

AGENDA

Board of Wildlife Resources
Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Henrico, Virginia 23228

May 18, 2022
3:00 pm

Committee Members: Mr. Tom Sadler, Chair, Mr. Frank Adams and Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes

DWR Staff Liaison: Mr. Bob Smet

1. Call to Order and Welcome
Mr. Tom Sadler
2. Approval of March 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes **Final Action**
Mr. Tom Sadler
3. Public Comment – Non Agenda Item
Mr. Tom Sadler
4. Elk Lottery
Tim Tassitano
5. Free Fishing Days
Alex McCrickard
6. Wildlife Viewing Plan
Jessica Ruthenberg
7. Director's Report
Mr. Ryan Brown

8. Chair's Report
Mr. Tom Sadler
9. Additional Business/Comments
Mr. Tom Sadler
10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022
Mr. Tom Sadler
11. Adjournment
Mr. Tom Sadler

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

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Present: Mr. Tom Sadler, **Chair**, Mr. Frank Adams (Virtual) and Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes (Virtual); **Board members present:** Mr. Leon Boyd; Mr. Brian Vincent, (Virtual), Ms. Karen Terwilliger; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn, and Mr. Gary Martel; **Director's Working Group:** Ms. Paige Pearson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Bob Smet, Dr. Gray Anderson.

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Introduction of the new Outreach Director: The Chair introduced and welcomed Mr. Robert "Bob" Smet as the New Outreach Director.

Approval of the August 18, 2021 and October 27, 2021 Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 and the October 27, 2021 Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021 and October 27, 2021 committee meeting minutes and Ms. Grimes seconded the motion. The Board secretary took a roll call vote: Ayes, Sadler, Adams, and Grimes.

Public Comment – Non Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comments on Non –Agenda Items, hearing none, the Chair continued on with the meeting.

Restore the Wild Artwork Winners and Explore the Wild Marketing Update: The Chair called on Mr. Brian Moyer for a presentation.

Mr. Moyer gave a presentation on Restore the Wild Artwork Winners and talked about who the winners were and their background and what the Restore the Wild program was all about.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Moyer for his presentation.

Elk Hunt Lottery Update: The Chair called on Mr. Tim Tassitano for an Elk Hunt Lottery update.

Mr. Tim Tassitano gave an update on the Elk Hunt Lottery and how it was progressing and how many hunters had applied and What's next.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Tassitano for his update.

Hunter Education: The Chair called on Mr. David Dodson for an update on Hunter Education.

Mr. David Dodson gave an update on Hunting Data and Incidents and New Teaching Technics for safety.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Dodson for his update.

Boating Safety Education Outreach: The Chair called on Ms. Stacey Brown for a Boating Safety Education update.

Ms. Brown gave a Boating Safety Education update on some of the program elements in Boating and how DWR works with the public on Boating safety to keep the public safe on the water.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Ms. Brown for her update.

Director's Report: The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown for his Director's Report.

The Director reported:

- Just returned from the North America Conference and how the Relevancy Roadmap was big part of the conference and how DWR is moving ahead of other states.

After comments, and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Brown for his report.

Chair's Report:

The Chair welcomed Bob Smet to Outreach Division and thanked all the speakers at the EPO's Committee meeting. The Chair asked if anyone had any further questions or comments and hearing none, the Chair announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frances Boswell

ELK LOTTERY HUNT

Selection Process for Special Elk Hunting Licenses

Assignment of Special Elk Hunting Licenses

- All elk hunt lottery applicants are assigned a random number between 1 and the total number of applicants using a random number generator.
- For this lottery, five (5) individuals will be assigned the opportunity to purchase a special elk hunting license. Individuals may only be selected for one special elk hunting license, and if an individual is selected for a special elk hunting license, that individual cannot be selected for a second license or as an alternate.
- Individuals assigned random numbers 1 through 4 are drawn and are evaluated using the following STEPS
 1. If 1 or more of the individuals drawn reside within the EMZ,
 - Then number 5 is drawn and the process proceeds to STEP 3.
 2. If none (0) of the first 4 applicants reside within the EMZ,
 - Then the first applicant, as assigned by the random number generator, that resides within the EMZ moves into the number 5 slot, and the process of drawing additional applicants or alternates begins with the next lowest assigned random number not yet selected.
 - Ex: If the applicant #7 resides within the EMZ, they would then move into the # 5 slot.
 - Then the process proceeds to STEP 3.
 3. If there are 0 or 1 non-resident applicants on the list of those drawn,
 - Then the process is COMPLETE. These are the individuals assigned the opportunity to purchase a special elk hunting license;
 - Otherwise, the process proceeds to STEP 4.
 4. If more than 1 of the applicants drawn is a non-resident,
 - Then the highest ranked non-resident applicant is assigned the opportunity to purchase as special elk hunting license. All remaining non-resident applicants are removed from consideration (but may receive additional consideration as an alternate).
 - Then the next resident applicant(s), in order assigned by the random number generator, is (are) assigned the opportunity to purchase a special elk hunting license.
 - Ex: If the # 2 & 4 applicants are non-residents,
 - # 2 is assigned to opportunity to purchase the license;
 - # 4 and all other remaining non-resident applicants are removed from present consideration; and
 - # 5 would move to # 4.
 - Then the next ranked resident applicant is moved to # 5 and is assigned the opportunity to purchase the license.

- Then the process is COMPLETE. These are the five (5) individuals assigned an opportunity to purchase a special elk hunting license.

Assignment of Alternate License Purchasers

If any of the five (5) individual(s) assigned the opportunity to purchase a special elk hunting license as drawn above is not able to purchase the special elk hunting license within 30 days of being assigned the opportunity to purchase the license, an alternate applicant from the elk hunt lottery will be selected to receive the opportunity to purchase the special elk hunting license as follows:

- If the EMZ resident who was assigned to purchase the special elk hunting license is not able to purchase that license in the allotted time, then their elk license will be awarded to the next consecutive EMZ-resident applicant entry not yet assigned to purchase a special elk hunting license.
- If a non-EMZ resident assigned to purchase a special elk hunting license is not able to purchase the license in the allotted time, then the opportunity to purchase their special elk hunting license will be assigned to the next consecutive applicant entry provided that the assignment of this individual does not exceed the maximum number of non-residents that can purchase a special elk hunting license. Where the selection of an alternate exceeds the maximum number of non-residents that can purchase a special elk hunting license, that alternate and each remaining non-resident applicant are removed from consideration. The special elk hunting license is then awarded to the next consecutive applicant entry who is a Virginia resident, including EMZ residents.