

Approved as informational April 28, 2010 as no quorum present at meeting

March 10, 2010
Five Valleys Chapter SCI
Board Meeting

Directors Present: B Smith, G Wardell, J Wemple, M Ulberg, J Weatherly, R McCool arrived at 7:30 PM
Directors Absent: T Harrison, G Winn, C Bauer, W Illi, J Kinsey, V Dorathy
Others Present: B Wardell, C Bartlebaugh, Unknown member of Bowhunters Association, J Jonkel of MFWP,
Four other members who called to say they would attend failed to show up.

The meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Missoula and called to order at 7:00 PM by Jim Weatherly,
Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurers Report showed \$39,501 in the checking account.

Mac Menard, Executive Director of the Montana Outfitter and Guides Association (MOGA) along with two of their members made a presentation on I-161. The provide data showing that income to the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife & Parks would decrease if I-161 makes the ballot and is passed by the public. Safari Club International has issued a statement in opposition to I-161. Board members agreed our chapter should issue a statement in opposition to I-161.

MOGA also gave a brief presentation on their Big Hearts Under the Big Sky program which provides high-quality outdoor trips at no cost to military service people and those who face life threatening illness.

Gary Wardell gave an update on his work with Michael Wilke a disadvantaged youth from Kalispell. Gary furnished copies of the Mini-Pathfinder Award application he submitted to SCI on Michael's behalf.

The board heard a request from Chuck Bartlebaugh and Jamie Jonkel on a request for funding from all SCI Chapters in Montana to fund an educational program on bear identification. This educational info will help decrease the number of Grizzly Bears being killed by nonhunters each year which delays the delisting of the bears.

The board also briefly discussed the hold over funding of the Sapphire Ranch funding. No action was taken on the funding of either project since we did not have a majority of directors in attendance.

The board spent a lot of time discussing the need for elections, participation or a lack there of by members and directors of the organization. It was decided to hold a summer party & meeting to try to get more participation from national SCI members who are not chapter members. Bonita agreed to contact Jeff Darrah, Warden Captain of Region 2 to see if they would host a meeting in June. Matt Ulberg agreed to coordinate the summer meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by:
James Weatherly
Secretary/Treasurer