

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

## **September 10, 2013**

**Attendees:** Mike Quigley, Brian Dolan, Joe Sacco, Joe Sheehey, Trica Oshant Hawkins, Brian Ham, Ben Brochu, John McGehee, Martin Guarena, Stan Helin, Shalonda Guy, Jim Heffelfinger

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Note Taker:** Kandis Glavin

**Location:** Tucson Arizona Game and Fish Department Office

**Time:** 6PM-8PM

**Meeting announcements:** Brian Dolan- announcements, Brian Ham met with president of SAHBA, good meeting, he asked pretty good questions, gave him all copies from group. Consider a letter of support for the project.

Misty Novak with Oro Valley emailed Brian and said they have already put it on the agenda for the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, 6 p.m.

We probably a need to touch basis with state legislatures. Gowen comes to mind. Joe Sacco will chat with him.

Trica- any thought at all to talk with someone from Tohono O'odum, Pascua Yaqui "blessing with the tribe?" Just a thought. Native American connections to the Bighorn. Potentially negative outcome. Ray Lee had interaction with the tribe. Possibly getting the opinion. Congressman Grijalva could get on track with us. Recommendation.

Trica- writing her proposal to the Game and Fish for the heritage funds for the educational program. Only funding for teacher development. Urban Wildlife fund coordinator said she can make a case, definitely can't submit as a non-profit organization. Stan and Sholanda will be the sponsors.

### **Minutes:**

**Advisory committee composition-** Jenny no longer will be here. Last day the 20<sup>th</sup>. Sky island alliance is still interested in being a part of committee. Will check to see who will be here and who will not. I the advisory committee okay with getting another person? Yes.

**HPC buffelgrass proposal-** Brian- Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for the cycle, Sharon approved proposal for buffelgrass habitat restoration. Trying to cover \$36,850. Buffelgrass removal doesn't attract a lot of attention. Any source of funds you may be able to tap into, with a grant? Have 6 months to decide on funding. January 12<sup>th</sup> 2014. Does this not fit under IIPAM? Volunteer for pulling buffelgrass instead of DOC?

**SaddleBrooke presentation-** is everybody on advisory committee going to be on the panel? Call Oro Valley council to let them know about Thursday.

Ben- going thru presentation. Bacorn has a cool picture from 1992 of BHS. Ben will say please hold your questions till the end at presentation.

If people would like to donate, probably don't want to accept right then and there.

It was recommended to get out the presser on facebook page

Joe will make the following contacts and advise about the meeting:

SaddleBrooke, So AZ and Dove Mountain Hiking clubs, Catalina State Park, Town of Oro Valley

**Previous Action Items:**

Create Banner with AC member Logos for public info meetings– Mark Hart/Joe Sacco

Status: Logo Resolution was too low for a large Banner

Send out an announcement for Saddlebrooke Public Meeting Sept. 12, 2013 – Mark Hart

Status: Completed

Send out an invitation to the AC for the public meeting – Joe Sacco

Status: Completed

Set follow-up meeting with Oro Valley in prep for resolution – Brian Dolan

Status: Completed

Attend joint meeting on enforcement of BHS Management Area Order – John McGehee

Status: Completed

Revise Fundraising flyer – Ben Brochu

Status: Completed

Look for Celebration venue (El Conquistador, Ventana Canyon etc.) - Joe Sacco

Status: Westward Look is reserved for 10/09/2013; waiting on confirmation on date for Ventana Canyon

**New Action Items:**

Contact hiking clubs, Catalina SP and town of Oro Valley – Joe

Contact AZGFD Legislative Liaison - Joe

Contact TO Tribal Council Members to see if a resolution for the project is possible - Trica

**Next Meeting(s):** 9/26

**Future Agenda Items:**

Forest Service Firescape plan timeline