



**ADAAC Committee Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019
Phone Conference - Olympia, WA**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Region 1: Ron "Z" Zubrick
Region 4: Susanna Martini
At Large: Melissa Espinosa

Region 2: Dan Dickerson - Chairman
Region 5: Rick Spring

Absent:

Region 3: Chuck Grijalva

Region 6: Carol Evanoff

DFW Staff in Attendance:

Sam Taylor, HR High Risk Manager
Mary Fitzgerald, HR Administrative Assistant

Guest Speaker

Brock Hoenes – Natural Resource Scientist 4
Wildlife Program – Game; Deer & Elk

-Call to Order:

Welcome by Chairman Dan Dickerson

-Quorum Vote:

With 5 out of the 7 members, Quorum Present.

1. Review of Minutes from prior meeting - Dan Dickerson

- Reviewed and approved

2. Allocation of Disabled Hunting Points – Brock Hoenes, NRS 4, Game; Deer & Elk

Brock Hoenes – Came before the Committee to speak regarding the hunting points system.

In 2010, when the Department transitioned from having a single hunting permit category to 7 (Quality, Bull, Antlerless, Youth, Senior, Disable, Master Hunter), the decision was made to transition any accrued points a hunter had accumulated within the single elk permit category to all 7 of the new categories. This was a onetime event. This resulted in hunters that did not qualify for Youth, Senior, Disabled, or Master Hunter permits to have accrued points within those categories, which they could use at a later date, when they transitioned to that new category (such as senior disabled).

Example 1: John Hunter, who was 55 years old and had 10 accrued points in 2009, now had 10 accrued points in the Senior category in 2010. In 2019, he turned 65 and became eligible for Senior permits and has 10 accrued points in that permit category.

Example 2: Jane Hunter, who was 35 years old and had 10 accrued points in the single elk permit category in 2009, now had 10 accrued points in the Disabled category in 2010. In 2012, she became disabled and was eligible for Disabled permits and has 10 accrued point in that permit category. This has resulted in some recently disabled hunters having an unfair advantage over hunters who have been disabled for some time.

Melissa Espinosa brought this issue to several WDFW employees, without satisfactory resolution. Brock said that DFW will look at the issue to evaluate it and evaluate options to address the issue. He will ask the third party vendor if the system can help us identify the difference between *newly disabled*–vs–*older disabled* persons, and what the cost would be to the Wildlife Program.

The Committee asked Brock to look into what the system can do, and report back.

3. Regional Updates - Each member will update committee

- a) **Region 1:** Last week’s Clinic Day event was a huge triumph. Not as many people, but the quality time with those that were there. A great PowerPoint presentation from Dolores Noyes and Melissa’s adaptive equipment were both a big success. NW Sportsman’s Club attended and brought applications for the “*Free Track Chair*” give away they do each summer. Medical personnel were available to answer questions.

Wildlife Council is working with Land Managers who have platforms that can be used for ADA hunters, they are looking into covers so they can be used year round. Currently they have six areas with platforms in region 1, “Z” will try to provide a digital map to show the locations. “Z” is currently trying to reverse build a platform to get a parts list and cost. It will need only one modification, it currently has three rails, the lowest rail will need to be adjusted as it’s in the way for wheelchair’s footplate and the top rail can be fitted with gun rests.

“Z” had a meeting with Jim Byrne, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. “Z” is also working on an annual national shooting sports event for disabled Vets in Spokane.

- b) **Region 2:** Dan is still pursuing locations for blinds in region 2.

Dan continues working with Joseph Risenhoover on list of facilities that need to be updated to ADA compliant.

Dan is also pursuing land for the ADA compliant target shooting pavilion in Swakane Canyon. Funds and construction help has been provided.

- c) **Region 3:** Absent

- d) **Region 4:** Susanna has called Amy Windrope, Region 4 Director, to pursue locations for blinds in the region, she waiting for a return call. She also called Carol and got more information.
- e) **Region 5:** Rick is waiting on information from Dolores Noyes over ADA regulations on an Archery shooting structure across from the shooting pavilion.

Region 5 has a new project manager, Rick is updating him on current projects.

Rick has been asked to coach the Wheelchair Olympic for July 2020.

- f) **Region 6:** Absent

- g) **At-Large:** Melissa has finished the Sportsman show. She was well received at the events, and will store the equipment at her home should anyone need it.

Finished the Youth Outdoor Unlimited auction, was very well attended. She and her husband have planned a fishing trip in June with the group.

She is currently working with Sam on compiling her survey information.

Committee members were asked to attend the National Fish/Hunt day on Sept. 28th at the Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in Puyallup, WA. Melissa asked about a budget to purchase some "give-away" items at the event, she will email the list of items. Dan suggested that the members talk with the groups that they are associated with for donations.

- h) **All Committee Members:** Communication needs to be kept up, to help us remain a Team! Ask for help when it's needed. We must talk to each other and show support for one other if we want to continue as a team.

4. Next Meeting Date:

- June 5, 2019 at 4:15 pm

5. Motion to Adjourn:

Chairman Dan Dickerson moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.