

## **Mule Deer Initiative Working Group Meeting December 9, 2014 6pm**

**Attendees:** Binfet, Bish, Withroder, Milek, O'Brien, Randy Morrison, Paul Threlkeld, Steve Garrett, Pete Garret, Dusty Porter, Miles Bundy, Chris Mikels, Jeff Muratore, Rhen Etzelmiller, Phil Marton, Brian Olsen

**Not in Attendance:** Jim Wetzal, Ryan Kaiser, Brian Scott

- 1) Roundtable introductions
- 2) Bestowing of Deputy status on Pete Garrett – Jeff Muratore and Heather O'Brien
- 3) Collaborative Learning Process Presentation – Janet Milek
  - a. Collaborative learning – process by which interdependent parties work together towards a common interest –in this case, mule deer
  - b. Membership in the working group- wanted representation from interested parties – hunters, landowners, outfitters, businessmen, NGO reps, BLM reps, WGFD reps
  - c. Roundtable of members describing their background, careers, experiences, why they feel they are a member of the team, what they bring to the team, what they want to get out of the team
  - d. **ACTION:** Create a template for each member to fill in as their bio. Email out template, get back from members, compile and give to Commissioners at winter meeting (O'Brien)
  - e. More explanation of collaborative learning – the process
  - f. Education first: need to provide the group with as much information on variables affecting mule deer – habitat info, management info, disease, predation, etc. Working group needs to receive a wider variety of information on all the variables before beginning work on problem-solving and involving the public
  - g. **ACTION:** 3-year data for Chris Mikels of classification data (O'Brien)
  - h. Goal: Set two educational meetings to cover information that needs to be shared on topics that affect mule deer
  - i. Meeting dates – January – two meetings – 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Might need more or less depending on what the group decides they want. Can decide as we go.
  - j. **ACTION:** get demographic data on hunter retention from Cheyenne survey (Binfet)
  - k. **ACTION:** get FB questions to Jeff Muratore (O'Brien)
  - l. **ACTION:** put MDI card handout graphic in the Wyoming Livestock Roundup (Garretts?)
  - m. **Other papers:** Casper Journal, Our Town, others?
  - n. **ACTION:** write an article in OUR TOWN for January (Milek)
  - o. **ACTION:** contact Brian Scott to talk about MDI on K2 Radio (Porter)

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm. Notes submitted by Heather O'Brien

**NEXT MEETINGS: January 7<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:00PM – WGFD Casper Office**