

Santa Catalina Bighorn Sheep Reintroduction Advisory Committee Minutes

June 4, 2013

Attendees: Mike Quigley, Raul Vega, Shalonda Guy, Brian Dolan, Randy Serraglio, Joe Sacco, Joe Sheehey, Trica Hawkins, Jenny Neeley, John McGehee, Martin Guerena, Jim Heffelfinger, Mark Hart, Ben Brochu

Note Taker: Kathy Nation

Location: Tucson AZGFD Office

Time: 6PM-8PM

Meeting announcements: Next Meeting June 13, 2013 at Tucson Arizona Game and Fish Department Office

Minutes:

Scheduled guest speaker Kerry Baldwin had a conflict and rescheduled for a later date.

Joe Sacco had a request from the Arizona Wildlife Views television show to come and film a meeting for a future episode. The committee voted in favor of this and Joe will try to schedule for the June 13th meeting.

Joe and Mike Quigley participated in a local radio KVOI talk show using the talking points developed by the committee. The interview went well.

A request was made from a concerned citizen to come to one of the committee meetings to observe.

Mark Hart asked the committee if they wanted to appoint a point person for the media to go to for specific information on the project. He had some questions from AZ Daily Star reporter Doug Kreutz that went beyond the agreed upon talking points. He suggested Jim Heffelfinger.

The Committee wants to set a group interview with Doug Kreutz, Mark will facilitate.

Jenny has some questions about the possibility of AGFD removing lions from Sabino Canyon. She advised that if lions are removed from Sabino Canyon that would be very controversial for the committee members and a hard sell for their constituents.

AGFD has a defined protocol on lion removals

There were also concerns raised about a presentation made by a Sabino Canyon Docent, but the presentation was reviewed and revised several times before it was given.

The Director signed off on the Adaptive Lion Management Plan. He had some questions about viability of salvaging kittens from an offending lion.

This brought up a discussion on determining when a kitten is still a kitten or a sub-adult. Ben gave a presentation on pictures taken from different tanks showing lions with kittens and sub-adults. Do you

go by the spots or the size? Lions with kittens < 3 months will not have them at a kill site, kittens > 6 months may be present at kill site.

Do you give lions with kittens a pass the first time they kill a sheep? Brian D. doesn't agree with giving a pass, how many sheep taken before that lion is removed?

Brian Dolan sent an email to a hounds man asking if he would meet with the committee to give his perspective.

Lisa Haynes could also help with additional info on this issue.

Committee made edits to Recommendations

Brian Dolan is talking to a representative from Oro Valley About getting on the town council agenda.

Action Items:

Met with City and County Councils – Brian Dolan

Revise Timeline – Mike Quigley

Schedule houndsman to attend meeting - Ben

Next Meetings: 6/13, AZGFD

Future Agenda Items:

Mountain lions killed discussion – understanding of what would constitute concerns (gut check) i.e. total number removed in a year, number removed in a short time period (how many per month, every 3 months, 6 months etc).

Ratify Recommendation

Scoping press release

Community forum, fundraising, and PSA commercial