

**(PRELIMINARY NOT APPROVED BY BOARD ACTION)**

April 28, 2010  
Five Valleys Chapter SCI  
Board Meeting

**Directors Present:** Bonita Smith, Gary Wardell, Jon Wemple at 6:30 pm, Matt Ulberg, Jim Weatherly, Chad Bauer

**Directors Absent:** Todd Harrison, Warren Illi, Van Dorathy, Rick McCool, Jim Kinsey, Grant Winn tried to call in but was unsuccessful.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chad Bauer, President  
Minutes of March 10, 2010 were declared informational since a board was not present at that meeting.  
Treasurers Report showed \$39,484.26 in the checking account.

**Old Business:**

Gary Wardell gave an update on his work with Michael Wilke a mobility impaired youth from Kalispell. He is currently taking his hunters safety course. Application for Mini-Pathfinders with SCI is pending a July 2010 decision.

The board discussed the request for \$500 from the Sapphire Ranch to fund a portion of a variable height platform to be used by disabled hunters. The ranch has offered a spring or fall 2011 turkey hunt and a Gold Member sponsorship recognition for our donation. Questions by the board included current use and future plans for using domestic sheep for weed control which could endanger wild sheep, random hunting access for the public, and owners' future intentions for the ranch. We recognize they have a conservation easement that prevents major development of the ranch however other details on the use of the ranch are unknown. Board supported mobility impaired hunting access but questioned why public donations are requested with no apparent public access for hunting. Matt Ulberg will consult with Scott Falagan who is the volunteer coordinator for the ranch projects.

The status of I-161(Guaranteed nonresident elk and deer tags) was discussed. No information on the status of collecting signatures to put the measure on the ballot was available.

The board considered the March request from Chuck Bartlebaugh of the Be Bear Aware and Wildlife Stewardship Campaign to join other SCI Chapters in Mt, Wy, Id and Eastern Wa to raise a total of \$20,000 to print approximately 100,000 mailers, posters and bear identification handouts for Hunter Safety Education Classes. This educational information will be used to help decrease the number of Grizzly Bears being killed by nonhunters each year which is delaying the delisting of the grizzly bears.  
**Motion: The board voted to donate \$2,000 to this program provided the total \$20,000 in funding is reached. The board reserved the option to apply for 2010 matching grants for use on this program or another project for a future board meeting. Approved.**

Bonita Smith and Chad Bauer left the meeting at this point due to other commitments.

**New Business:**

The board discussed the offer of a membership meeting at Region 2 FWP on June 5, 2010. Warden Caption Jeff Darrah and his enforcement group offered to do a barbeque for those in attendance. Due to the number of items that must be coordinated to have an all day event, the lack of a volunteer to chair the event and less then 5 weeks of time it was decided to delay the membership event until August.

After much discussion it was decided we should have another recruitment meeting similar to the one held in the Spring of 2009. The previous meeting enlisted some excellent members and volunteers who helped the 2010 fundraiser to be successful. The increase in number of board members from 9-12 has been problematic since we are often unable to obtain a quorum for meetings. It was decided we should strive for more active participation from existing and potential members in the Kalispell area in addition to Gary Wardell. It was decided we would try to have two recruitment meetings one in Missoula and one in Kalispell. Jim Weatherly would prepare a letter similar to the 2009 meeting invitation and coordinate the Missoula meeting to be held on May 25 or 26, 2010. Gary Wardell agreed to coordinate the Kalispell meeting on June 3 or 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We will have an evening meeting with hors de vours and a presentation of past projects. It is hoped we can get some board members to travel to Kalispell to help Gary at his meeting.

Expiration dates for directors: Warren Illi of Kalispell has not been active in the organization for the 18+ months and it is assumed he will no longer remain on the board. Jim Weatherly is leaving the board effective July 1, 2010 due to other time commitments.

December 2010 fundraiser update. The Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula has been selected for the December 3, 2010 fundraiser location.

National SCI has a membership promotion which allows existing one year members who renew for 3 years or upgrade to life membership to have their names placed in a drawing for a \$10,000 Cabela's shopping spree. We will have Traci place this on our website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by:

James Weatherly

Secretary/Treasurer