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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF
EAGLE RANCH ASSOCIATION

A Meeting of the Wildlife Committee of the Eagle Ranch Association (the “Association”) was held on July 25, 2023, at the Eagle Ranch Office, 1143 Capitol Street, Eagle, CO 81631, or via video/teleconference.

Committee Members Present:

Scott Turnipseed, Eagle Ranch Association
Derek Rose, Eagle Ranch Golf Course
Kent Rose, Eagle Ranch Association
Brian Lieberman, Town of Eagle
Brian Wodrich, Colorado Parks & Wildlife

Others Present:

Liz Adams, Residential Director, Executive Board
Jamie Harrison, Residential Director, Executive Board
Shelley Bellm, EWH Assistant Community Manager, Eagle Ranch; Wildlife Coordinator

The order of business was as follows:

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m. MDT. A quorum of Committee members was present.
2. Approval of Minutes. Scott Turnipseed motioned to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023, Wildlife Committee, seconded by Brian Lieberman. Approval carries 3-0
3. New Business
 - a. Wildlife Committee Roles & Responsibilities. The committee reviewed the document with the following comments:
 - i. Jamie Harrison requested the appointment of a treasurer to review the association financials to ensure that accurate accounting of transfer fees into the wildlife fund. The Committee determined that the coordinator would review this information on a regular basis and provide a quarterly update to the Committee.
 - ii. Jamie Harrison recommended that a President be elected to approve agendas & run the meetings. The Roles and Responsibilities state that the Wildlife Committee be run similar to the Design Review Board. Shelley suggested that the Committee adopt the same policy of electing a chairman at the beginning of each year. The Committee agreed to this suggestion, Shelley will add it to the Roles & Responsibilities Document.
 - iii. Jamie Harrison sought to clarify how the role of the coordinator would be paid. Liz Adams clarified that as a staff member, The coordinator could not be paid through a 1099 process. A salary adjustment should be considered and recommended to the Master Association and a budget allocation would be made

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through the Wildlife funds to cover this additional amount. Consideration for additional pay will be considered when the coordinator is spending excess time working with project managers on Wildlife Committee funded projects.

- iv. Section 1.2 of the Wildlife Committee Roles and Responsibilities was discussed to provide clarity on the appointment & reappointment process.
- v. Section 1.4 of the Wildlife Committee Roles and Responsibilities brought attention to the lack of the full role of the Committee and simply attempts to summarize the Wildlife Protection Plan and Association Declaration. Shelley will add verbiage to the document to include that members must be familiar with the Wildlife Protection Plan and Association Declarations.
- vi. Modifications to verbiage in the document will be made and forwarded to the full committee for final approval.

b. Coordinator Position – Establish Pay Rate. See section 3.a.iii above for this discussion.

c. Respect the Wild Campaign

- i. Presentation has been rescheduled for the October meeting of the Wildlife Committee. A summary of the work of the VVMTA was forwarded to the Committee and is attached. Brian Wodrich expressed concerns from citizens that the campaign seems to have gone quiet. Brian Lieberman explained the campaign was primarily for Winter closures and will kick back up in October. Discussion related to what do we want to see in the future with new campaigns, what expectations does the Committee have, should the program be expanded beyond Deer/Elk and include all wildlife around Eagle (Bear/Mountain Lion, etc.)?

4. Other Business

- a. Open Space Acquisitions. The Committee discussed potential partnerships for land acquisition as well as parcels within Eagle Ranch impacted by migration.
- b. Winter Range Improvements. Potential for Winter range improvements for Deer herd. Look at a potential RFP soon for improvement oversight.
- c. Wildlife Crossings. Technological advancements have provided for improved signage at wildlife crossings. Wildlife movement triggers the activation of flashing lights when they are in the area. Consider reaching out to the Town for discussion.

Draft letter of support asking the Town to reduce speeds in active wildlife areas. Speeds increasing in “hot” zones may generate more problems.

- d. Fishing is Fun Grant. An update was provided to the Committee. The grant application has been paused to create a more comprehensive program.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. MDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Bellm, Coordinator