

# **Santa Catalina Bighorn Sheep Reintroduction Advisory Committee Minutes**

## **June 18, 2013**

**Attendees:** Sergio Avila, Lisa Haynes, Les Corey, Mindi Lehew, Stan Helin, Mike Quigley, Brian Dolan, Randy Serraglio, Joe Sacco, Joe Sheehey, Trica Hawkins, Jenny Neeley, Martin Guerena, Jim Heffelfinger, Mark Hart, Brian Ham, Ben Brochu, JW Harris, Martina Fuller

**Guest Speaker:**

**Note Taker:** Kathy Nation

**Location:** Tucson AZGFD Office

**Time:** 6PM-8PM

**Meeting announcements:**

**Minutes:**

Tim Steller meeting was discussed

Op Ed is close to completion will send to committee for final approval before publishing.

Randy, Mike will hand deliver the OP ED and ask for an Editorial board meeting by the end of week

Randy said that he could appear on Arizona Illustrated to talk about the project.

Ben has a contact at Cox TV

Mike Q. Will set up that can be used as a portal to other websites to learn more about the history of bighorn in the Catalina's, info about the committee and habitat issues.

Mark H. Set up a Facebook page "Friends of Catalina Bighorn Sheep

Have press release ready; united response and one person as a spokesman for the group.

Suggestion to bring schools into the picture maybe they could do a drive to sponsor a sheep.

Focus release on factors other than lions for decline in sheep population.

The committee has to tell the story of the sheep project.

How do we handle inquiries from the media when a lion removal happens? Will need to recognize that this should be treated as a critical incident with solidarity and one voice.

If there is an incident in Sabino Canyon the Committee is hands off and stays out.

Need to be aware of critical incidents and that communication may be limited; Committee will need to establish a phone tree so that the info is disseminated in a timely manner.

Discussed adherence to the plan; utilize adaptive management

A survey of lions in reintroduction area before the release was proposed.

Lisa Haynes is developing docents for bobcats and may be able to include lions.

Joe Sheehey – we need to tell our story instead of what the Editors are doing.

If a lion with spotted kittens kills a sheep then revisit the recommendations

Discussion on what is or isn't spotted kitten, need more info on kittens from other sources.

Worked on refining recommendations.

- What is a “pursuit”?
  - Event based or single?
- Many questions regarding behavior of the lion and influence on young/siblings.

**Action Items:**

Meet with City and County Councils – Brian Dolan

Revise Timeline – Mike Quigley

Submit an Opinion Editorial - Mike Quigley

Reserve a domain name and set up web site – Mike Quigley

**Next Meetings:** 7/02 (Cancelled), 7/16 & 7/30

**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, use of snares, critical incidents

Community forum, fundraising, and PSA commercial