

**TAG ALLOCATION AND APPLICATION HUNT COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the December 6, 2012 Meeting**

The Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee (TAAHC) met on 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Nevada Department of Wildlife, 1100 Valley Road, Nevada.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Jack Robb  
Rex Flowers  
Jim Jenne  
Joe Crim  
Michael McBeath – by phone

**STAFF:** Bob Haughian

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Grant Wallace  
Mike Cassidy  
Judy Caron  
Mike Cox – NDOW  
Larry Gilbertson - NDOW  
Maureen Hullinger – NDOW

**NOTE:** A tape recording of these proceedings is retained by the Department of Wildlife and is available for review upon request.

1. **Call to Order, Determination of Quorum** – Chairman Robb called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Introduction of Committee Members** – Chairman Robb
3. **Purpose of the Committee** – Chairman Robb gave a brief history on the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee and what the goals he would like to see come from the committee.
4. Review TAAHC “Charter” established by the previous TAAHC and consider recommendations for update – Chairman Robb – Action  
The Committee will review the TAAHC Charter created in December 2006 and may take action to determine if changes or updates are required.

Chairman Robb reviewed the Tag Allocation and Application Hunt Committee’s charter from March 21, 2008. Michael McBeath suggested a change of wording in the charter – “based on sound biological and sociological principals.”

Michael McBeath motioned the committee to propose a minor change to the Tag Application and Tag committee’s charter to add “and sociological principles” after the word biological, so as to read: “The Committee will review issues of tag allocation based on sound biological and sociological principles, evaluate potential changes to the application hunt and draw processes, and make recommendations to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners regarding their research and findings.”

Alan Jenne seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Review TAAHC “Topic List,” created by the previous TAAHC, and consider changes and additions – Chairman Robb – Action. The Committee will review the Topic List (dated March 21, 2008) and may take action to revise existing topics, introduce new topics, and prioritize such topics for future consideration and action.

Chairman Robb explained how the TAAHC's topic list was developed and how each of the topics were ranked. He asked the committee how they would like to review the topic list. Michael McBeath suggested going through the list item by item. The committee agreed to this approach.

Topic Item A.1.10 - High points/High age (maximum bonus pt holders) - Michael McBeath said he had multiple letters from senior hunters wanting a better chance to draw a tag. He said because of this he felt compelled to address this issue with the committee. Chairman Robb explained that the previous TAAHC came up with the decision from former TAAHC member Don Cavin who stated that obtaining a tag should be equal right for all and not a privilege due to someone's age.

Rex Flowers commented that not only high age but high points, and a number of people would like to see a tier preferential point system to eliminate these high points. He also stated that he has heard seniors are not upset about not drawing a tag but are unable to leave their bonus points to someone. Chairman Robb explained how the former TAAHC decided on this topic and did not think this would be fair to all. Mike Cox commented that squaring bonus points was very different from what people thought they were getting and people want to find alternatives to meet their expectations. The committee should be careful not to be caught in these requests, but needs to focus on what the real issue is.

Chairman Robb expressed that he would like to see a preferential status system for the junior hunt as a future topic item. Bob Haughian advised Chairman Robb this is an action item and if he wanted to add it to the list the committee could.

Rex Flowers said he has heard a lot of comments from people about the party draw, when hunter's apply for a party hunt and their bonus points are combined, then one of the hunters drop out, and gets their points reinstated, this doesn't seem fair. Once you draw a tag, your points are gone. He requested if Chairman Robb would review this. Jim Jenne agreed and said that there is a gap here and needs to be looked at by the TAAHC. Judy Caron also said she heard complaints about this too and suggested that maybe instead of getting all of their bonus points back when this happens, to total all the bonus points, square them like we do now, and if someone can't hunt because of injury, not to give back all the bonus points but to award them the average points they went into the draw with. Maureen Hullinger stated that this would be more complicated when trying to explain bonus points to a hunter but that it could be done in programming if this is what the TAAHC would like to see done. Michael McBeath suggested that the TAAHC review this topic. Chairman Robb asked if the committee wanted to make a motion to add this to the topic list.

Michael McBeath motioned to the committee to review A.1.10 (High points/High age - maximum bonus point holders) on topic list and party hunt bonus point retention.

Jim Jenne seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Robb motioned to the committee to review a preferential bonus point system for the youth hunt.

Jim Jenne seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Michael McBeath said he would like to have Don Sefton provide more information on the preferential bonus points system for the youth hunt. Bob Haughian said he would like clarification regarding the motions and asked if these items are going to be on the TAAHC topic list for review. Chairman Robb confirmed that these items will be put on the TAAHC topic list for review or to be revisited if they already exist on the current topic list by the committee. Judy Caron said she is in favor of this and that a youth hunt in other states is called "an apprentice hunt" and that age should not be a barrier for what we are trying to do for our youths. A hunter doesn't have to be a youth, but could be someone past the age of 16. A preferential hunt could bring in older people who want to be involved in big game hunting. As for a new topic item, expand on the junior introduction hunt to include people older than the age of 16.

McBeath stated that during a Clark County Advisory Board meeting he had attended, a member from the public asked him if the TAAHC could revisit topic A.6.2.4 – Waiting Periods – to allow hunters to accumulate bonus points when in they are in a waiting period. Chairman Robb explained the history of this topic, and how it was implemented to give opportunity to all hunters.

Mike Cox asked if the TAAHC would consider revisiting topic A.1.15. – Remaining Tags. He said that he has heard a lot of comments on left over tags from hunters who said they would have pick up a left over tag if they did not lose their bonus points.

On topic A.2.7 – Nonresident Cow Tag Fee - Mike McBeath asked what the the fee is for a nonresident cow elk tag and if they are fully subscribed or undersubscribed. Mike Cox explained that NDOW has not had a nonresident cow elk hunt in 6 years because of complaints that the tags are excessively priced at \$500. So the department decided not to have the hunt. Chairman Robb went on to explain that in order to change the fee for a nonresident cow elk tag is not at the commission level but would have to be changed through the legislature. He also stated that he would like to see fee changes for some hunts in NRS.

Judy Caron asked if the TAAHC would consider looking into bonus points regarding elk hunts. She gave an example of buying a bull elk bonus point one year and then a cow elk bonus point the next year to build up points. If a circumstance was to prevent a person from applying for bull or cow elk that year, they would lose all of their bonus points for not applying for 2 consecutive years and asked if the TAAHC would revisit this on the TAAHC topic list and consider a remedy for this, such as a fee they could pay to keep their points.

Chairman Robb suggested to the committee that everything in TAAHC topic list under A.2 - Fees - should be revisited again by the committee so the committee can take these changes to the next Legislative cycle.

Chairman Robb motioned to the committee for topic A.3 – Youth Hunt - to review ideas with Don Sefton for a preferential type status for the youth hunt.

Rex Flower seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rex Flower motion to the committee for topic A.3 – Youth Hunt - to review the number of opportunities a youth can have to draw a tag.

Joe Crim seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Robb – motioned to the committee to amend the topic heading for A.3- Youth Hunt to A.3 – Youth/Novice Hunt.

Rex Flowers seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Robb suggested to the committee to add a new topic to the list - A.3.8 – The discussion on novice hunters such as eligibility and species.

Michael McBeath motioned to the committee to have a new section added to the topic list –A.3.8 – Eligibility of novice hunters & species.

Joe Crim seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

A.4 - Mixed Party apps – no changes.

A.5- Online apps – no changes – does not apply anymore.

A.6 – Eligibility

Chairman Robb explained that A.6.2.2- Waiting Periods has already been implemented due to the previous TAAHC.

A.6.3.1 – Number of tags – Chairman Robb would like the first order of business for the TAAHC is to get a survey out to the public. He suggested on getting the CABs to come up with some questions for survey.

Chairman Robb motioned to the committee to request the CABs to bring forward 3 possible survey questions for discussion by the TAAHC to be reviewed by the next TAAHC meeting.

Michael McBeath seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

A.7 - Party Size – no change.

A.8 – Does not exist on topic list.

A.9 – Draw Process – Michael McBeath suggested that the TAAHC revisiting A.9 at the next meeting. Rex Flowers recommend a new TAAHC topic list. Chairman Robb suggested that the CABs to come up with 3 survey questions and 3 topics for the new TAAHC topic list.

Michael McBeath motioned to the committee to request that the CAB's to come up with 3 topics to add to the new TAAHC topic list.

Joe Crim seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

T.5.2.1 - Private lands season – Rex Flowers would like to see those hunters be restricted to the private lands only. Michael McBeath stated that he is hesitant to pursue changes on restricting hunters on units. Chairman Robb recommended to the committee that a complete and prioritize new list should be compiled and review the old TAAHC topic list.

Chairman Robb recommended to the committee to add Policy 24 as an agenda item for the next TAAHC meeting for review.

6. Public Comment Period - Persons wishing to speak may do so at this time. Public comment will be limited to three minutes. No action can be taken by the Committee at this time; any item requiring Committee action may be scheduled on a future Committee agenda.

No public comments.

7. Future Committee Meetings – Chairman Robb – Informational  
The Committee will reconfirm the date and location of the next TAAHC meeting.

TAAH Committee meetings to be held on Friday nights at 6:30 pm.

Consensus on future meeting times.

Next TAAHC will be scheduled for February 1, 2013 in Las Vegas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.