

**City of Salida Deer Advisory Committee
August 19, 2013**

Members Present: Jane Elmore, Katy Grether, Dale Hoffman, Monica Hutson, Bob Prive, Susan Williams

Members Absent: Jim Elmore, Monika Griesenbeck

Ex Officio: Jim Aragon, Department of Parks and Wildlife

Call to Order by Co-Chairs Monica Hutson and Bob Prive at 5:05 pm in the Methodist Mountain Room of the Touber Building

Public Comment: No one present from the public.

Meeting Notes:

Action: Jane made a motion, and Susan seconded it, to approve the meeting notes from August 12th as corrected. Motion was unanimously approved.

Future Meetings:

Action: Monica made a motion, and Katy seconded it, to meet every other week starting September 9th. Motion was unanimously approved.

More Information on the Deer:

- Jim said that western mule deer wander much further than eastern white tail deer. Collared deer wintering near Johnson's Village have gone as far as Camp Hale and above Leadville in the summer or to have their fawns. White tail deer tend to stay within one square mile.
- But Jim said the mule deer are creatures of habit in terms of their migration pattern, and they travel from higher elevation in the summer to lower elevation in the winter.
- The deer in Colorado are the responsibility and property of the state and DPW has been delegated this responsibility including maintaining the health of the herd in Colorado. That could mean that people, especially hunters, outside of Salida might want to comment on the recommendations we make to the City.

Report on GonaCon Contraceptive: Susan talked to Doug Ackery, the head of the GonaCon development program at the National Wildlife Research Lab in Ft. Collins. He is interested in working with us in Salida and would like to come and talk to our committee. The drug is EPA approved. **The group asked Susan to arrange a time for Doug to come to Salida.**

Discussion of Possible Recommendation: The rest of the meeting was spent discussing possible recommendations, their pros and cons, costs and what problem/issue each one would address. Each committee member will incorporate changes suggested to their drafts.

Survey and Deer Count: Katy wrote up a position paper on the pros and cons of the City conducting an opinion survey about the presence of the deer and/or doing a deer count with the use of volunteers. Both would be beneficial if some of our recommendations are initiated. We will continue to discuss these ideas as we meet and as Jim brings additional information.

Action Items:

- Susan will send out Doug Ackery's email and the committee will review it and send comments back to Susan to forward to Doug.
- Committee members will update their recommendation papers with the group's comments and then email papers to Katy so she can uniformly format them.
- Jim will think about how we might do a deer count involving community volunteers.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 9th, 5:00 pm, in the Methodist Mountain Room of the Touber Building.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Katy Grether