



**2023 AGM**

The Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation is dedicated to the conservation of wild sheep. As a chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, our membership is united in its mission to put and keep wild sheep on the mountain.

**2022/2023 Annual Report**

**July 17, 2023 Time: 6:00 PM**

**Voting members in attendance: 15 (members with the board included)**

**Board Members in attendance: 6**

**1.0 2022-23 YWSF Board of Directors - Current**

NAME	POSITION
Spencer Wallace	President
Clint Walker	Vice-President
Joseph Humphries	Secretary-Treasurer
Sidney van Loon – Term to 2024	Director
Paul McCarney – Term to 2024	Director
Charles Shewen – Term to 2023	Director
Aaron Pettitt – Term to 2023	Director
Bernard Stehelin – Term to 2023	Director
Jeff Eno – Term to 2023	Director
Mark Dainton – Term to 2023	Director
Vacant	Director

**Call to order at: 6:07 PM**

**2.0 Motion:** To approve 2022 AGM Minutes:

By: Kyle Stelter

Seconded: Paul McCarney

All in favour: Unanimous

**2.1 Motion:** To approve 2023 Special General Meeting Minutes From March 2023:

By: Bernard Stehelin

Seconded: Greg Rensmaag

All in favour: Unanimous

### **3.0 Treasurer/Secretary Report**

#### **3.1 Review of Financial Statements**

**Info of GIC:** In January 2022 we placed \$20K into a zero risk GIC. We are able to access the funds at anytime without penalty. If we are able to let the funds remine to a 1-year maturity, we will benefit to 3.5%

#### **3.2 Motion:** To approve the 2022/2023 Financial Statements

Motion By: Paul McCarney

Seconded: Kyle Stelter

All in favour: Unanimous

### **4.0 President's Message by Spencer Wallace**

#### Presidents Report 2022-2023

2022/2023 has had a lot of behind-the-scenes work going on in rewriting our bylaws to conform with the new rules that regulate non-profit societies. I would like to thank the board who all worked hard to get this done but especially our Secretary/Treasurer Joe Humphries who was instrumental in getting that completed and bringing back YWSF to be in good standing as a NPO.

YWSF in collaboration with the Animal Health Unit, matching financial support from WSF and with a generous merchandise donation from Sitka, continued the hunter harvest M.ovi sampling program. This program encourages hunters to obtain field test kits when purchasing their sheep seal, obtain a nasal swab from sheep killed, and are given a Sitka hat as incentive upon submission of a test. Our initial batch of hats had "M.ovi free Yukon" embroidered on the back. YWSF and WSF not only paid for samples submitted by hunters but also funds the M.ovi lab analysis of all inspected wild sheep heads. Annual contributions to this program ranged from approximately \$6000 to \$12000. Without YWSF and WSF support the Yukon would not have this testing program. This program has continued to be supported annually and is on track for 2023.

YWSF is working in conjunction with WSSBC, and both BC& YT government agencies on a transboundary sheep study. The Dall's sheep population in the Carcross area is considered a cross-border population, with management responsibilities for this wild sheep population shared between British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. This population of Dall's sheep also overlaps the Carcross-Tagish First Nation's traditional territory for whom wild sheep resources have played an important traditional and cultural role in both the past and current history of the Nation. Because of these collective interests, generating a better understanding of range use of Dall's sheep in the area south-west of Carcross, will help wild sheep managers from all 3 governments have meaningful conversations with respect to the future management of these cross-border sheep. YWSF also previously contributed \$5000 in support to the Wild Sheep Society of BC for their production of the documentary film "Transmission", which addresses the disease impacts of domestic to wild sheep. The link to the video can be found on our website and I encourage everyone to watch it. The YWSF Board believes we are headed in the right direction and look forward to the coming year that will have more member engagement, project planning and fundraising to continue the Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation's mission to put and keep wild sheep on the mountain in the Yukon.

Spencer Wallace  
President, Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation.

## **5.0 Committee Reports**

### **5.1 Administration Committee**

**Chair:** Joseph Humphries S/T

After many issues with a local accountant in Whitehorse and through the pandemic we have had to overcome hurdles to ensure we better maintain our bookkeeping. In early 2022 YWSF secured a reliable bookkeeper once we recovered our financial books from the previous accountant. Phoenix Accounting and been providing reliable and timely accounting to YWSF since our transition in 2022. Our Current bookkeeper has assisted YWSF in timely turnaround to ensure we were prepared to meet the obligations of the March 31, 2023 deadline with our transition to the new Yukon Societies Act.

On March 29, 2023 YWSF has its Special General Meeting with a Quorum to pass all special resolutions. The primary resolution was the acceptance of our Updated Bylaws which are now in effect. These new changes were identified to all members in good standing when notice of the SGM was sent out. The changes have modernized and updated YWSF to be able to conduct business utilizing modern technology. While this has enabled us to keep in good standing to meet our administrative needs. We recognize that people need and value in person interaction and we will strive to have future AGMs among many other events held in person moving forward.

During the Special Meeting the 2021/2022 Financials were also approved to which have been addressed during our address of approving the minutes from last year's Annual Report.

## **5.2 Communications Committee.**

**Chair:** Joseph Humphries

This is clearly an area YWSF knows needs to be improved. Efforts were made to update our website and Facebook social media accounts. Of course, we know our members want and expect better communication in e-mailed newsletters and better updates to news on social media and our website.

It is our hope that an updated communications committee be formed to ensure we better meet these expectations. Primarily to keep members updated with conservation projects and initiatives throughout the year.

## **5.3 Projects/Wild Domestic Committee**

**Chair:** Joseph Humphries

In 2022 YWSF funded the Disease M.ovi sampling and its working relationship with the AHU and support of the M.ovi testing program.

Approximately 303 tests were analyzed from the 2022 season of all species of Yukon Ungulates.

These rounds of testing provide valuable base line information on the presence and distribution (or lack of) of respiratory diseases in wild sheep and other ungulates. Was determined to have a positive PCR test. During the testing 1 cow moose. As M.ovi is known to have various strains, the AHU does not appear to be concerned with last year's result. The 2022 Report will be posted on the YWSF website shortly.

## **5.4 Fundraising Committee**

**Chair:** Joe Humphries

As we ensure we remain in good standing we hope to facilitate some raffles to ensure we have funds for current and new conservation projects.

YWSF is hopeful to plan a one-day fundraiser in the spring of 2024. As we continue to strengthen our working Board of Directors we hope to facilitate committee Chairs to share all workload evenly.....Stay tuned as our board hopes to provide more information in the coming months.

## **5.5 Membership Committee**

**Chair:** Joe Humphries

102 Active members as of April 30, 2023.

During the 2022/2023 Fiscal year we had 29 memberships purchase 13-Renewals and 16-New Memberships of which:

12 – 1-Year Memberships

8 – 3-Year Memberships

1 – 1-Year Family membership

8 – Life Memberships.

While it will be a part of next year's report as information occurring during this current fiscal year. In June 2023 the C&A Summit XV hosted by Midwest took exception to drawing positive attention to YWS and their support since the summit has brought in over 35 new Life memberships and the additional revenue to support YWSF and our conservation efforts and vision in the Yukon. Thank you to WSF and all Chapters & Affiliates for your current and future support and of course to all our members who have stayed with us through the years and our new members who have not committed for life!

In 2023/2024 The Membership Committee, it is our hope to run a membership drive. As we work toward this, we plan to have a few tiers to ensure our appreciation is shown to all levels and to new members that have joined since the start of 2023 and to all our active in good stand members who have been members prior to the start of 2023.

The BOD will also be assessing current membership levels and the costs at the conclusion of the drive.

An additional shout out to WSF Membership Manager Maddie Richards for all of her assistance over the past year.

## **6.0 Questions From Members**

### **6.1 Questions: No Questions asked by members**

## **End of Annual Report**

## **7.0 Election/Acclamation**

- Present list of nominations (A- acclaimed, E- elected)

Secretary / Treasurer

- Joseph Humphries

## Directors

- Aaron Pettitt
- Mark Dainton
- Charles Shewen
- Bernard Stehlin
- Michael Abbot
- Steve Hossack

Position	Current	Nominations	Elected/Acclaimed	New Board 2023/24
President	Position to 2024	Closed	Spencer Wallace (A)	N/A Term to 2024
VP	Position to 2024	Closed	Clint Walker (A)	N/A Term to 2024
Secretary Treasurer	Position to 2025	Open	Joseph Humphries	By acclamation
Director (2 years)	Position to 2024	Closed	Sidney Van Loon (E)	N/A Term to 2024
Director (2 years)	Position to 2024	Closed	Paul McCarney (E)	N/A Term to 2024
Director (1 year)	Position to 2024	Open	Bernard Stehlin	Elected 1 Year
Director (1 year)	Position to 2024	Open	Mark Dainton	Elected 1 Year
Director (2 year)	Position to 2025	Open	Aaron Pettitt	Elected 2 Year
Director (2 year)	Position to 2025	Open	Charles Shewen	Elected 2 Year
Director (2 year)	Position to 2025	Open	Michael Abbot	Elected 2 Year
Director (2 year)	Position to 2025	Open	Steve Hossack	Elected 2 Year

## 8.0 Adjournment

**8.1 Motion:** to adjourn the AGM

By: Paul McCarney

Seconded: Glen Landrus

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.