

Sportsman Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date and Time	
Date of Meeting:	December 6, 2023
Time of Meeting:	1700 PM
Meeting Location	
Location of Meeting:	Sportsman Center Classroom BLDG 1465 Fort Sill, Oklahoma 73503
Meeting Attendees	
Present/Absent at Meeting:	See attached Roster for those present and absent.

The meeting of the Sportsman Council was called to order at 1702 on December 6, 2023, at Sportsman Center Classroom.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Old Business

1. Review Issues and Due Outs from Last Meeting COL Tolbert

- Key Events – Jeremiah Zurenda
 - Deer and Elk Gun Season
 - There will be adjustments to hunting slots on West Range to push more hunters to the east compartments of the West Range to reduce the number of harvests taken from areas that are not typically used to having the number of deer and elk taken that have been taken this year.
 - Area Selections with exhausting the newly implemented pools is working well.
 - A new speaker system with four speakers to go on each corner of the pavilion has been ordered to implement at the future area selections to mitigate sportsman not being able to hear their number/name being called. Numbers and names will only be called twice and then the next number will be called.
 - Natural Resources is asking that sportsmen do not call personal cell phones or contact via social media after hours to allow the staff of Natural Resources to spend time with their families. If there are any issues or concerns, please call the desk at Sportsman Services (580) 442-3453.
 - ETP (Exception to Policy for non-duded impact areas) Status

- The ETP is ready to leave Fort Sill – estimated date for advance is 31 December.
 - New boundaries have been set by DPTMS, Natural Resources and DPW GIS Coordinator to mitigate safety and ordinance issues. Once final approval is given from command, it will be sent forward.
 - Quanah Gate issues
 - DPTMS had a discussion with Range Control about briefing units on the locking of the gates to Quanah Range. There has not been an issue since.
- Sikes Act and 21X Funds – Jeremiah Zurenda and Glen Wheat
 - The Sikes Act is the governing component of fish and wildlife in regard to federal military lands and also governs left and right parameters for the 21X funds. The Sikes Act also provides guidance to produce an Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) which is revised every three years.
 - 21X funds consist 100% of permit sales and never expire.
 - Site Assistance Visit (SAV) found that Fort Sill’s 21X funds and all documentation were 100% in compliance.
 - 21X Funds over the past two years have been used primarily for iSportsman, fish stocking, youth fishing derby, and miscellaneous expenses i.e., new scale, seed for food plots, emergency fish stocking for ponds that have been desiccated, etc.

Approximate Annual Use of 21X Funds	
iSportsman Annual Cost	\$40,000.00
Fish Stocking	\$15,000.00
Youth Fishing Derby	\$10,000.00
Other/Emergency Needs	\$10,000.00

- Funds from the sale of firewood permits and agriculture lessee permits are agriculture and forestry funds and can be used on aerial hog management and things like timber management and habitat management in timber. These funds are governed differently than 21X funds.
 - An aerial elk census with USDA is being worked and will potentially happen at the end of December or early January in order to provide more accurate elk numbers to set quotas with. This will be funded with 21X funds.
- Mobility Impaired/Non-ambulatory Hunter Definition
 - Will use the states definition and define restrictions in the 200-1 revisions after voting occurs.
 - Mobility Impaired/Non-ambulatory hunters will need to obtain the state issued permits in order to be able to use the disabled hunting blinds.

- Fee Structure – Charles (Rich) Gregg
 - Proposed Fee Structure COAs

License Type	3 year Avg Sold	2023 Permit Cost	COA 1		COA 2	
			5% Permit Increase with \$25 Elk Lottery Fee	COA 1 Projected Revenue	25% Permit Increase with \$10 Elk Lottery Fee	COA 2 Projected Revenue
annual combo	402	\$50.00	\$53	\$21,105.00	\$63	\$25,125.00
VA combo	108	\$45.00	\$47	\$5,118.75	\$56	\$6,093.75
Annual fish	514	\$25.00	\$26	\$13,483.75	\$31	\$16,052.08
VA Fish	82	\$20.00	\$21	\$1,729.00	\$25	\$2,058.33
Annual Hunt	501	\$30.00	\$32	\$15,792.00	\$38	\$18,800.00
VA Hunt	80	\$30.00	\$32	\$2,509.50	\$38	\$2,987.50
Recreation Access	47	\$15.00	\$16	\$745.50	\$19	\$887.50
VA Rec Access	13	\$15.00	\$16	\$199.50	\$19	\$237.50
Elk Lottery Entry Permit	646	\$6.00	\$25	\$16,141.67	\$10	\$6,456.67
Annual Need \$75,000.			Projected Annual Revenue	\$76,824.67		\$78,698.33

	2023 Cost	Proposed	
Guest Permit Pricing	Small Game	\$10.00	\$15
	Deer	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Fishing	\$12.00	\$15.00
	Recreation	\$6.00	\$10.00
			Average Annual Guest Permit Revenue \$3500

- The proposed fee structure COAs will be sent out via email for votes.

III. New Business

1. Sportsman Council tab on iSportsman COL Tolbert

- A tab in iSportsman has been created in order to hand the minutes from the meetings on for public viewing. The roster with names, unit representations, and emails has been posted on this tab as well, so that sportsmen can contact their representative if needed.

2. New Proposals/ Issues COL Tolbert

- Chief Kness shared a recommendation/issue PowerPoint slide that units use for new proposals and issues. MAJ Christopher Robinson will work on an SOP for this and also implementing this into the Sportsman Council in a way that can be used in a council setting. It will include staffing so that it is implemented into the meeting an official capacity and disbursed to the committees for discussion and action.

3. Open Meeting COL Tolbert

- When: Tentatively Wednesday, 17 January 2024 at 1730 PM. There will be a max time limit of two hours on the meeting.

- Location: Graham Performance Enhancement Center (GPEC), BLDG 2934 Marcy Road, Fort Sill, OK 73503
- Agenda: CPL Trestin Berry will organize the agenda and briefing slides.
- 75% of the meeting will be updates from the council.
 - ETP
 - FS 200-1 Revision
 - Fee Structure
 - Sub-committee representative introductions and updates
- 25% will be open for discussion/written feedback. Issues, concerns, and proposals that are not able to be discussed during the meeting can be submitted through ICE comments and will be discussed at future council meetings.
- iSportsman has the option to allow users to submit a comment card through their iSportsman login. The comments would be discussed at the council meetings and would be anonymous to the public but would not be anonymous to Natural Resources.

4. Data Analysis for Future Meetings

COL Tolbert

- What data do we need in order to make informed decisions and brief command on our decisions, i.e., hunting and fishing retention, herd management, bonus buck program, field access for soldiers, etc.?
- Quota targets for weapon systems and the impact that it would have on the season quotas.
- Requests will have to go through the Judge Advocate General (JAG) before the Natural Resources team can provide the information that we request. Once approved by JAG, Natural Resources will provide the information to the council for informed decision making.
- All PII/Identifiers will be taken out of the data presented to the council.

5. 200-1 Revisions

COL Tolbert

- Suspense date is 1 June 2024.
- Fort Sill has to follow the state laws but can be more restrictive than state laws.

6. Spring Turkey Season

Jeremiah Zurenda

- There will be a youth turkey season, but the number of tags is TBD.
- Adult turkey season will be discussed during the February council meeting.
- Potential turkey hunting seminar to inform and teach hunters about turkeys and turkey hunting is in working status.

7. After Action Surveys

COL Tolbert

- The council and Natural Resources will look at an avenue to implement after action surveys for the general public to allow feedback for 200-1 revisions and council meeting topics.

8. Due Outs

COL Tolbert

- Sportsman Council
 - Data Analysis topics due to COL Tolbert by COB 13 December 2023.
 - Email vote for the proposed fee increase is due to Charles (Rich) Gregg NLT 13 Dec 2023 by 1200. *Only one vote per unit or organization*
 - Brianna Wilcox will provide a MFR showing the results of the poll.
 - Results due to Natural Resources NLT 26 December 2023.
- Hunting Committee
 - Open crossbow usage and the impact on the quotas and season lengths.
 - Area selection process for mobility impaired/non-ambulatory hunters.
- Natural Resources/JAG
 - Redacted Site Assistance Visit (SAV) Results.
- Steve Webb
 - Potluck conditions for next council meeting.
- MAJ Chris Robinson
 - Recommendation/issue PowerPoint slide that the council can use for new proposals and issues and an SOP regulating proposals and issues. It will need to include staffing so that it is implemented into the meeting an official capacity and disbursed to the committees for discussion and action.
- John Clipp, MAJ Chris Robinson, Brianna Wilcox, Jeremiah Zurenda
 - Turkey hunting seminar.

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The open meeting will be held at 1730 on January 17, 2024 at:
TBD based on availability
BLDG TBD based on availability
Fort Sill, Oklahoma
73503

The meeting was adjourned at 1916 by COL Tolbert

Minutes submitted by: Brianna Wilcox

Minutes approved by: COL Tolbert And Sgt Maj Studer