

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife Meeting-Draft Minutes

Date & Time: Tuesday January 21, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location : MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY, 1<sup>st</sup> & A<sup>st</sup>

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,  
Members: Billie Williams Jr., Wayne Larson, Johnny Peterson  
Darren Hamrey

Absent: None

Public Present: None

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed on January 13, 2020

1\* **Commission General Regulation 490, Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as they hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would allow customers to purchase a bonus point for a type of hunt for a season that is not open. The Regulation also addresses bonus points for sportsmen who apply as a party. Lastly, the regulation would allow a first-come-first-serve opportunity for returned tags that miss the 14 day deadline to be awarded to the alternate list.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that he had received a call from Deputy Director Robb and they 250 returned tags after the 14 day deadline, He explained that by giving the opportunity for a first come first serve availability, the 250 tags would be awarded. He gave the board an update of the proposed policy submitted for the Commission to consider.

**Johnny Peterson** remarked that the people in Reno would have an advantage cause they will be standing in line when that thing goes off and poof!

**Billie Williams** stated that he felt that it had to be done on line. Everything is done on line anymore, no paper.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that it has to be rewarded to the alternate list, so it will be done electronically.

**Chairman Bunch** responded that the Department would make available electronically the tags remaining. 14 days or less there would be the opportunity to obtain one of the returned tags. Upon award of the tag, the Department will receive payment for said tag. It was pointed out that it's all on line now, so everyone in the state could be eligible. There were a lot turned in prior to the deadline, but these were 250 tags that fell after the deadline.

**Billie Williams** stated that he felt it was a good idea. If they returned them, then they should be reissued – on line. He felt it was a good idea. He said they had swan tags that was first come first served and sold out in a flash. He doesn't think they ever sold out swan tags and they were this year. They made it that much easier

***A motion to approve Commission Regulation 490 party bonus points and first come first serve is moved by John Peterson seconded by Billie Williams. Motion carried.***

2\* **Commission Regulation 19-12, Amendment # 1 2020-2021 Big Game Seasons.** The Board will consider recommendation to the Commission as they consider amendments to the 2020-2021 Hunt seasons and dates for mule deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat, including limits, hunting hours, special hunt eligibility, animal sex, physical characteristics and legal

weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and legal weapon requirements, and emergency depredation hunt structure and statewide quotas. The Department is limiting amendments to those that correct errors from last year, address emerging management needs, address substantial changes in wildlife abundance, or address conflicts.

**Chairman Bunch** explained to the Board that the main object of this agenda is elk. What they came up with is the in the first one is hunt 4151. Essentially they sent us this form. The first portion relates to elk and the elk/mule deer hunt DELT this year and they are not going to be there. So that is why I separated them. Historically in this board has made the decision of No Recommendation since we don't have elk here yet.

***It was moved by Wayne Larson and seconded by Billie Williams of no recommendation as there are no elk in Mineral County yet for Commission Regulation 19-12 as amended. Motion Carried***

- 3\* **Commission Regulation 19-12, Amendment # 1 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Restricted Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Seasons and Quotas** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they consider amending 2020-2021 hunting seasons and quotas for restricted nonresident guided mule deer including hunt boundary restrictions.

**Chairman Bunch** explained it does come down into 202 and there is 2 this year and 2 next year which is no change in our quota. So there is no difference as to what goes out to the guide.

***It was moved by Wayne Larson and seconded by Billie Williams recommend that the NV Wildlife Commissioner approve Commission Regulation 19-12 as amended.***

4. **Commission Regulation 20-02 2020 Black Bear Seasons.** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they consider adopting 2020 hunt season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear.

**Chairman Bunch** noted that the only change that he picked up was the date was moved back 1 week.

**Billie Williams** stated that it is all that he noticed as well.

***It was moved by Johnny Peterson and seconded by Darren Hamrey recommend that the NV Wildlife Commissioner approve Commission Regulation 20-02 as amended.***

5. **Commission Regulation 20-03, 2020-2021 Mountain Lion Season and harvest Limits.** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they consider adopting 2020-2021 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunt hours, and special regulations.

**Wayne Larson** stated that Utah is trying to Nevada to go with theirs, they doubled their tags on cats. There is 281 statewide and they were sending their information to Nevada. There was a lot on that in the paper he read.

**Chairman Bunch** stated there are a lot of anti people watching every move. They are watching to see how close, fur bearer, mountain lion & everything out there. If we double the quota, there will be a lot of public outcry. He went on to state they brought up that you can get 2 tags but only 1 at a time. There is a harvest of 245 and we are in that harvest limit.

***It was moved by Darren Hamrey and seconded by Billie Williams to recommend that the NV Wildlife Commissioner approve Commission Regulation 20-03 as written. Motion Carried***

6. **Commission Regulations 20-08, 2020 Big Game Application Deadlines** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they consider adopting regulation to set the 2020 big game tag application deadlines and related information.

**Chairman Bunch** reported that they have moved the date to a week later.

**Darren Hamrey** asked will find out the results, when do we know when we will get it back from the state?

**Chairman Bunch** stated that there is a lot of people watching this.

**Billie Williams** stated that it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.

*It was moved by Wayne Larson and seconded by Darren Hamrey to recommend that the NV Wildlife Commissioner approve Commission Regulation 20-08 2020 Big Game deadlines.  
Motion Carried*

7. **The Board May Review remaining items of the January 24-25, 2020 Commission Agenda.**

Nothing Further on the agenda.

8. **Public Comment** No action can be taken by MCABMW at this time; any item requiring MCABMW action may be scheduled on a future MCABMW agenda.

**Subject: When is elk coming to Mineral County?**

**Billie Williams** stated that this is 2020 and this is another decade. We still have not heard about the elk. We have been waiting 2017-2018-2019 it's been denied and it's now 2020 and it's time to step up to the plate. This is 2020 and if they have any complaints, they need to look at the board and see who has other interests. He thinks it's time!

**Chairman Bunch** stated that we can see that it's in the comments.

**Billie Williams** stated that if they can give away rabbits to Idaho, and sheep to the Paiutes, they can give Mineral County Elk. It's time!

Discussion on how to catch pigmy rabbits.

**Chairman Bunch** stated he would take this request to the state in Las Vegas this weekend.

**Johnny Peterson** asked if you call the 2020 "hind" sight!

**Subject: Duck Hunting**

**Darren Hamrey** stated they proposed for the duck season, he talked around in the duck hunters. It started later than our proposal. It started on the 19<sup>th</sup> and the proposal read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in October unless the first Saturday is the 1<sup>st</sup>. In talking with other duck hunters, its still a little bit late. They didn't go with our proposal. The proposal is still the second Saturday but they didn't set it. And the second thing is he hears complaints from a lot of duck hunters is it ending on Friday.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that he talked about it, but he is trying to remember what Russell told him. We told him we wanted it closed on a Sunday. And it had to do if we moved it that far, we would have to move it from the way it's started because they only have so many days.

**Darren Hamrey** stated that it's because they started it on the 19<sup>th</sup> it ended on a Friday. It should have started it on the previous Saturday.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that it ties with when it started. And of the options they sent out, this one was the one with the most votes. They gave us 3 options and virtually the one they gave us was the one they had.

**Darren Hamrey** stated that definitely was moved starting it on the 19<sup>th</sup>s. He went back through all his seasons as he keeps all his season information. Other an early 90's when it was a month long season this was the latest, and he would like Glenn to bring it up at the meeting and start it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. That there are some duck hunters that would like for it to end on Sunday.

**Billie Williams** mentioned that they stopped it for 2 days because of the time frame, You have to start here and end here because of the days didn't add up otherwise.

**Darren Hamrey** stated that we started it on the 6<sup>th</sup> the year before. So they closed it for 2 days and stopped it. The proposal we wrote was all about the start date and ending date. And they started it a week later. But then ending on a Friday which is not what his group wanted.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that he had said there was something else against it. He would try to get in touch with Russell and get the reasoning for it.

**Darren Hamrey** said the he would like to know the reasoning. Maybe they just took our recommendation and threw it in the garbage.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that he would bring it up to the Commission in Las Vegas this weekend. We can try to get in front of it again.

**Darren Hamrey** also brought up to bring in front of the group again, he had some discussion with other hunters about water fowl season, early Honker season in September for local Honkers. A lot of western states do. Like a 2 day weekend kind of hunt anywhere in the state.

**Johnny Peterson** stated "Go out to the Golf Course!" (chuckle)

**Darren Hamrey** stated that was another thing mentioned to him. And also:

**Darren Hamrey** stated the second thing is they do this Snow Goose Spring Season. They call it a depredation hunt, whether they want to call it that or not it is a depredation hunt. You can use callers, you can use a tin mag extended chamber. So it is a depredation hunt. But most the depredation hunts across the nation go a half hour after sunset There are other states that do it.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that they talked about that and it got a lot of support to start a half hour before sunrise and half hour after sundown. He thought he they were putting it in this year. He will have to check into that and see what he's working on.

**Darren Hamrey** stated that those are the common things happening in the states around us. And if they did an early Honker Season, they would just take 2 days out of it like they did the Snows. Take the 2 days out on a Tuesday and a Wednesday like they do other seasons.

**On another Subject-sheep:**

**Wayne Larson** asked where they got the sheep come from that they put on the reservation?

**Chairman Bunch** stated that they came from Humboldt's. He was surprised, but they came from Humboldt, They were borderline. We have Deserts and now California's. But those were desert's. He stated that he was surprised they didn't take them off of loan mountain.

**Wayne Larson** stated they turned loose 21.

**Darren Hamrey** asked where on the reservation they were put?

**Chairman Bunch** had just seen pictures were all.

Discussion and was thought it might have been on the Wovoka Ridge.

**Chairman Bunch** stated that he was surprised that they didn't take them out of the loan mountain range.

**Johnny Peterson** asked why there.

**Chairman Bunch** stated he thought they were the, for the lack of argument, they were the cleanest without too much pneumonia.

Discussion of sheep in the area that was in the study group and various sheep in the area.

**No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM**