

2021 Desert Bighorn Council
Business Meeting Minutes
Virtual - April 8, 2021

11:50 am CST – Meeting called to order by Froylan Hernandez (2021 Council Chair). Virtual process involved a simplified system for voting.

Meeting Committee: Froylan Hernandez thanked all those who helped coordinate the meeting. He reported that an estimated 132 people registered for the 2021 meeting. Registration fees brought in \$3,300, sponsorships of \$7,000 from Texas Bighorn Sheep Society and Wild Sheep Foundation, and cash donations of \$600 totaling \$10,900 in income. Total expenditures have not been finalized but are estimated at \$4,028.25 for a net gain of \$6,991.75.

All attendees received the Technical Staff Report, Financial Report, Burro Report, Social Media Report and the 2019 Business Meeting minutes. Motion and Second to approval all reports as read. Zoom Poll (59% yes, 0% no). Contact Clay Brewer with any issues/concerns with the Financial Report.

Technical Staff Report: Clay Brewer (Technical Staff Chair) reported that the Technical Staff met three times on March 30, 2020; August 5, 2020; and March 4, 2021 by telephone (minutes attached). Technical staff met to discuss the change from an in-person venue to a virtual meeting; discussed awarding scholarships in non-meeting years; and approved 2 scholarships.

- i. Hansen Welles Scholarship. Charles Hansen worked at Desert NWR and perished in a helicopter accident on a Utah sheep survey. The royalties (interest from CDs), funds book, etc... “Ewes” funds via Hansen prints from Pat Hansen (daughter). Now the DBC Memorial Scholarship (Campbell and Weaver). Tech staff discussed awarding scholarships in non-meeting years but voted to only award scholarships in meeting years.
- ii. For 2021 two \$5,000 scholarships were awarded to Olivia Grey with Sol Ross studying dietary overlap with aoudad, bighorn sheep and mule deer; and Ashley Evans with New Mexico State. Congratulations to those recipients.

Constitution and Resolutions Committee: Clay Brewer reported that technical staff agreed to do a review of the bylaws. A team was selected to review and bring changes to the bylaws for the 2023 meeting; team should be the secretary, the previous chair and the post chair.

Nominating Committee and Election of Officers:

Three technical Staff vacancy spot needs to be filled. Clay Brewer stepping down as Technical Staff Chair. Pat Cummings and Mark Jorgeson are running for their positions again, the remaining technical staff positions are not expiring. In addition, Brad Banulus, Lindsay Smythe, Carlos Gonzales and Marcus Blum are running. Technical staff recommended Pat Cummings replace Clay Brewer as Technical Staff Chair. Zoom Poll of 86 participants (86 for Pat Cummings, 75 for Mark Jorgeson, 25 for Brad Banulus, 45 for Lindsay Smythe, 19 for Carlos Gonzales and 34 for Marcus Blum). Pat Cummings is chair with Mark Jorgeson and Lindsay Smythe as technical staff members.

Froylan Hernandez suggested the Council meeting be held in Texas again in 2023. Zoom Poll (95% yes, 5% no).

Froylan Hernandez was nominated as Council Chair for the 2023 meeting; to be held in Texas (Marfa or Alpine as possible choices). No Vice-Chair was nominated. Erin Butler agreed to continue as Secretary and there were no other nominations. Kathy Longshore agreed to continue as Treasurer and there were no other nominations. Zoom Poll (66% yes, 3% no).

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Kevin Hurley reported the NWSGC will be held April 4-7, 2022 in Jackson Hole, WY because the airport is closing at the dates had to be shifted earlier.
- Mike Cox requested the Council draft a comment letter in support of the gather on Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Mike Cox is willing to help draft the letter and Pat Cummings agreed DBC should submit a letter.
- James Cain encouraged submissions to the Transactions. All submissions should be submitted by the end of September 2021, including state reports.
- Vern Bleich commended Esther Rubin on the Burro Report and asked that it be included in the Transactions; that it always be included in the Transactions. Esther Rubin and James Cain agreed.
- Esther Rubin suggested DBC should push to remove appropriations portion of the Wild Horse and Burro stuff.

12:30 pm - Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by E. Butler.

**DESERT BIGHORN COUNCIL
 TREASURER'S REPORT - KATHY LONGSHORE**

APRIL 1, 2019 – MARCH 31, 2021

Account Balances

(Total Assets \$190,691.22 as of 03/31/2019)

	<u>FY2019</u>	<u>FY2020</u>
Checking Account (Citibank)	\$ 48,840.52	\$ 47,294.78
Cash	\$ 1,104.00	\$ 1,124.00
Subtotal	\$ 49,944.52	\$ 48,418.78
 Certificates of Deposit	 \$113,861.14	 \$114,264.47
Mutual Funds	\$ 29,216.93	\$ 47,197.33
Total	\$193,002.59	\$209,880.58

Hansen-Welles (HW)/Robert Campbell (RC)/ Dick Weaver Memorial Fund

CD#3618 (0.10% interest, 6 mo/matures 8/19/21) (RC)	\$ 55,423.20	\$55,475.25
CD#1920 (0.60% interest, 5 yr/matures 4/16/22) (HW)	\$ 50,125.63	\$50,426.66
CD#8022 (0.05% interest, 18 mo/matures 07/05/22) (HW)	\$ 8,312.31	\$ 8,362.56
Subtotal Certificate of Deposits	\$113,861.14	\$114,264.47
Parnassus Fund: Subtotal Mutual Funds	\$ 29,216.93	\$ 47,197.33
Total Investments	\$143,078.07	\$161,461.80

Notes:

- Interest from CDs = 355.27 (FY19), 403.33 (FY20) Total = \$758.60
- Change in value for Parnassus Mid Cap Fund = \$17,580.40
- \$25,000 check pending for Vanguard 500.
- We received a \$2,000 check on 2/20/21 from the Wild Sheep Foundation and 5,000 from Texas Bighorn Society.
- Cash on hand in the HW/C/DW Memorial Fund = \$10,418

Scholarship history for the past 10 years:

2009 Ashwin Naida \$3,500	2013 Kyle Garrison \$4,000
2009 Ben Gonzales \$4,500	2015 Carlos Gonzales \$8,500
2009 Kevin Hurley (Wildland Ranges) \$1,500	2018 Wild Sheep Foundation 5,000
2010 Cerissa Hogland \$4,000	2019 Marcus Blum (UNR) \$5,300
2013 Rebecca Karsh \$4,200	

April 1, 2019- March 31, 2021

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CASH FLOW - AVAILABLE FUNDS			
	FY 2019	FY 2020	April 3, 2021
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INCOME			
	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Meeting Registration/membership	\$ 12,781.37	\$ 20.00	
Meeting Donations	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 7,000.00
Hansen-Welles Memorial Donations			
H-W Merchandise/Auction donations	\$ 1,937.65		
Book Royalties	\$ 52.26		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 17,271.28	\$ 20.00	\$ 7,000.00
EXPENSES			
Office and postage		\$ 15.90	
Website Registration Charges	\$ 1,074.56		
Webinar Meeting deposit		\$ 947.89	
Zoom webinar		\$ 390.28	
Meeting Dropbox		\$ 11.99	
Meeting costs fieldtrip	\$ 33.93		
Meeting (Ram) awards	\$ 2,042.60		
Meeting rooms	\$ 375.24		
Merchandise	\$ 565.50		
Meeting costs (Yeti)	\$ 3,788.69		
Hansen Welles grants	\$ 5,300.00		
Web Page/Internet	\$ 119.88	\$ 179.68	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,300.40	\$ 1,545.74	
Certificate of Deposits			
Hansen-Wells/Campbell/Weaver Memorial Fund			
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Desert Bighorn Council
Meeting Committee Report
April 8, 2021

Froylán Hernández thanked the attendees and those who helped coordinate the 56th virtual meeting of the Desert Bighorn Council. In addition, he thanked Louis Harveson and Sul Ross State University for providing the facility and communication equipment required for successfully conducting the conference. A total of 155 people registered for the 2021 meeting. A \$25 registration fee was charged, which includes membership dues through the 2023 meeting. Registered meeting participants represented a wide variety of agencies and organizations, including state wildlife agencies (51%), universities (17%), federal agencies (13%), conservation organizations (9%), private interests (5%), with the remainder representing Native American tribes, commercial businesses, and others (5%). The key focus of the meeting was, “*Past, Present and Future Threats: disease, exotic ungulates, and a change in mindset.*” The keynote address was presented by Carter Smith, Executive Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department followed by the contribution of 28 presentations. The conference was sponsored by the Texas Bighorn Society (\$5,000) and the Wild Sheep Foundation (\$2,000). A preliminary breakdown of meeting expenses, income (sponsorships and donations), and balance is provided below.

Expenses

\$3,000.00 – Videographer
\$ 638.17 – Zoom Webinar Platform
\$ 23.98 – Dropbox Fee
\$ 154.94 – Credit Card Fees (estimate-final charges pending)
\$3,817.09 – Total Expenses

Income

\$ 7,000.00 – Sponsorships
\$ 715.00 – Private Donations
\$ 3,875.00 – Registration Fees (\$25 - includes membership dues for 2021 and 2023)
\$11,590.00 – Total Expenses

Balance

\$ 7,772.91 – Sponsorships