

Draft Minutes from the Commission Policy 51 - Wayne E. Kirch Nevada Wildlife Conservation Award  
March 11, 2011

**Committee Members Present:** Commissioners Charles Howell (Chair), Commissioner Gerald Lent, and Commissioner Hal Shrum

**Others Present:** Gil Yanuck, Don Hanks, Scott Raine

**NDOW Staff Present:** Kim Toulouse, Carolyn Montgomery, John McKay

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting opened by Chair Howell at 08:34 am.
2. **Introductions**
3. **Approval of Minutes** – No previous meetings have been conducted
4. **Public comment** - Gil Yanuck representing Carson City Advisory Board said it was premature to make comments on the changes as they have not been made available. Mr. Yanuck expressed dismay about losing the award but that changing the name and how it is judged may alleviate some widespread concerns.

**5. Commission Policy #51 – Action**

Chair Howell referred to three letters received from Marlene Kirch, the last of which was after a phone call placed by him. He said Ms. Kirch was adamant her father's name be removed from the award. Chair Howell stated that it was his position to honor her wishes and rename the award.

Chair Howell proposed changing the award name to the Commission Lifetime Commitment to Wildlife award. Discussion ensued, Commissioner Shrum expressed concern about how the judging is done currently.

Mr. Toulouse offered clarification on the current judging criteria. Currently the award is for accomplishments in a 12 month period, not a Lifetime Award.

Commissioner Lent reviewed the policy suggesting changes to the award name, judging criteria and made specific strike-throughs in current policy.

Commissioner Lent also commented that previous recipients of the Kirch Award should not be offended because now it will be a completely different award.

Commissioner Shrum had no additional suggestions for changes.

Mr. Toulouse brought up that there may be constraints on the dollar amount an award is allotted in NRS or SAM. If the award is to be paid through Department associated funds, he believed the maximum amount is \$25 which would include both the perpetual and individual plaque. Previous plaques were donated by Ms. Kirch.

Chair Howell requested a copy of the NRS/SAM be presented to the Committee. He also suggested the money for an award could be raised as a donation elsewhere. A paper awards is also an alternative.

Chair Howell said that the Commission won't take action this weekend as it's not on the agenda. In the meantime, details on the allowed cost per plaque would be clarified and an attempt to find funding may be made.

Commissioner Lent made a motion to change the award name, judging criteria and made specific strike-throughs in current policy.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Shrum. Approved unanimously.

SAM Reference 2646 Awards/Gifts  
Still looking for the appropriate NRS

## **Nevada State Administrative Manual #2646 - Awards/Gifts to Volunteers**

Individuals performing a service for a particular State agency on a voluntary basis and for which they are not otherwise compensated may be presented with an award/gift from that agency if:

1. The service performed is on the individual's own time and is not in the normal course of his employment;
2. The cost of each award/gift does not exceed \$25.00; and
3. The agency has sufficient funds available for such awards/gifts.

Members of a State board or commission are not eligible under the definition of a volunteer.

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