

Minutes of the Meeting of the Mineral County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife
Monday, August 6, 2018 at 6:00 PM

MEETING ROOM, HAWTHORNE LIBRARY

Present: Glenn Bunch, Chairman,
Members: Billie Williams Jr., Darren Hamrey
Marlene Bunch, Recording Secretary

Absent: Johnny Peterson, Wayne Larson

Glenn Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and noted that the meeting was properly noticed

1. **CGR 478, Bighorn Sheep Ewe and Mountain Goat Online Course LCB File No R151-18.** The Board will consider recommendations to the Commission as they will hold a workshop to consider a regulation relating to amending Chapter 502 of the Administrative Code (NAC). This regulation would require all bighorn ewe and mountain goat tag holders to complete an online course. It would also require the tag holder for ram bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion or bear to provide questionnaire information during the already required post-harvest physical inspection and eliminate the subsequent need for successful tag holders to also submit a questionnaire.

Glenn Bunch explained it is a workshop. They will wordsmith it and bring it back to us. It appears to be a good thing. An evolution to go through. There is an indoctrination for tag holders. There was trouble with people taking a sheep and the hunter was having trouble seeing the rings on it. They took the any ram off. It appears to be making small circle back to having the indoctrination. And now they are looking at having an online course.

Darren Hamrey asked if it was going to be available for everyone or just for tag holders?

Glenn Bunch said he thought it would be for everyone. More information will come out in Caliente and then it will come back to us.

Darren Hamrey stated that he really thinks it would be good for everyone.

Billie Williams stated that it says that if you get a tag it will be a mandatory course.

It is was moved by Darren Hamrey, seconded by Billie Williams that we make the recommendation to the Commission to make the course available to everyone and not just tag holders. Motion Carried.

2. **Commission Regulation 18-12, 2018-2019 Upland Game and Furbearer Seasons and Bag Limits** , The Board will make recommendation to the Commission as the will consider taking action to amend the season for upland game birds for the 2018-2019 seasons. The amendment recommends an adjustment to the open units for sage-grouse hunting due to the effects of wildfire on habitat

Glenn explained to the Board that what they have done is strike out hunts 061, 064-067 and it's been changed to 061, 062, 064, 065, 067. They want to make the change for the 2018-2019 seasons to remove unit 066.

Consensus of the board to recommend approval of the recommended change.

3. **Discussion of other items on the Commission Agenda for August 10-11, 2018.**
(Public Comment)

No further discussion of items on the 8/10-11/2018 agenda.

4. Public Comment

Darren Hamrey stated that he understand the duck seasons are set by the Federal meeting first. But is there any point to ask that the duck season be moved a week later. He noted that it starts October 6 and generally it starts the 2nd week of October.

Glenn Bunch stated that it seems like the season was split so it fits federal guidelines.

Billie Williams stated that he would ask NDOW staff when he goes to the Caliente meeting.

Darren Hamrey stated that he would like for it to start a week later when it's not in the heat.

Glenn Bunch stated that he thought there was a move on to move the duck hunters that was upland game hunter season.

Darren Hamrey stated that he liked it better when they started both the seasons on the same day.

Glenn Bunch stated that it is always something that we can ask as a recommendation.

Darren Hamrey stated there may be 2 or maybe 3 counties that even care whether it moves later or not.

Glenn Bunch and Billie Williams gave an update on the guzzler project where assistance was given to the NDOW in filling the guzzlers with water. No Action.

Motion made by Billie Williams to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darren Hamrey, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned