

Meeting was called to order by Walt Mandeville at 6:03pm.

1. Roll Call

- Present Members: Walt Mandeville, Joe Crawford, Alan LaVoie
- Absent Members: Rob Jacobson and New Member

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes

- Walt Mandeville motioned to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2019 meeting; Alan Lavoie seconded and the motion passed unanimously 3-0.

4. Public Participation: *NONE*

5. Advisory Board Items for discussion

New CAB Chair: Walt Mandeville nominated Rob Jacobson as the chair of the Wildlife Citizens Advisory Board. Walt made a motion to elect Rob Jacobson and Alan Lavoie seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0

The Agenda posting in item 7 with the typo was addressed and will be rectified.

Walt Mandeville stated that he would like to contact the local Lyon County Newspaper(s) of our meetings in hopes of increased public participation in the future. He was going to inquire if there was a cost associated.

Joe Crawford shared a letter with the board that he received from The Nevada Sporting Dog Alliance. Mr. Crawford read the letter to the board that stated that The Nevada Sporting Dog Alliance is in support of the 2020 black bear season as recommended by the Department of Wildlife for the 2020 hunting season. The harvest composition of the 2019 season was an excellent indicator and indicates a continued light harvest of Nevada's Black Bear population. The letter provided data regarding the harvest compositions and improvements.

The Lyon County Wildlife Board members in attendance supported this in agreement with the recommendation from The Nevada Sporting Dog Alliance.

6. For Possible Action: on any/all Nevada Wildlife Commission Agenda items for their meeting in June. (Action may be taken)

Commission Item #8A Tag Transfer, Deference and Return Program

Walt Mandeville stated that he does not agree with this. Alan asked what would be the determination of being too sick to use a hunting tag. Joe said that he would support it if tags were transferred to non-profits such as Outdoorsman in Wheelchairs or disadvantaged kids etc. The CAB discussed that tag deference is a slippery slope It is not right to be able to transfer a tag to a family member. There are a lot situations where this program could be misused and unintended benefits.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that the Lyon County CAB does not approve the tag deference as stated in commission item #8A. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

Commission Item #8B Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve

Alan shared concerns that he has regarding the purchase of leftover tags and the first come first serve basis as outlying areas will not have the same opportunity to purchase. He also would like more information on how many of the 1000 returned tags are party tags where one person keeps the tag. He further stated that if there are 1000 unused tags, that is a good thing. The alternate tag draw seems to be effective and work.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon County CAB does not approve the Party Bonus Points and First Come First Serve as stated in commission item #8B. Walt Mandeville seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

Commission Item #15 Navy Expansion of Range

The CAB briefly discussed this item and how it reduces hunter opportunity on public lands. Alan asked if they have given a map of the area? The Board members stated that as long as they can have access even if it requires a class they will follow along.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that the Lyon County CAB agree with the update on the range and test center in #15. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

Commission Item #16 Request for 30 pygmy rabbits by Washington Department of Fish and Game.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that the Lyon County CAB agree with the transfer of 30 pygmy rabbits to Washington in item #16. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

Commission Item #17 2021 Predation Management Plan

Alan LaVoie stated that is important to have a management plan and that we have to do something about the predator problem. He asked about the contractor being used for the mountain lion removal and if it was the best method. Joe Crawford responded that with a contractor it is controllable method with good intentions to reduce populations to where they need to be as opposed to taking a population down too far with more people hunting at once. Additionally, they also discussed concerns about the passive survey assessment on black bears in Nevada to estimate the abundance and occupancy of black bears in Nevada and provide guidance to the department and how collaboration with Michigan State Universities and University of Montana and how colleges tend to have varying opinions with liberal points of views may not be who we want doing the survey. Joe added that he did speak to a department representative regarding this. They were going to put attractant and collect DNA samples to try to get an idea of how many different bears are in those areas. They indicated that bears are starting to move to central Nevada which is good for the bear populations. This is a method to get a better gauge on the bear population. The bear population estimate is very conservative and they want to establish were the bear population is.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the Lyon County CAB approved the Predation Management Plan as presented in commission agenda item #17. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

Commission Item #18A Veteran and Active Military Waterfowl Season

Walt Mandeville stated that he is a veteran and he does not support adding a special two day season for Veterans and Active Military. He had questions as to when the two days were going to be added in the season – front, middle, end?

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that the Lyon County CAB does not support the two extra designated hunt days for Veterans and Military waterfowl season. Alan Lavoie and Joe Crawford stated that they were both neutral on the item as they are not sure how it would really effect the season. The motion did not receive a second.

Commission Item #18.B. Land Owner Compensation Tags

The CAB members discussed that this has been a continued item with many questions. Alan stated that there are many ways to count animals and he feels that land owners should not be able to cry depredation and then not let people hunt in their property. Alan would like to get more information on rules, regulations and how counts are done. Walt stated that 18B needs more research and land owners need to protect their crops.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that further investigate and research needs to be done before approving Land Owner Compensation Tags. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

Commission Item #18.c. Amendment for Big Game Seasons

CAB reviewed the recommended changes and to address proposed amendments. Alan feels that we need more information on second proposed amendment. We need to know what the quota is before we can agree with them. We don't have the quotas. Alan looked and could only get the 2018 quotas. The CAB discussed and completed the survey that was sent out for them regarding the big game seasons. The completed with comments and recommendations made in survey question. In reviewing the survey Alan did not agree with the increase in area 7 and he feels that double the tags is too many and deer need to replenish more. Alan would like to keep it at last years quota. Alan agrees with all of tag numbers staying the same or less for non-residents. Alan agrees with the quota except for in areas 71, 79 and 81.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the CAB agree except for the quota raise in areas 71, 79 and 81. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

Commission Item #18.F. Mountain Lion Seasons

- Alan LaVoie made a motion to adopt the 2020-2021 mountain lion hunting season as presented in #18F. Joe Crawford seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Commission Item #18.L. Big Game application and Eligibility

Discussion regarding making tag limits and one elk per year. Alan feels that you should be able to receive a tag for different sex animals in regards to elk tags in the same year using points that are separate.

- Alan LaVoie made a motion that the board disagree and that they should be able to harvest bull or spike elk in same year as a cow elk. Walt seconded the motion. All in favor 3-0

7. Public participation: None

Chair comments:

- CAB meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020
- Alan LaVoie is planning to attend the Friday 1/24 commission meeting-

8 Adjournment

Walt Mandeville adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm

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