

Name of Advisory Committee
31 Jan 2017
Anderson Lions Club

- I. Call to Order: 6:23 by Jacob Mattila; acting chair. Allan Mortenson the vice chair could not make it.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
John Basile
Nan Eagleson
Jacob Mattila
Matt Nutsvold
Erik Haugen
Wayne Valcq
Leroy Sutton
Myron Stokes
Jeremy Wolf
Paul Van Dyke

Members Absent:
Allan Mortenson (excused)
Coke Wallace (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda reviewed; motion a made to approve; unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: One correction noted on Page 2 of 7, paragraph 1, "Officer positions were up for election:" Chair should read: Chair, no one stepped up to take the chair. John Basil will remain on the council, but resigned the Chair.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Biologist for Unit 20. Maggie Stang, Wildlife trooper from the Department of Alaska State Troopers.
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: Continued discussion on Proposal 72. See proposal discussion section below.
- VIII. New Business:

- Following the agenda, we looked at electing a council member to attend the BOG meeting in Fairbanks 17-25, 2017. A council member receives per diem for attending. Jacob Mattila said he may be able to attend, and Jacob will check with Coke Wallace to see if he will attend. They will let Allen Mortenson know.

- Trooper Maggie Stang brought up good discussion about the Copper Basin Area Moose and Caribou Hunting Proposal Book. She attended the Denali AC meeting, and there was much discussion about the community hunt, and the intent of the community was lost as anyone could create a community. In addition, there was discussion on the pressure seen on the road system. Some people saw this pressure as a loss of opportunity to hunt, or there were not many animals. Most on this council agree that if you get off the road, or go in non-motorized areas, there were many legal animals. Erik brought up the question why this council is being asked to make comment on these proposals since it is outside our AC area. Don mentioned because this area borders our area, and many people across the state participate in the Tier 1 or draw caribou hunt. Nan asked who had the authority to change the meaning of "Community" in community hunt. Don believes the BOG has that authority. Many on this council do not want to comment on proposals for unit 13. We will read more on the proposals and perhaps comment next meeting.

- Commented on proposal:

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Next meeting set for 1 March in Healy. Nan will not be there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

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72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	1	9	Nan started discussion. Very opposed to this method of harvest. Allan sees this as a business proposal because it includes non-residents. Coke's reasoning is flawed. The sheep harvest numbers and statement by Don Young that sheep are in good shape contradicts Coke's reasoning. Jacob asked Don the department's stance. Don's stated the department plans to take no action on this. Because same day take of wolves outside of a predator control area is illegal and outside boards control. Move to table until next meeting. (Continued discussion on Jan 31): Don reiterated it is outside of the boards

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			authority because same day airborne hunting of big game is not authorized per state statute. Jeremy asked of affect of sheep due to predator population? Don stated maybe in isolated areas, and perhaps on lambs, but there is not outstanding evidence. Coyotes may affect some areas. If you look at the Brooks Range the coyotes do not play, there are areas in 20A that may be affected when the hair population drops. The council agreed there are many coyotes around this area, but not sure if this is really affecting the population. Wayne commented that we don't realize how many coyotes we don't have. Example would be Alberta where one man could trap 1000 coyotes, versus here where all of us could not trap 1000 wolves or coyotes here. Nan asked if we would like to vote.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	9	1	John brought up discussion on this. This council voted proposal 46 back in October, and this is the same proposal just a different unit. Discussion about the tag fees was discussed. Any tag fees goes into the F&G general fund. Tag fees are matched with Pitman Roberts Act money 3 to 1. Erik made a motion to Support, John seconded.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Erik J. Haugen

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____