

VISTA MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

I. Organization and Purpose

1. This association shall be called Vista Mountain Wildlife Management Association.
2. Game numbers and quality will be enhanced through proper game management practices as determined by the association.
3. The association will promote record keeping, and assist in gathering and maintaining population and harvest data.
4. Ongoing education of all members will serve to improve landowner/hunter relations as well as neighbor relations.
5. 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.
6. Meetings will be held in Coryell or Hamilton Counties (primarily in Evant, TX) with a minimum of 10 days notice.

II. Membership

1. Membership will run from September 1 through August 31 each year.
2. Membership is open to anyone interested in game management in or around the Vista Mountain Wildlife Management Area.
3. 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.
4. There will be two classes of membership: Active members and Associate members
5. An active members is a landowner/lessor with listed acreage in VMWMA.
6. An associate member is a non-landowner who has an interest in the goals and programs of VMWMA. This includes hunters, family members, and students.
7. A quorum will consist of 50% of the active membership.
8. Associate members are not eligible to vote.
9. Each active member has one vote.
10. Only active members of the organization are eligible to vote in officer elections.
11. These bylaws may be changed by 2/3 vote of membership present at any called meeting.

III. Officers

1. Three officers of the association will serve as the executive committee.
2. Officers will consist of a president, treasurer (elected in odd numbered years), and secretary (elected in even numbered years)
3. Officers are elected for a two-year term and cannot succeed themselves in the

same office.

4. Officers will receive no financial compensation.

IV. Operations

1. 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.

2. Proper game management practices refer to but are 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 Texas Parks and Wildlife game biologists.

3. 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.

4. The association will assist in setting up spotlight counts.

5. Spotlight census data will be combined with casual observation reports and other available data to provide a good estimate of population densities and herd composition.

6. Harvest records will be gathered and combined following the hunting season.

7. Active members should comply with the goals and objectives of VMWMA. In order to be eligible for the Managed Land Deer Permits (MLDP's) and/or the special rate for the Lease License, the member needs to be in good standing with payment of dues, collecting and reporting by specified deadlines the various data required by the Parks and Wildlife biologist such as census data and jawbone collection data.

V. Dues and Finances

1. Annual membership dues are \$10.

2. Additional donations will be accepted.

3. Membership signs will be available to new members at no cost. Additional signs are available at \$10 per sign. If the sign cost increases, then this fee will increase accordingly.

4. Dues and donations will be used solely to promote the purpose and objectives of the Vista Mountain Wildlife Association.

5. The Vista Mountain Wildlife Management Association bank account will be established at a local bank.

6. All finances will be deposited in this account. Signature of one officer will be required on each check or withdrawal.

7. In the event of association termination any money remaining in the account will be donated to the Evant Volunteer Fire Department.