

Minutes of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Wednesday – November 12, 2014
6:00 PM MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE FIRE HOUSE

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

Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary

Absent: Johnny Peterson

Also Present: No public members in attendance

Meeting was called to order at the duly stated time of 6:00 PM.
It was noted that the agendas were posted as per open meeting law requirement.

- 1. Commission Regulation 454 Firearm Carry During Archery Hunt** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission relative to a regulation relating to the change in NAC 503.144 to allow the carry of a personal protection handguns while archery hunting. This will be a temporary regulation that will require Legislative Commission approval to become permanent after the 2015 Session of the Nevada Legislature. This regulation is in response to a proposed bill draft request from Nevada Assemblyman John Ellison and input from sportsmen to allow the carry of firearms while bowhunting for protection from potential criminal activity and wildlife attacks.

Discussion of personal protection while bow hunting. It was mentioned that some hunters have come across a snake or a predatory animal and self protection was an issue.

Chairman Bunch asked member Wayne Larson if he has ever carried a gun while bow hunting. Wayne responded that he has been bow hunting for 22 years and he has never had the need to carry a gun.

Member Hamrey stated the he finds it difficult to tell a person he can't carry a gun out in the hunt area as long as he doesn't use it to hunt with.

Member Larson stated that one year up in Ely he had a doe within 15 yards and right behind it came a cat following it just few minutes later. Cases like that is when a more protection could be needed.

After further discussion, the consensus of the board is that it should be okay to carry a side arm. It should be up to the individual if they feel further self protection is needed.

- 2. Commission Regulation CR15-03 Noncommercial Collection of Reptiles and Amphibians for 2015-2016.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission who will consider and may take action to approve the 2015-2016 season and limits for noncommercial hobby collecting of live, unprotected reptiles and amphibians.

Chairman Bunch stated that a lot of people don't know there is a limit on the reptiles. Discussion of history up to date of bag limits on reptiles and amphibians.

Discussion of capturing of the species and history of the law.

After further discussion the board concurs with department recommendations.

- 3. Commission General Regulation 449, Tannery/Taxidermist, LCB File No. R111-14.** The Board will make recommendation to the Commission who will consider a regulation relating to taxidermy; authorizing a taxidermist who receives a taxidermic item from another taxidermist to maintain certain records in lieu of maintaining a record of the number of the tax, seal or permit for the taxidermic item; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. The regulation clarifies the licensing requirements for tanneries by including the activities licensed as a taxidermist and will reduce the amount of record keeping a taxidermist must complete when receiving hides, pelts or other wildlife parts from another taxidermist. The regulation was requested through a petition to the Commission. The Commission heard this regulation in workshop on Sept 13, 2014. The commission recommended as presented with no changes.

This was in front of the board at our last meeting. You have a hide that is going to the tanner and then on to the taxidermist. This proposed recommendation would cut out some of the paperwork. What came out last meeting is they didn't like the language and it is back in front of us.

Requested by a taxidermist. Simplicity is going to make it a lot easier to keep the records accurate.

After further discussion, the board concurs with the recommendation. Anything to make it easier.

- 4. Press Release relative to the Int'l Sage Grouse Forum from Board Member Johnny Peterson.** The forum will feature a session on sage-grouse conservation efforts focused on the Bi-State distinct population segment (DPS) of Greater sage-Grouse which are found locally in Mono County, CA and adjacent Mineral County, NV.

Discussion of the live stream into sage grouse conservation efforts. Locations of meetings was discussed. At present, no one from the board will be able to attend.

5. Any Further Discussion of items on the NDOW NOV 14-15 AGENDA

The Board did not have any other item on the agenda for discussion.

6. Public Comment.

Discussion of the seeding project in the burn area and have we heard of anyone making plans to come over. It is in the Aurora this weekend. It was stated that it is in the middle of hunting season and the state Wildlife Meeting. At this time everyone has pre-scheduled activities which prevent their assistance with this project.

It was moved by Wayne Larson and Seconded by Billie Williams Jr to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carries.