

Minutes - CAB Meeting

Lyon County Wildlife CAB

March 17, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting held at Fernley Intermediate School

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Joe Crawford.

Roll Call

Present Members: Walt Mandeville, Alan LaVoie, Joe Crawford, Mike Osterman, Bob Arigoni

Guests: Travis Lyle Senior, Thomas Lyle Junior, and Travis Lyle Junior

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. For Possible Action: Approval of minutes

- Walt Mandeville motioned to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2021 meeting;
- Alan LaVoie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously 5-0

3. Public Participation:

Thomas Lyle Jr. - Would like to make a comment on Fernley Wildlife Management and Fernley has a great opportunity been there for many years. There is water from NWA. Nevada Waterfowl Association is trying to get water moved around. They wanted to work with NDOW regarding water to do it however it is actually city officials. Trying to Fernley is going to get bigger and more opportunities right here in our back pocket. This is something that we could work on and improve on possibly or see if that is even an option. This is something I would like to see.

Travis Lyle Sr. - concerns with NDOWs take over of Greenhead Duck Club. We have a lot people concerned with removing the fees that have been in place for over 100 years. There are always two sides. We would like for them to leave this as it has been this way and worked. The fees in place help maintain ditches, burning of cattails, water transfers, etc. I would like for it to stay as long as humanly possible. It is a small price you pay to hunt. This is my biggest concern and I hope that they push forward and consider keeping the fees.

4. Advisory Board Items for discussion:

CAB member Alan LaVoie presented a letter to the CAB to submit to the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners regarding a proposal to change the Muzzleloader Antelope draw and the discussion of declaring your weapon. Letter attached, The CAB discussed the benefits of declaring a weapon.

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

Commission Agenda item 10b - discussion about removing the use of hounds for bear hunting in Nevada. Walt Mandeville shared that well-trained hounds used in bear hunts make the harvest for selective. Alan LaVoie shared that the hounds allow the hunter the best success in hunt and not just mortally wounding an animal. The bear population in Nevada is doing quite well. Walt Mandeville also stated that population management of bears is imperative. Mike Osterman shared that we need to rule in favor of science, science says the hounds need to be used to hunt bears. Joe Crawford shared some stats from a letter from the Sporting Dog Alliance 2011-2021 71% of successful bear hunters employed the use of trained dogs to tree and take 99 bears compared to 40 bears taken by all methods. This represents a 2:1 take method. Again from 2011 to 2021 -99 successful bear hunters using dogs to tree and take totaled 148 bears passed and not harvested, representing 1.5 bears passed per hunter using dogs. Compared to 40 successful bear hunters using other methods where only 25 bears were passed representing .6 bears passed per successful bear hunter. 2011-2021 99 of the bears harvested by hunters using dogs, sows constituted only 29% of the harvest compared to the sow harvest composition of 41% by the 40 successful hunters using other methods. When bears are in the tree are dogs are used, the hunters are able to tree and sex the bear before harvesting.

- Walt Mandeville made a motion that the LCSD Wildlife CAB deny the proposal to withdraw dogs from bear hunts as stated in Commission agenda item 10B. Mike Osterman seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

Commission Agenda item 17 - Mike Osterman state that NDOW should allow these hunting contests to continue. The hunting contest protects wildlife. The coyotes do a number on deer and antelope fawning. The hunters spend money and support rural communities. The contest also supports branching when cows are calving. Why we should pay the government funds to reduce the coyote population when hunters could do it and bring money into local communities fiscally with hunters coming to stay in hotels etc. Alan Lavoie shared that you don't need a license to hunt coyotes and they coyotes affect wildlife and ranchers. He also shared that coyotes affect deer and antelope calving season. The CAB discussed that people do not see what happens to the wildlife and ranchers. Labeling this as a killing contest makes it emotional also.

- Mike Osterman made a motion that the "hunting contests" not be stopped or prohibited and they should be allowed to continue in Nevada -regarding Commission agenda item 17. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0 passed.

Commission item 6A:

- Mike Osterman made a motion to accept the current regulations same as last year, seasons, bag limits, and special regulations for migratory game birds as presented by the commission on agenda item 6A. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. All in favor 5-0.

Commission item 15D: Special season for Disabled Persons

CAB discussed that the allocation of tags for the disabled person's special hunt must come from somewhere. What qualifies a person for being eligible for the disabled hunt? There are accommodations in place for people with disabilities to hunt during the regular season. At what point do we keep adding special hunts?

- Mike Osterman made a motion that the Lyon County Wildlife deny special hunts for disabled persons. Alan LaVoie seconded the motion. all in favor 5-0.

7. Public participation: Thanked guests for attending

Chair comments:

- CAB meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 at Silver Springs, Yerington Lyons Club or FIS depending on availability TBD prior to CAB agenda posting in mid-April– Next Commission meeting is scheduled for May 7 and May 8.

8. Adjournment

Joe Crawford adjourned the meeting at 6:52