

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MINERAL COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE– DECEMBER 5, 2013**

**Present:**      **Glenn Bunch, Chairman**  
                     **Billie Williams Jr.**  
                     **Stephen Gustafson**

**Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary**

**Absent:**        **Wayne Larson**  
                     **Johnny Peterson**

**Also Present: Andy Stinson-Mineral County Sportsman Club**  
                     **Jeremy Williams – Mineral County Sportsman Club**  
                     **Darren Hamrey – Mineral County Sportsman Club**  
                     **James Richards – Mineral County Sportsman Club**

Meeting Called to Order 6:00 PM

Welcome by Chairman Glenn Bunch to the members of the Mineral County Sportsman Club for attending the Advisory Board Meeting.

- 1. CGR 437, LCB File No. R090-13. Creating Ewe Hunt.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission relative to the adoption of regulation relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the assessment of demerit points for conviction of certain wildlife violations; establishing distinct tags for the hunting of ram and ewe bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Chairman Bunch** gave an informative dialog of information supplied by the Wildlife Commission of data requested. Discussion ensued of the need to develop a ewe hunt.

**Billie Williams** stated that if there is that many sheep in an area that they should move them to areas that can still receive more sheep.

**Andy Stinson**, Made a statement that it should be as a last resort. If there is a viable habitat then we should move the sheep first. In addition, Utah has expressed an interest in obtaining sheep. Arizona has expressed an interest in getting sheep. So before having a ewe hunt, we should spread the sheep to other areas and states.

**Billie Williams** , He would Like to move the sheep to other areas before having a ewe hunt.

**Jeremy Williams** - On a conservation aspect if there is another option instead of a ewe hunt that would be the preferred method. If a sheep is starving or de-hydrating then a hunt is a last resort.

**Steve Gustafson** – A ewe hunt should be an emergency depredation hunt only. We should transplant them first..

**Darren Hamrey** stated he had spoke with Jason Salsbury, that there is areas in the Wassuk range that could use some more sheep.

**Glenn Bunch** stated that his son-in-law just saw 80 rams on his hunt on Lone mountain by Tonopah. He spoke with NDOW when scoring the sheep he had just got on the mountain and was advised that they had categorized 405 sheep on lone mountain and WeePah Mountain range. He talked of the terrain on the mountain and the sheep there.

**Darren Hamrey** stated that if you talked about putting bullets in eyes and there are other options of areas that the sheep can be moved to when there are large mountain areas that sheep have not moved in to yet. We should look at relocating them instead of killing them.

**Billie Williams** – stated that shooting is last resort.

**Glenn Bunch** Stated that one thing they were talking about with the deer hunt is putting on a doe hunt because the ratio is out of balance. But from what he saw out there, it might be after the season. Either cut back the buck numbers or put some does with it.

**Jeremy Williams** stated he understands the prestige of have a sheep hunt.

**Glenn Bunch made a motion to not approve the Ewe Hunt.**

**Billie Williams seconded the motion.**

Discussion

**Andy Stinson**– stated if they want to increase hunter opportunity then he would split the topics, he would like to see more sheep in the areas and more tags in the areas then that would create more hunter opportunity.

**Darren Hamrey**, stated that allowing the ewes to have more babies is allowing more hunter opportunity.

**Glenn Bunch** – stated the discussion they had when splitting of 205 area.

Excelsior area has not been totally tapped and sheep could be relocated there. As well as putting sheep in the Wassuk range, we could have sheep from Corey Peak to Black Mountain and the terrain can support them.

**Andy Stinson** - stated that there are other counties as well that can handle the relocation of sheep to their areas. We are the envy of all the Western States of the sheep that we have in Nevada.

**Motion Carried.**

Further discussion of demerit points on the sheep is what they are going along with RO 90-1 Page 16 is it unlawful to sell the head

What if you pick up the shed while out hunting. Further discussion of leaving the shed and heads. In Montana since 1982 you cannot pick a dead head or pick up head. New Mexico is the same law.

Wyoming says you “May” pick them up. But if proven than it is poached. So what are you to do. If we are going to single out a rams horn, they have laws on picking up antlers and sheds. Is this going to set a precedence?

**Glenn Bunch** if you pick it up you have to have it sealed.

**Jeremy Williams** says that it is very broad, there needs to be more explanation of what is the law and what are they are trying to accomplish with the verbiage.

People go out there if you go out and pick up a dead head what is the deal. It is the same thing with the trail cameras. What are they trying to do?

- 2. Elk Hunt Management Strategies** – The board will make recommendations to the Commission relative to the Department for considering new elk hunt management strategies to include: removal of depredations hunts from the bonus point program; antlerless elk management tag awarded when a deer tag is drawn within specified units; antlerless elk management tag awarded when an antlered elk tag is drawn; allow applications for both antlered elk and antlerless elk in the same draw period; and implementation of spike hunts.

**Glenn Bunch** read the information supplied by the Commission.

**Darren Hamrey** – Question – if he were to draw a deer tag and you happen to draw an elk tag, this does not sound like a bad idea. In area 81 they had several draws in trying to get the elk out of the area.

Discussion of bonus points and not put in for a cow elk tag. If you get a bull elk, you can get a bull elk tag. Several options considered.

This would be an option if you get a bull tag you can pay an additional fee you can get a cow tag. It was a option to do that.

You can skip a year with a bull tag and not loose your points.

**Jeremy Williams** has no problem with any of it as it is.

The board went through the Recommendation Worksheed for the Proposed Elk Hunt Management Guidelines. Their decisions are as follows:

Strategy # 1 – Support  
Strategy # 2 – Support  
Strategy # 2A – Support option # 2  
Strategy # 2B – Option # 3  
Strategy # 2C – Support  
Strategy # 3 – Support  
Strategy # 4 – Support  
Strategy # 5 – Support  
Strategy # 5A - Option 2

**3. Discussion of remaining item listed on the commission agenda for December 6 & 7, 2013 Meeting.**

**4. \* Public Comments - None**

**Billie Moved, Steve seconded meeting adjourned 7:30 PM**