

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2021 ended as a huge success for WY WSF. Record numbers for the Governor Sheep Tags and the Summer Banquet led us into a very enthusiastic Winter Meeting in Laramie. The weekend was highlighted by a very educational tour of the Sybille Canyon Research Center sponsored by G&F. Enroute to and from the Center, the group was able to take in some great viewing of the bighorn sheep in the area. The Saturday night event was once again sold out and a lot of fun was had by all.

The 2022 Governor Sheep tags have started off with a huge bang! At WSF Sheep Show, the tag went for an unbelievable \$305K. Eastern WSF is raffling their tag again with gross proceeds of \$200K. The Iowa FNAWS auction tag sold for \$190,000. Two tags remain for upcoming auctions, one at Midwest WSF and one at our own WY-WSF banquet in June. Even without these 2 tags, we already have record sales for the Gov Tags!!

At Sheep Show this year, we unveiled our new Membership Drive Raffle. Each new membership gets a chance to win a Weatherby firearm. After every 25 memberships sold, a winner is drawn. This has been a huge hit. As of press time, we have added 96 new members, 2 Life and Ramshorn members and drawn for 6 guns.

This all leads us to our Summer Banquet, June 3-4. After several years in Casper, the board decided the banquet needed a new look. Lander will be the host this year. The enthusiasm is already starting to pour in so please make your reservations as soon as possible. We are expecting another sold out venue with record attendance.

The Board of Directors is also looking forward to another highly productive session at the Bighorn Sheep Summit. The event takes place every year in late June and is a collaboration with WY G&F. Our foundation is very grateful to Cole and Elaine Benton for providing the impetus and location for our annual summit. This summit is the only one of its kind in the West between a Game and Fish Department, an NGO and that focuses on a specific species. Last year saw a real bonding between WY-WSF and the G&F Sheep specialists. This has been able to continue as we have ongoing discussions regarding habitat enhancement, disease, monitoring, potential transplants, and possible reintroduction projects. Great things lie ahead for WY and our Bighorn Sheep.