

NYE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

Minutes

Friday, June 19, 2009
Bob Ruud Community Center
150 North Highway 160
Pahrump, NV
6:00PM

Members Present: Chairman Charlie Cecchini, Kevin Strozzi, John Terras, Dan Simmons

NDOW Staff Present: Steve Kimble, Supervising Biologist, Tom Donham, Biologist, Martin Olson, Hunter Education Coordinator

Call to Order – Charlie Cecchini-Chairman

1. Approval of Minutes-Action

Dan mentioned that the minutes for May 9, 2009 should include a discussion of adding to the agenda a review of the meeting schedule.

MOTION: John made the motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2009 with the correction of adding a review of the meeting schedule to the agenda.

SECOND: Kevin Strozzi

VOTE: Unanimous

2. Last Chance Park-Informational:

Dan Simmons informed the board that this is a dead issue.

3. County Board to Manage Wildlife Member Items-Informational:

There was discussion initiated by John about expanding the prison system to help out with wildlife in regards to fire suppression. Steve Kimble and Tom Donham advised that if the board designated an area that needed clearing, there is a lot of red tape to go through before the process could begin. Usually NDOW and the Forest Service work together to get this accomplished. The Big Hat burn is still on tap.

Kevin questioned whether the Muzzleloader and Archery season could be combined because the muzzleloaders are becoming less and less primitive. This issue has been brought up before and eventually because of the success rate of muzzleloader season, there will probably be a change.

4. Commission Regulation 07 – 07 Amendment # 3 Action

Tom Donham advised the board that he had spoken with Ed Tomany who wanted the board to know that he felt that falconers should not have the longer season.

MOTION: Kevin Strozzi made a motion to accept the Commissions recommendation on the Upland Game Season.

SECOND: John Terras

VOTE: Unanimous

5. Items on the Wildlife Commission Agenda for meeting June 26th and 27th - Action

The Bobcat and Gray Fox season was discussed at length. The letter from Tracy Truman was presented.

MOTION: John Terras made a motion to agree with the States recommendation for the season of December 1st through February 19th.

SECOND: Dan Simmons

VOTE: Unanimous

Tom Donham advised that changes were made to the Bobcat Pelt Sealing dates for the Tonopah, Panaca and Las Vegas areas. The dates were changed to the third Tuesday in February for Las Vegas, the third Thursday in February for Panaca, and the third Thursday in February for Tonopah.

MOTION: Kevin made a motion that the board accept the Bobcat Pelt Sealing dates with the changes of the third Tuesday in February for Las Vegas, the third Thursday in February for Panaca, and the third Thursday in February for Tonopah.

SECOND: Dan Simmons

VOTE: Unanimous

6. Public Comment

Martin Olson, Hunter Education Coordinator for NDOW informed the board of his role at NDOW. The State Hunter Education was started in 1971, but prior to that the NRA and JC Firearms conducted Hunter Safety classes. At that time, if you were born after 1960, you had to take the class through the state to receive your hunting license. The new Hunter Education is a well rounded class covering muzzleloader, archery and rifle. If you want to register for a Hunter Safety class you can check the schedule and register on line. The program is always looking for additional volunteers to be Hunter Safety trainers.

Joe Manas who conducts Angler Education and Trout in the Classroom was also present. Joe spoke about his role with the programs. The trout are incubated in the classrooms and then let go in either Lakeside or Bowman Pond and then Joe instructs the kids in how to cast and catch fish.

7. Confirm date and place for next meeting

Dan recommended that future meeting be held in Pahrump and Tonopah to concentrate on the two population centers. He also asked that the board keep sending him information. His term has expired on the board.

The next meeting will be August 8, 2009 at 2:00 pm in Round Mountain at the Community Center in Hadley.

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