

Wolf Creek Ranch Owner's Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

8 April 2017

Attendees

Tom Mitchell
Fred Ball
Bob Ring
John Manton
Ellis McKanna
Jim Fletcher

Lee Kinard
Eliza Bishop
Warren & Brandon Struss
Mark Stracke
Jim Weathers
Chan Wong & wife

Attachments

Agenda
Sign-in Sheet

Feral Hog Plan

Having confirmed a quorum of directors present to conduct the business of the Association, President Mitchell called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the Ranch barn. A motion was made and seconded to accept the agenda.

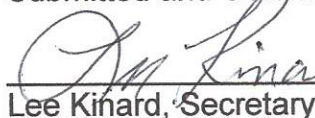
The subject of this special meeting is how WCR should accomplish feral hog abatement.

Discussion of the hand out. It was determined that the plan had not been approved by the board. Jim Fletcher then explained the methods of hog abatement including by helicopters and high powered rifles. The board decided to not use the dog hunt method and rely on using one or more large traps depending on available budget. Jim Fletcher made the motion for John Manton to work with Nelda Duff and Tom Mitchell to determine how many of the large hog traps can be constructed based on WCROA budget funds available and then work with county agent Trenton McNeil to oversee the selection of the best sites and implement the placement of the traps. John Manton seconded and the motion passed by acclamation.

The trappers have already looked at good places to install the trap(s) and it appears they would prefer placing them on adjacent properties to WCR, but close to the fence lines where the hogs are moving through. The exact reason for placing the trap(s) on others properties was not discussed. It has been estimated that large traps would cost \$800 each and most of that is material cost. John Manton noted that there was certainly \$800 available and potentially another \$800 could be found for a second trap.

Tom Mitchell adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:00 PM.

Submitted and Certified by:


Lee Kinard, Secretary


Date

DRAFT AGENDA
WCROA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2017
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Wolf Creek Ranch Office

- Call to Order, 2:00 PM – T. Mitchell
- Confirm Board Quorum – T. Mitchell
- Circulate Sign In Sheet to all Attendees
- Approval of 4/8 Draft Agenda – WCROA Board
- Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (2/4) – WCROA Board
- Wildlife Management (Hogs) – WCROA Board
 1. Jim Fletcher Proposal – Hunters & Catch Dogs
 2. Discussion of Alternatives
- New Business
- Confirm Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

WCROA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Meeting

Saturday, April 8, 2017
Wolf Creek Ranch Office

Sign in Sheet

- 1) Tom Mitchell
- 2) Ellis McKanna
- 3) Jim Fletcher
- 4) John Modest
- 5) Fred Ball
- 6) Lee Kinard
- 7) Bob Ring
- 8) Mark Stracke
- 9) Warren Struss
- 10) Eliza Bishop
- 11) Jim Weather's
- 12) Chan Wong
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Wolf Creek Ranch Owners Association

Board Approved Feral Hog Management Program

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1. That the WCROA retain Clay Gilmore and Cole Gilmore (Hog Trackers) to track and remove feral hogs from Wolf Creek Ranch, which were recommended to the WCROA by Burnet County commissioners Billy Wall and Jim Luther.
2. That the Hog Trackers will use their dogs that are specifically trained to track and hold hogs and will only be utilizing knives to kill feral hogs and not be using rifles or bows to kill the hogs.
3. That there will be no monetary payments to the Hog Trackers in any from by WCROA and that the only compensation that the Hog Trackers will receive is ownership of the actual feral hogs removed to be utilized for meat processing.
4. That WCROA landowners will be given the option to opt-out of this feral hog management effort so that the Hog Trackers will not track and capture hogs on the land owner by any WCROA landowner who chooses to opt-out. All WCROA landowners will be encouraged to opt-out if they desire. Additionally, if a WCROA landowner does not initially opt-out they may do so at any given time in the future.
5. All WCROA landowners that do not specifically opt-out via a provided form will be assumed to be opting into this feral hog management effort.
6. Nelda will notify all WCROA members via e-mail of the time and date that the Hog Trackers will be working on the ranch as soon as she is notified of which the minimum time will be 4 hours.
7. The Hog Trackers will intend to be back on the ranch approximately every six weeks to continue to remove feral hogs or and push them to adjacent lands through a systematic management program.
8. The Hog Trackers prefer and will attempt to track and remove feral hogs during daytime hours but may occasional have to work at night during very hot temperatures as to not have their trained dog succumb to the heat and potentially die or be disabled and no longer able to track feral hogs.
9. One or more WCROA landowner(s) will attempt to go with the Hog Trackers to work to stay off of tracks of land that has been opted-out of this feral hog management effort and generally watch over the effort. (Note: Examples of volunteers: Jim Fletcher and Dorine Petru.)

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