

LYON COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE

Hillyard Hall
2945 Ft. Churchill Street
Silver Springs, NV 89429

Thursday, April 26, 2018
MINUTES

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
 - Members Present: Jessie Weller, Rob Jacobson, Walt Mandeville, Wes Clyde
 - Members Absent: None
 - Guests Present: Jason Salisbury, Joe Crawford
 - Staff Present: Jessica Smith
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - No action taken.
3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes
 - Jessie moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018; Rob offered a second. The vote was called for and passed; 4-0 unanimous.
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.
 - Rob advised there is another person in Dayton who is interested in joining the CAB. Rob also wanted to thank NDOW for putting together the big game status book. A lot of time and effort went into the book and Rob has sent it to his friend who has a large network of people who will receive it.
5. Update by Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area (No action will be taken)
 - A representative from MVWMA was not present.
6. Advisory Board Items for discussion (No action will be taken)
 - Walt stated the MVWMA has been making changes in the right direction and looks good; Jessie agreed based on what he has heard.
 - Jessie stated that if this CAB is not sending someone to the Commission meetings then it is not being heard. There is not any information from our meetings in the Commission minutes. Jessie asked for suggestions on how to make it work. Rob stated the Friday meetings are difficult to make; Walt offered to make the next Friday meeting.
 - Rob inquired about the sheet for big game quotas; Jessie stated he had not received the email yet.

- Jessie sent in the FY2019 budget request to Bruce McDaniel. Money was requested for a CAB member to attend every meeting, including the Las Vegas meetings. The budget was approximately \$2800. The money for the meetings is not necessarily a hindrance in attending the meetings, it is the time factor.
 - Jessie discussed the shed regulation and the need for re-evaluating it based on a public standpoint. Rob stated in the original meeting the CAB discussed more enforcement of off road vehicles which is not being addressed. It seems, the law abiding citizens are being hit the hardest with this regulation and the non-law abiding citizens are reaping the benefits. Rob stated wildlife is used to people driving up the roads and do not seem to be bothered; they are bothered by the ATVs off-road. Walt agreed; the off road traveling needs to be addressed. Rob asked Jason what the NDOW standpoint is. Jason stated a lot of the regulation sparked from last year's closure in Utah. Utah shed hunters have been coming to Nevada for years; many hunters set up for a month at a time and some camps have multiple vehicles. The regulation was sparked from the influx of non-resident hunters in Eastern Nevada. Jessie agreed and stated it needs to be re-evaluated. There are more non-resident shed hunters than there are resident hunters. Jessie stated he went shed hunting in Utah and understands why they come to Nevada; they are walking away with a Nevada resource. Jason stated harassment of wildlife has been occurring for years, but he is unsure of the off-road traveling enforcement and actually proving wildlife harassment.
7. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in August (Action may be taken).
- Rob read that Lander County wrote to the Commission requesting to split Unit 15 into a northern area and a southern area. Rob stated Unit 15 is a large unit and the tag number was increased a few years ago due to the buck to doe ratio being inconsistent. The suggestion is to make the northern area more of a trophy area as hunters are passing up smaller deer in effort to trophy hunt. Rob suggested this Cab support Lander County CAB on the suggestion. Jason stated the north does have the bigger deer population. He also stated the area is falling low on surveys.
 - Regulation 474, Trap Regulation: Rob stated \$5 per trap is inappropriate; Walt agreed. Jason asked whether each trap would be numbered. Jessie inquired whether traps are already marked. Jason stated that at one point, each trapper had an identification number and each of their traps had their number on it; the ID number is voluntary right now. Jessie stated he understands the need to register traps, but the fee is too high. Rob stated it is the entryway to needing to register everything. Rob made a motion that the CAB be opposed to the \$5 per trap registration fee; Walt offered a second. Walt suggested adjusting the regulation to charge \$25 for an identification number for each trapper, but charging for each trap is too much. The vote was called for; all were in favor. The motion passed, 4-0. Joe agreed to the opposition, but does agree that each trap should require the trapper name, address and phone number or identification number. Wes agreed that there could be one number for each trapper and each trapper must tell NDOW how many traps he/she has.

- Agenda Item 6, Federal Premium Ammunition: Walt requested to discuss the ammunition change. Jessie stated, currently, 28-gauge is the smallest shotgun to use on a turkey. The regulation is proposing 410- or 28-gauge. Jason agreed that a 410 is sufficient in killing a turkey. Walt questioned what was wrong with the way the regulation is now. Wes stated new and improved ammunition is being offered; in the past, only certain loads were available. Rob stated a 410 shotgun may suit the youth better. Walt made a motion to accept the recommended change; Walt offered a second. The vote was called for; all were in favor. The motion passed, 4-0.
- Regulation 1618-11, 2018 Big Game Quotas: Rob stated he reviewed the science and survey data and has no problem with NDOW's recommendation. Jessie questioned the stacking of too many hunters. Rob stated the extended hunting seasons could wear out the animals; Walt agreed. Walt is concerned that these seasons are overlapping because of the amount of species and weapons needing to be all fit into a short amount of time. Jessie stated there needs to be a balance. It seems that not enough bucks are being killed and more hunters are being added. Rob stated there are a lot of trophy hunters and that adds to the numbers in the fields. Lander County is pushing for zero doe tags in Unit 15; they will offer more youth antelope hunts to offset the decrease in youth tags. Joe inquired what the bear quota was; Jason stated 45 resident and 5 non-resident tags. Jason stated harvest is 20, but as soon as 8 females are killed, the remaining tags are voided. Joe questioned why 50 tags would be sold, but could be voided after 8 females are killed or the 20 kill limit has been hit. Jason stated last year 12 or 13 bears were killed. Rob asked if the voided tag holders get their points back; Jason was uncertain. Jason stated the harvest limits have yet to be hit, except in Area 19, because it is a challenging hunt. Joe stated it does not make sense to give 50 tags but only allow 20 kills. Joe does not agree with 30 people walking away empty handed when they make arrangements for hunts. The tag management seems to be an unfair way to generate money; if 50 tags are being issued and paid for, 30 of them should not be voided. Jason stated there is a low success rate with the bear tags so if only 20 tags were given out some hunters would not even have the resources to actually hunt and attempt to fill the tag. Rob stated there are more elk tags issued than are expected to be filled, but no one questions the bear tags/quota. Joe stated he understands but it is not good to operate by leaving 30 tag holders out of the chance to hunt. Joe stated the bear population could support a higher harvest; Jason stated he has heard that from hunters. Joe suggested that if the data supports it, the quota should be increased. Jason stated last year 7 tag holders did not even hunt and only 12 were successful. Joe stated bear hunts are increasingly unpopular and believes the hunts will only be available for a few more years. Political powers are attempting to outlaw the hunts; hounds and trapping have already been outlawed in some areas. Rob inquired on whether it is legal to call in a bear; Jason stated it is legal and some hunters have had luck. Wes made a motion to accept the quota recommendations as written; Rob offered a second. The vote was called for; all were in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

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- Jessie stated Joe is interested in joining the CAB. Joe has attended two meetings. Jessie requested the CAB recommend Joe to the Board of County Commissioners as a member of the Lyon County Wildlife Advisory Board. All board members were in agreement.

9. Adjourn.

- The next Commission meeting is in Reno; Walt stated he could possibly attend the Friday meeting and Wes stated he could possibly attend the Saturday meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.
- Next meeting scheduled for June 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. – Silver Springs Community Center.

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Chair

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