

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Weller at 6:00pm.

**1. Roll Call**

- Present Members: Jessie Weller, Rob Jacobson, Walt Mandeville, Wes Clyde
- Absent Members: Joe Crawford

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes**

- Jessie Weller motioned to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting; Wes Clyde seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**4. Public Participation:** *It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak during public participation are asked to state their name for the record and will be limited to 3 minutes. The Board will conduct public comment after discussion of each agenda action item, but before the Board takes any action. NONE*

**5. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)**

Rob Jacobson reported that he went to Midas NBU and shared that these type of organizations really do a great job raising extra funds.

Jessie Weller shared that Wes Clyde turned in his letter of resignation effective September 1, 2019 as he will no longer be a resident of Lyon County. We will need a new member.

Jessie Weller mentioned the trail camera law as the season states that that trail cameras must be pulled by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Jessie went on an archery hunt and did not see any cameras nor was anyone interrupting the hunt to check trail cameras. Overall he likes the trail camera season and feels that it ensures a fair chase when hunting season starts.

Rob Jacobson shared that he found a couple springs that wild horses had stomped and ruined. Jessie Weller added that he recently saw hundreds of horses compared to game animals up in the Calicos. He feels that the horse population has affected the mule deer population in the Calicos as he didn't see one mule deer while there. If we can't get them out we need to protect the water springs.

Rob Jacobson provided an update to the other board members regarding Sandsprings. At the last Nevada Wildlife Commission Meeting he attended, the SandSprings range Naval Base land acquisition was approved. He added that they are closing Sandsprings road running down to 205

and that it was not really a choice and is done deal. Rob found out that there will be no chukar hunting. They are however allowing NDOW to maintain guzzlers. Rob added that they are still allowing sheep hunt tag(s) recipients a two week hunt window with no scouting. The land is needed due to increase in technology.

Rob also shared (for Hawthorne meeting) that the sage hen hunts may have some shorter season and closures. Hunters do minimal damage to the sage hen population in comparison to fire etc.

**6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in June. (Action may be taken)**

Wes Clyde stated that commission item #7 did not have attachments. Jessie stated that probably because it is informational.

**Commission Item #9 Shed Antler Regulation**

Jessie Weller states that the Elko Nevada CAB gathered petition to amend the season closure – would like February 1 to March 31 season is Jan1 –April 30. Rob Jacobson mentioned that there were reports of sheds being hauled out in truckloads on the first day/opening day and people using GPS to mark stash piles. Jessie Weller added that he felt closure is still important, but it currently goes too long and too late into the spring. He is in support of shortening the season back to March 31<sup>st</sup> starting February 1 as all of the Elk already dropped.

Jessie Weller motioned to support the Elko CAB petition to amend shed season. Rob Jacobson seconded the motion. 3 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion passed 3-1.

Jessie stated that the intentions of the last was to relieve pressure during wintering. Rob shared that NDOW has the ability to close the season dates if it is a particularly hard winter. Walt Mandeville stated that the reason for the law is so people are not up there messing with them. Rob mentioned that it is a strain on NDOW to monitor. Rob felt that shortening the season by a month will not cause issues for the Elk. Cracking down on off road travel is also part of it. This will add more teeth to the regulation. The penalty was minimal.

**Commission Item #10 Smart Scopes**

Is an informational report. Walt stated that at least with smart scopes it is a genuine kill. However Jessie felt that more technology with hunting is a slippery slope and not necessarily the direction we want to go with hunting.

**Commission Item #11 Tag Transfers**

Rob Jacobson stated that he has no problem with party tags, however he has concerns when part of the group turns in their tag and get their points back. He feels that if you turn a tag in one year

than fine but if you do it a second year, you should forfeit your points. Jessie referred to the point boosting as being abused and effects other hunters directly as they may be causing other hunters not to be able to draw. Rob would like for point boosting to be considered. The item utilizes the term “extenuating circumstances” to turn a tag back in or forfeit the tag. This was set originally to help people and work with people, however it seems people take advantage of it and point boost now.

Rob Jacobson made a motion that the Commission needs to address point boosting when it comes to returning tags to increase a parties points the following year. Walt Mandeville seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.

**7. Public participation:** none

**Chair comments:**

- The next Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for September 20/21
- CAB meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019
  
- All of the members showed appreciation for Board member Wes Clyde and his service to the Lyon County Wildlife Board. They thanked him and wished him well on his future endeavors.

**8 Adjournment**

Chairman Weller adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm

**MOTIONS:**

- Jessie Weller motioned to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting; Wes Clyde seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.
  
- Jessie Weller motioned to support the Elko CAB petition to end shed season on 2/1. Rob Jacobson seconded the motion. 3 members in favor and 1 member opposed. Motion passed 3-1.
  
- Rob Jacobson made a motion that the Commission needs to address point boosting when it comes to returning tags to point boost. Walt Mandeville seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passed unanimously 4-0.