

**Access & Habitat Board Meeting
Halfway, OR
October 20, 2015**

Attendees

A&H Board:

Barry DelCurto (Chair); Jim Morrell; Dave Stiefvater; Doug Baily, Craig Ely; Willie Bronson

ODFW:

Isaac Sanders, A&H Program Coordinator; Tom Thornton, Game Program Manager; Christina Schmidt, Administrative Assistant

Regional Coordinators:

Jon Paustian

Chair DelCurto called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Review of the July 2015 Meeting Minutes

Doug moved to approve the July meeting minutes as written; Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5:0.

Board Member Reports

Willie Bronson:

Willie had nothing to report.

Craig Ely:

Crag had nothing to report.

Doug Baily:

Doug went elk and deer hunting in the early archery season and was unsuccessful.

Dave Stiefvater:

A local reporter that Dave has been working with for a couple of years did an article on the Ontario Recreational Access project in a free magazine that was included in the local newspaper. The publisher said they broke even on the magazine and advertisements are what covered the costs. Dave suggested putting some A&H and/or Hunter Ed information in the magazine to support the magazine as well as to get information out.

Jim Morrell:

Jim reminded everyone that the deadline to advertise in the RMEF 2016 calendar was coming up.

Barry DelCurto:

Barry DelCurto had nothing to report.

A&H Program Coordinator Report

ODFW Commission approved the following A&H projects at the September Commission Meeting

- Lawen (B Opie, R Opie, and Temple) 32
- Territorial Youth Deer Hunt
- Warm Springs Access

USDA Farm Bill VPA-HIP

- Application turned in April
 - Oregon awarded ~1.5 million
 - Still working with NRCS on grant award

Discussion

- Dave asked if the VPA-HIP funds could be used to improve habitat for pheasant hunting.
- Craig suggested Isaac describe more about what they can do with the VPA-HIP funds at the January meeting.
- Jim suggested Dave go to OHA to see about funding for habitat work.

Access and Habitat Board Chair

- Barry DelCurto's second term is up end of December.
- Recruitment for a new A&H Board Chair will begin soon.

Access Area Permit Drawing Results

- OHA Redmond Chapter will donate rifle for 2016 drawing.
- 2014 and 2015 rifles donated by OHA Redmond Chapter and Quail & Upland Wildlife Federation.
- Currently no process for selecting donor.

Code of Ethics for Board Members and Regional Council Members

- A&H Board approved guidelines in 2001 on conflict of interest and ethics for regional council and state board members as well as ODFW employees. The guidelines should be used by any person functioning within the A&H program.

Discussion

- Craig asked how many permits had been submitted into the gun drawing.
- Isaac replied that he was not sure but would get that information.
- Doug commented that he'd like to see what the Oregon Law is regarding code of ethics; he would like to see that board/council member abstain from voting on an issue if they have direct financial interest.
- Isaac will see what he can find as far as Oregon Law on that subject and bring it to the January board meeting.
- Doug will give Isaac a call and let him know which Oregon Law he is referring to.
- Isaac will talk to legal counsel about the issue.
- Craig felt the code of ethics issue should be passed down to the regional coordinators to go over with their regional council members. He believes the board is clear on what to do in a conflict of interest type situation.
- Isaac will email the guidelines to the board and regional coordinators.

A&H Budget Report

Isaac Sanders, A&H Program Coordinator, provided an update of the current A&H Program budget (refer to A&H packet).

2016 Board Meeting Schedule

Proposed schedule:

- January 11-12, 2016 in Salem

- April 18-19, 2016 in Tillamook or Bandon
- July 18-19, 2016 in Salem
- October 17-18, 2016 in Ontario

Discussion

- Dave suggested moving the April meeting to 11-12 and going to Ontario for the October meeting.
- Jim suggested going to Grants Pass for the April meeting.

Motion:

Doug moved to approve the following meeting dates and locations for 2016:

- January 11-12, 2016 in Salem
- April 11-12, 2016 in Grants Pass
- July 18-19, 2016 in Salem
- October 17-18, 2016 in Ontario

Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously 5:0.

Auction Even Sign-up

2016 AUCTION EVENT SCHEDULE

| 2016 Auction Tag | Organization | Date & Location | A&H/ODFW Representative(s) to attend | |
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| Elk | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Tillamook County Chapter Dave Stephens (503) 717-2132 | Tillamook, OR February 6, 2016 | 1. Willie | 2. Doug* |
| Deer | Mule Deer Foundation, National Rachel Moody (801) 973-1162 | Salt Lake City, UT February 12, 2016 | 1. Craig | 2. N/A |
| Deer | Mule Deer Foundation, Linn-Benton Chapter Alan Bakkala (541) 501-2808 | Albany, OR March 12, 2016 | 1. Willie | 2. Isaac |
| Elk | Oregon Hunters Association, Union/Wallowa County Chapter Duane Dungannon (541) 772-7313 | La Grande, OR March 12, 2016 | 1. Craig | 2. Dave |
| Combo | Safari Club International, SW Washington Chapter Jim McWhorter (360) 607-1021 | Vancouver, WA April 2, 2016 | 1. Jim | 2. Alan |
| Deer | National Wild Turkey Federation, Central Oregon Chapter Mikal Moore (541) 550-7074 | Bend, OR April 9, 2016 | 1. Doug | 2. Dave* |
| Elk | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Central Oregon Chapter Bob Bastian (541) 273-7233 | Redmond, OR April 9, 2016 | 1. Craig | 2. Jim |
| Deer | Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Oregon Chapter David Geelan (503) 949-1211 | Hood River, OR April 16, 2016 | 1. Alan | 2. Jim* |
| Elk | Oregon Hunters Association, State Convention Duane Dungannon (541) 772-7313 | Canyonville, OR May 21, 2016 | 1. Doug | 2. Craig* |

*Will attend if vacant board position is not filled or new board member can't attend.

Other Business:

- Isaac will put together a presentation at January's meeting on the set-up for television and DVD player that board members will be expected to set up for auction events. He'll also put together some instructions or cheat sheet.
- Christina will order nametags for Willie, Dave, and Jim, in bigger font as requested by Jim.
- Doug would like Isaac to set up a meeting with ODFW Director Curt Melcher or ask him to stop in at the January meeting to see if he has any suggestions for the A&H Program.
- Craig suggested inviting him to attend lunch at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.