisit next year when he comes back to present next year for more funds. Kenny seconds. We will ask for pictures/updates.

2 4H Shooting Sports funding request. Asking for \$5500 for ammo. Matt Craig motions Dave seconds, all vote aye motion passes.

3- Gillette HS Trap League funding request. At this time the group proposes not to fund this. Matt Craig makes a motion to reject funding request unless she comes in and presents and shows the books and her 501c3. Steve seconds all in favor of the motion. At this point we are denying this funding request because of the transparency.

4. WYLDlife Funding Request. Requesting \$10,000 for inspire a kid wildlife in the classroom boxes. Steve makes a motion to fund WYLDlife Matt Craig seconds motion passes

Next years banquet March 5th 2022, contract is signed with Camplex and sound issue has been addressed. We will be adding floating speakers for a cost of around \$800 extra. Deposit has been paid to reserve our date.

## **Backpack Program Update**

120 backpacks, 21 knives, 11 vests (Ken has more at the shop he will bring to the storage unit) 205 knife sharpeners, 109 hats for hunters ed hunters ed, hats to sell 66 camo 60 gray

## **Family Day**

No fishing hole this year we will do it at Gillette Gun Club. August 28th for family fun day as long as available with GGC. Ken will talk with Koehler to see if he will come grill. Ask Hulett group if they will come help and bring the wrapped trailer. **Meeting adjourned 7:22**

- **WSG Minutes June 17, 2021 Meeting called to order at 6:01pm**

**New members** - Tanya Bennett, Barry Woodling.

**Tanya Boy Scouts.** - Requesting \$3500. Crawfish boil cancelled so no funds for 2 years from that. No funding coming in from any other groups. There are 16 boys this year, doubled group size. Mostly need gear, backpacks, bear spray, trailer maintenance. The equipment would stay with their scout group, not given out to the scouts. Aug 6,7,8 are the dates for their next big backpacking trip. Being as they need the funds for next trip Matt makes a motion to approve Ken seconds motion passes for \$3500.

**Sheila with HS Shooting sports** - Working on getting a board set up and the 501c3. We're here to help if she needs it.

**Approval of minutes** - motion to approve Rob, Ken seconds all in favor.

**Treasurer Report** - wrote checks to Wright days \$800, Wyld life fund \$10,000, \$Sportsmans Warehouse \$174.75 for vests, Hunting with Heroes \$2000, 4H Shooting sports \$5500. Deposits - \$1000 Perkins banquet, Amazon \$18.42, \$6000 Cosner's banquet. Leaves a balance of \$349,190.17

**New business.**

**Raffles** - 1 cowpoke \$3500, High school rodeo gun originally auction value \$14,200.

\$20 a piece no limit pick a date. Holly will get tickets printed 2 separate tickets.

Motion to get tickets for guns left over to raffle off, Ken motions Mike seconds.

**Keyhole family day** funding request for May 21st. They will have 7 boats to take kids. 6 bow packages were approved. Dave made motion, Ken seconded all approve.

**Old Business.**

**Maintain the terrain** went good , pictures will be coming. Response was amazing! They were very thankful for the help spreading rock, weed eating, welding back stops

**Fishing hole.** Waiting for approval from corporate. Sara is taking over project very enthusiastic but no next step yet. Have to talk to state engineers about putting that much water in the hole, should have something back next week from them. Have the hydrology reports just need to sign off. Another opportunity at Belle Ayer. They are obligated to build a pond. Maybe we could go that way.

**Family day.** August 22nd 10am-2pm

Get with them and work hand in hand with gun club. 4h will help

Food Crew - Ken - meat and who will come cook put tent up chips, water, soda

Prize crew - Mike, John, Ken - Need to inventory Kids tshirts, hats. Get a Youth gun and

donated prizes ticket for every kid that can. Jim will do activities and guns with help of 4H.

Murphy will get with Allen Treadwell would cost us a plane ticket for him to be here. Will need

Lyle and 12 people for the tent setup

Perkins sign time to advertise - Ken

Will have 22 shoot, shotgun, archery, and fly fishing. Shoot a stuffed duck to win a prize?

Mike will get 20 ga ammo

Matt Craig - advertising

**Meeting adjourned - 7:39**

- **Wyoming Sportsman's Group Meeting**

WSG July 15th, 2021 Minutes. Call to order 6:05

New members Clint Westover, Ada (Twitter) Westover, Dallas Burch, Anna Burch

Approval of Minutes Dave motions Jim seconds motion passes.

Treasurers Report 7 checks for \$1000 each for scholarships - Jayden Groombridge, Laura

Murphy, Emily Acord, Tanner Tayler, Paul Swartz, Sara Cole, Sydney Solem

\$150 deposit - banquet

Boy Scout troop \$3500

Sportsmans warehouse \$2100 Fishing Bows

Balance of 336,740.17

Ken motions Dave seconds motion passes

Funding Requests -

Oshoto Zone 25 Volunteer Fire Dept

Wanting to have a fundraiser Aug 14 enter at 9am shoot starts at 10am to raise money for their zone. It's a Clay shootout at Pine Haven. They've done twice & making an annual event. Upgrade equipment, currently trying to start a cadet program. Shooting is 3 divisions, adult, woman's and youth, give away 3 guns on a poker hand. Estimated total cost \$3500. People bring ammo. Will have lunch for sale. First year 30 shooter, last year 109 shooters. Oshoto fire zone small community started in 2012, 900 miles of territory. Dave makes motion to fund \$3500  
Jim seconds, motion passes  
Aug 14 enter at 9am shoot starts at 10

Old Business  
Fishing Hole  
Nothing new

Family Day  
Ken will call Lyle on tent  
Jim will talk to 4h on bows etc,  
Ruger American 308 - youth gun  
Donations to sponsor for prizes  
Matt will do advertising and ask Perkins on sign  
Flyers Matt will do  
Matt James - will talk to Andy Krazer  
Flyer for what we do at Family Day to hand out at the family day  
Jim will talk to game and fish about coming.

Meeting adjourned 6:43

- **Wyoming Sportsman's Group Meeting**

Wyoming Sportsmans Group Meeting August 19, 2021  
Meeting called to order 6:07

**New members** - Teal Cufaude, Ericka Peckham

**Members present** - Dave and Holly Tate, Steve Fichter, Mike Loutas, Jim Lyon, Matt C, Matt M, Rob Severance  
Motion to approve minutes - Mike, seconded by Jim all approve

**Treasurer's Report-**

Checks written - Oshoto Volunteer Fire Dept Funding Request \$3500, Terry waleski \$4500 banquet gun, Sportsmans \$86.87 shotgun shells, Hub international 175 insurance, Home 2 suites 348.00 Allen Treadwell hotel room for family fun day demo, Sportsmans 1082.09 prizes for family day

Scholarship Checks Written - Kaden Race, Dalton vigil, Caleb balzer, Bowen bell, Tryce

Deposits

Amazon Smile 9.83 deposit

Balance \$322,058.04

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report - Matt Craig, 2nd Steve motion passes

**Funding request**

Brucellosis - more turned in with the incentive, talk about doing with cwd as well. Requesting \$2500 total project \$9500 (would like a gun/scope combo) Talk to Peter on table guns left over to possibly donate.

Rochelle hills collaring project update. 9 died some coyote, recollared lost 4 since December have 31 collared now. No big movements.

#### Snowy Range Moose

Starts in December asked for \$2500 be put towards capture and collar for 10 moose. Snowy range 38 and 41 hunt areas Saratoga closest town. Large fire 175,000 acre including where the moose are. 40 NE Wyo licenses since 2013. Track pre-fire to post-fire NE Sportsmans in 10 years have had 40-42 licenses in that herd unit. It is \$2400 for 1 moose collar.

#### **New business**

Insurance - needed for gun club, got event for family day for \$175.00

Looking with HUB and Sportsmans Insurance for an annual so we don't have to worry about it.

Looking at LLC to go along with 501C3

Matt - research non profit LLC

Katie - talking to Toni

#### **Old Business**

Hunts from banquet - volunteers to "guide" - Steve, Matt M, Mike, Matt C, (Insurance?)

Scholarships- 1 left Peyton Roswadowski

#### **Backpack Program**

122 backpacks

100 hats

26 knives

47 vests

56 grey hat 62 camo hats

Let's order what we need since lead times are longer

200 knives order (find out cost first) want 100 on hand - Kenny

Order 200 vests Mike

Reach out for 100 hats for hunter ed Dave and Holly

Backpacks - 100 - Mike

#### **Family Day**

Food - Andy

Prizes Rob picked up 30 prizes 20 Gc from Sportsmans

#### **Other Business**

JD has made contact with guy for sponsoring state shoot - Jim

**Next Agenda** - WSG branding saying we are NE Wyoming Chapter???

Meeting adjourned - 7:03

- **Wyoming Sportsman's Group Meeting**

Wyoming Sportsman Group Meeting

September 23, 2021

The Wyoming Sportsman Group regular meeting was called to order on September 23, 2021 6:04 PM. Members present were Steve Fichter, Mike Loutas, Rob Severance Matt Craig, Jim Lyons, Mike Robbins, and Katie Ford.

Approval of minutes: Steve made a motion to approve August minutes, Jim seconded, all voted aye.

Treasurer Report: Checks were written to Alan Tredwell for \$500.00 for Family Fun Day, Andy Kraycsar for cooking food for Family Fun Day \$275.00, Gillette Gun Club for \$160.00, Ice Cream Café \$400.00, ABC CPA \$450.00 for taxes & banquet, 2 checks for backpacks \$3600.00 & \$3900.00 for 100 backpacks total bought, ACH payment deposit for \$9.64, and deposit of \$260.00 for a balance of \$314,149.80. Mike made a motion to accept treasurer report, Jim seconded, all voted aye.

Old Business: n/a

New Business: n/a

Funding requests:

- a. Jim made a motion to donate \$2000.00 for the Brucellosis funding request, Steve seconded, all voted aye.
- b. Steve made a motion to donate \$7200.00 for 3 collars for the Wyoming Game and Fish Moose project, Mike seconded, all voted aye.
- c. Jim made a motion to sponsor a game table for the Gun Club Banquet on Nov. 12 for \$1500.00, Mike seconded, all voted aye.

Scholarships: Thinking the group found the last scholarship we were missing

Needing to add 100 backpacks too inventory list!

Next meeting is November 18, 2021. The group will start preparing for upcoming Banquet March 5, 2022.

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm.

- **Wyoming Sportsman's Group Meeting**

November 18 2021

Members present -

Dave and Holly Tate, Katie Ford, Ken Ford, Matt Craig, Rob Severance, Jim Lyon, Mike Loutas, Matt Mungiole, Mike Robbins, Murphy Love, Steve Fichter

Call to order 6:05

New members

Approval of minutes - Ken motions to accept Matt seconds motion passes

Treasurer report: Gillette Gun Club \$1500 banquet sponsor, Gillette Printing \$166.90, Northwest College \$1000 for Peyton Roswadowski scholarship, Wyo Game and Fish for brucellosis funding request \$2000, Sportsmans Warehouse \$1350.00 backpacks and vests, Campbell County Predator Board \$1000 for contest prizes.  
Balance \$307,132.90  
Jim motions Dave seconds motion passes

New Business

Funding requests

Asking for \$5000 for Wyoming Shooting Sports State Shoot Sponsorsip.

Holly motion Ken seconds

Commissioners tag emailed Peter Dube - said he would keep us in mind.

Medallion for AJ Chief gun - \$2000 Kenny get someone to underwrite. Ken makes motion to purchase chief aj gun, mike Robbins seconds

Old Business

WSG fishing hole - Ken met with the commissioners again and they had met and had a meeting with Olstrum. First phase would be to fence highway (sell panels to businesses?) \$5,000,000 may be available in grants since no pond has been built in 60 years. Hopefully get to announce at banquet will know Monday if can get in writing.

Next agenda - bring the list of what we made on gold platinum etc

Backpack Program:

205 backpacks

36 knives

236 vests

180 knife sharpeners

82 orange hats

Maybe add safety whistle compass?

Need more orange hats - 200 w/ black lettering Dave and Holly on hat committee.

Hunter Ed - 3 classes in jan, 2 classes in Feb coming up

Banquet -

Murphy going to get with the guy that wrapped the trailer to see if he can make new banners for WSG and put Campbell County on it so people know where we're from. Group wants to get 1 new big tumbler and 1 small tumbler of good quality.

Weatherby - Murphy asked for prices

Bergara - no list yet

Christensen Arms - Steve reached out to

Huskamaw- Steve getting with.

Banquet committees

Banquet guns- Murphy table guns, Mike Robbins FFL

Gun/ Board - Kenny

Games - Peter Angelos the FFL?

Gun Tickets - written on gun tickets to donate back after 90 days. Mike Robbins FFL for guns too.

Adult Games - Holly (Jim Lyon will help with Bucket Game)

Kids Games - give Lynn \$500

Dave climbing wall

Auctioneer/MC Ken will get with Scott for MC - Ken will talk to Justin about auctioneer

Tickets - Katie

Food/Beverages - Dave. Linens- Katie - Brown and gold (tan not yellow) black on game tables

New Sponsorships

Live Auction- Dave and Steve

Silent Auction -Dave and Steve

Check in- Katie and Toni

Donations/ Door Prizes

Casey Gross Remembrance - maybe a table

Matt and Jim on banners

Railyard - Dec 16 meeting

- **Wyoming Sportsman's Group Meeting**

Wyoming Sportsmans Group 12/16/21 Meeting

Meeting started 6:06

Members present - Dave and Holly Tate, Murphy Love, Ken Ford, Katie Ford, Mike Loutas, Steve Fichter, Rob Severance, Matt Craig

Dave makes motion to approve last meetings minutes, Ken seconds, all vote aye

Treasurer Report - Checks written to Laurie Beech for \$2000 for banquet gun, Wyoming State Shoot \$5000, Whitworth University \$1000 scholarship, Telonics \$7200 for the snowy range moose project. Balance \$291,932.90 Matt Craig motions, Mike seconds, all vote aye  
Motion to approve Toni Bell for Accounting Fees Ken motions, Holly seconds all vote aye

Set up meeting with Complex - Holly set meeting after January 8th

Banquet food quotes - Both quotes came in close from Pokeys and Prime Rib.

Steve makes motion to amend bid and drop appetizers from Prime Rib and accept their bid, Ken seconds all vote aye

We will Seat for 1200 sell 1000 tickets

Fishing Hole - 2 meetings both were productive - hopefully get in writing saying that we're pursuing it and applications can start for conservation easement by 1st of year.

Platinum Tables price is \$4000 get to build their own gun from HS Precision our cost is \$2564 and value is \$3800. We will do 15 platinum tables and Rob will order 16 so there is one for the raffle.

Gold Gun Bergara Wilderness Terrain 6.5 Creedmoor Our cost is \$867 Value \$1200. Table price \$2000

Murphy is going to call Bergara and order 40 guns and see if can get floorplate

Backpack program to add to the Backpacks Compass \$2, Whistle \$2, Emergency Blanket \$2. Motion to add \$10 to each backpack of goodies from Steve, Dave seconds all vote aye.

Gun/Bow Board List has been made

Gun Board Profit projection \$19000 1600 tickets on 80 guns

Have 8 Bergara guns for Table of Guns, Weatherby MarkV Sporter Treasurer Chest

Motion to give Lynne \$500 for kids games Ken motions Steve seconds all vote aye

Motion for Wade Christensen trade for auction item filet knife for 2 banquet tickets and 6 gun board tickets.

Guns needed at banquet -

Veterans Gun -

First Responders Gun -

Knife Gun- And Ken get with Rocky on Knives

Vote to renew insurance on van - Holly makes motion Dave seconds all vote aye

Meeting adjourned - 7:07