



# **Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation**

**AGM April 21, 2022 @ 6:00 PM**

## **Election Committee Report**

April 20th, 2022

Chair: Joseph Humphries Vice-Chairs: Geoff Wooding & Richard Christiansen

Overview: All vacant positions are open for nomination/self-nomination soliciting for President, Vice-President (1), Secretary-Treasurer (1),

Directors (4)—Four Directors to a two-year and (4)—Four Directors to a one-year term.

Closing date for nomination/self-nomination: Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 23:59 PM PST

2022/2023 Board of Directors will be declared on Thursday, April 31th, 2022 at our AGM.

## **Members Standing for Elections of Officers & Directors 2022**

### **President:**

- **Spencer Wallace**

I am a Yukon resident, Life Member of the Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation and also a Life Member of the WSF. As a small business owner, taxidermist and professional guide many aspects of my life have revolved around wild sheep and they are a true passion of mine that was developed at a young age from many of my mentors. Running for president of YWSF is not something I take lightly nor is it just to have a fancy name tag. I am committed to doing what it takes to get YWSF back on its feet and moving forward to better the organization and ultimately the wild sheep of the Yukon. We have a long way to go, and it's a never ending journey but I am dedicated to doing my part and giving back.

### **Vice President**

- **Clint Walker**

I am a Life Member of the Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation and also a Life Member of the WSF. I am the founding President of the YWSF, successfully leading the YWSF through two terms upon its inception. I was the Life Member Co-ordinator for YWSF, until the program was seemingly set aside. I have been involved in wildlife conservation initiatives for over 30 years, serving in various volunteer roles in various clubs and organizations during that time, in the Executive and Board member capacity. I have worked hands-on in numerous wild sheep projects between Yukon, BC and Texas. As a professional commercial pilot, half of my work year is spent flying on wildlife related projects. I have the demonstrated experience to lead an organization like the YWSF and to serve in the Vice President role. My interest in wild sheep conservation is well established and known by the YWSF and by those in the wild sheep conservation circle.

It has recently been stated that I haven't asked: "How can I help". Complaining is easy, showing up with solutions takes effort.", so I figure that serving as the VP of YWSF, I will better be able to help, show up with solutions and put forward enough effort.



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## **Secretary – Treasurer**

- **Vacant – No Nominations**

## **Director (Four two year & Four one-year positions to be filled)**

- **Geoff Wooding**

My name is Geoff Wooding.

I am an avid hunter and fisher and have lived in Yukon for the past 13 years.

We are most fortunate to have Thinhorn Sheep in substantial numbers here in the Yukon, and I commit to work toward maintaining their conservation and accessibility to all wild sheep fans.

I am a YWSF Life Member and have been on the Board of YWSF for 5 years or more, including a number of years as the Vice President, and look forward to many more years with YWSF if returned to the Board of Directors.

- **Bryce Bekar**

I would like to put my name forward for a director position at the YWSF.

My previous board experience on the Yukon Fish and Game Association could be valuable to the YWSF.

I am a life member of the Wild Sheep foundation and have lived in the Yukon for 17 years. Throughout this time I've worked with many groups both in and out of the territory on sheep management and conservation.

Thanks for your consideration,

- **Sydney Van Loon**

Wandered to the Yukon in high school, came every summer in university and obtained my resident hunting license in 2012. Worked in the outfitting industry in Alberta, where I got my first (legit) look at wild sheep in 2011, and the infatuation with ridgelines and grass-rich basins evolved from there. All my free time goes to trapping, hunting and fishing.

I am interested in wild sheep conservation, in supporting sheep hunters in all demographics, and being a positive advocate for the Yukon sheep population that we all want to have the opportunity to appreciate for generations to come. I've dabbled in marketing and event coordinating, and would like to inspire youth and newer hunters, what makes being in the mountains looking at sheep so captivating.

Thank you, Sydney

- **Tyler Reid**

I am an enthusiastic Yukon hunter with a passion for sheep hunting and conservation.



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Currently, I own & operate Yukon Tanning, a full service hide tanning business.

My professional background includes sales & account management, including a track record of delivering business objectives by leveraging effective relationship-building, business planning & analytics and hard work.

My family spends significant time on the land, and I wish to participate in ensuring they have the same or better access to the outdoors as we do today.

- **Bernard Stehelin**

Having name stand for election as a YWSF Director. **Waiting for bio description.**

- **Jeff Eno**

I am a Yukon resident, life-long hunter and hunt wild sheep annually in the Yukon. I have also hunted wild sheep in Alberta, Mexico, the USA and overseas in Europe and Asia. I am a past president of the Ross River Sportsman's Association and have also volunteered with the RCMP as a community mentor. I have been a trapper my entire life and am co-owner of Yukon Registered Trapline #112.

A life of hunting and trapping have provided me with a deep appreciation and passion for the conservation of animals such as wild sheep and the delicate environments in which they live.

Professionally, I have worked as a Natural Resource Officer (NRO) for the Yukon Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and as a Resource Management Officer (RMO) for the (then) Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in the Western Arctic Region. My employments as NRO and RMO gave me a great deal of experience in working with various stakeholders in land development activities. I currently work independently as a consultant in the tourism and environmental fields.

- **Paul McCarney**

I am a hunter, environmental and wildlife researcher, university instructor, writer, and podcast host. I have lived and worked across northern Canada, right from northern Labrador to my home now in Whitehorse. I have a passion for all types of hunting and conservation and have been a member of the Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation since before I moved to the Yukon. Since being in the Yukon, I have been involved in fisheries surveys, have helped with a moose survey, and conducted research on sheep and harvest data in the territory.

I have a Ph.D. in environmental studies and have been involved in Arctic marine and terrestrial wildlife research and management for a decade, working to ensure sustainable harvest management, protected area development, and ways to advance values around hunting. In my writing ([www.landscapesandletters.com](http://www.landscapesandletters.com)) and podcast (Hunt To Eat Show) work, I put a great deal of emphasis on communicating about hunting to the public to advocate for hunting opportunities and wildlife conservation.

My interest and specialty is bringing together social and scientific research with hunting values and traditions to ensure we can implement effective wildlife conservation and maintain hunting opportunities. As a Board member, I will work to find ways to bridge multiple interests to advocate for both sheep conservation and hunting in the Yukon. I spend almost all of my time thinking about ways to make hunting



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more relevant and important in today's world and look forward to the chance to apply some of this work to the Yukon Wild Sheep Foundation.

### **Names standing for Director Positions if unsuccessful in election of Executive:**

- **Spencer Wallace**
- **Clint Walker**

3. It shall be the duty of the Chair of Nominating Committee to notify the Secretary-Treasurer of the nominations which will be presented to the regular membership at least seven (7) days prior to the general meeting. The Nominating Committee must forward, at a bare minimum, at least one (1) nomination for each position to be filled, plus one (1). If the Nominating Committee has not received at least (1) nomination for each position, plus one (1), within seven (7) days prior to the election at the general meeting, the committee must make every reasonable effort to solicit nominations of suitable candidates.

***As not all positions have at least (1) nomination for each position, plus one (1). The nomination committee will continue to solicit nominations of suitable candidates up to the time of the general meeting.***