

# **Menard County Wildlife Management Association**

## **Goals and By-Laws – Amended 9-24-05**

### **Goals**

The Menard County Wildlife Management Association was organized with the following goals in mind:

1. To bring the majority of the acreage in Menard County under proven successful game management practices.
2. To make harvest recommendations for predetermined land areas of the county.
3. To obtain accurate harvest records for the entire managed area.
4. To have better hunter/landowner relations and neighbor relations through education.
5. To encourage landowners in the control area to become educated as to land management practices which enrich wildlife habitat and to encourage the implementation of those practices among landowners.
6. To sanction predator control as recommended by the Menard County Game and Livestock Association and Texas Parks and Wildlife game biologists.
7. Gain advantages in marketing wildlife.
8. To encourage “managing” and not “mining” wildlife.
9. To be a non-profit organization.

### **Bylaws**

1. This association shall be called the Menard County Wildlife Management Association.
2. Game numbers and quality will be enhanced through proper game management practices as determined by the association.
3. Texas Cooperative Extension, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be utilized as resources for determining proper game management practices.
4. “Proper game management practices” refers to but is not limited to:
  - A. Habitat management
  - B. Recommending harvest levels
  - C. Maintaining accurate harvest records
  - D. Providing population data through various census techniques
  - E. Recommending supplemental or enhanced food supplies
  - F. Sanctioning predator control as recommended by the Menard County Game and Livestock Association and the Texas Parks and Wildlife game biologists.
5. The association members will be encouraged to help curtail illegal hunting by watching out for road hunting and night hunting and reporting such observed illegal hunting to their neighbors and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game wardens.
6. The association will promote record keeping, and assist in gathering and maintaining population and harvest data.
  - A. The association will assist in setting up spotlight counts.
  - B. Spotlight census data will be combined with casual observation reports, helicopter surveys, and other available data to provide a good estimate of population

- densities and herd composition.
- C. Harvest records will be gathered and combined following hunting season.
7. Ongoing education of all members will serve to improve landowner/hunter relations as well as neighbor relations.
8. Association members should encourage their non-member neighbors to join the association in order to increase the land area being managed and to reduce the amount of fringe areas from which deer are often killed by non-members and their hunters.
9. Four directors and three officers of the association will serve as the executive committee.
- A. This committee is elected at the first annual meeting of each new year which begins on September 1.
- B. Two directors will be elected annually. Odd number districts on odd years and even numbers on even years. Zones divided by highways: NE-1, SE-4, SW-2, NW-3.
- C. Directors can serve up to two consecutive terms.
- D. Officers will consist of president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer.
- E. Officers are elected for a one-year term and can succeed themselves in the same office one time.
- F. Active members of the organization will elect both directors and officers.
- G. Directors and officers will receive no financial compensation.
10. Annual membership dues will be \$10.00. Any additional donations will be accepted. All remaining finances will be donated to the Menard County Game and Livestock Association if the organization should ever dissolve.
- A. Membership signs will be provided when available to each member at cost.
- B. Dues will be assessed each year according to the needs of the association.
- C. Money will be used for postage, advertisement, and educational programs.
- D. Membership will run from September 1 through August 31 each year.
11. Each member has one vote.
12. Membership is open to anyone interested in game management in Menard County.
13. These bylaws may be changed by 2/3 vote of membership present at any called meeting.
14. Funds will be deposited in the Menard County Wildlife Management Association Account at the Menard National Bank and require Menard County Wildlife Management Association Executive Committee approval for dispersal of funds.
15. **It is not necessary for every member of this Association to agree with every objective and goal of the association, rather each member of the association does support the general principals of land and species conservation along with responsible agriculture production.**