

Master Hunter Applicant Orientation Meeting February 14, 2009 Yakima, Washington

Attendee Evaluation Survey Summary

Evaluation Forms Completed:

• Unsigned, “yes” answers to all four questions, no comments	40
• Signed, “yes” answers to all four questions, no comments	24
• Unsigned, “no” answer to the question “Do you intend to Become a certified Master Hunter?”	2
• Unsigned, with comments	17
• Signed, with comments	<u>6</u>
Total Evaluation Forms Completed	89

Comments from Signed Evaluation Forms:

- Please publish the cost of this program ahead of time so that people can be prepared for payment at the orientation.
- Are non-game wildlife volunteer activities included in credited volunteer time?
- The orientation would benefit from better focus, more brevity, and more time for questions.
- Who to contact for completion?
- The presentation was excellent.
- Change the language – change “sport” to “conservation” when used with the word “hunting”.
- Thank you.

Comments from Un-signed Evaluation Forms:

- Very good coverage of material.
- I would like to see separate class for specific areas of what is needed for that area.
- Opportunities other than elk control?
- Very good information, was very informative.
- Get to the point sooner.
- Make sample tests available.
- Clarification on shooting proficiency. Good job.
- Great job.
- The presentation was much too long and repetitious. Streamline it, and take your own advice about highlighting the issues.

- Always more emphasis on Ethics of Hunting. One reason I have not done this earlier was/is due to image of program.
- I think you covered it all very well.
- Keep presentation on track to the slides.
- Explanation of what is available online. Hunters Ed info, applications....
- Repeating a lot.
- It's a great presentation. (Note: comment was extensively underlined.)
- I thought it went well.
- Quit repeating the same issues. Multiple speakers spoke about the same subjects. Repeating issues prolonged the length of the presentation.

Notes from Session Leader:

- The West Valley Fire Station has an excellent training facility that was perfect for this Orientation session.
- Attendance was just over 100. We had one hundred copies of the handout materials and all were taken by the attendees.
- MHAG members present were Mike Estes, Bill Madison, and Ray Boone.
- WDFW Enforcement was represented by Captain Rich Mann and Sergeant Mike Sprecher.
- Mike Estes did the introduction and slide show presentation. Too much, too long. The Coulbourn/Kuttel format used last year works better to maintain attendee interest and to give presenters time to reorganize while someone else is speaking.
- Ray Boone discussed the special challenges of the Peshastin elk hunt. Bill Madison summarized the variety and number of MH hunts from the hunting pamphlet. Captain Mann emphasized ethics. Sgt. Sprecher summarized a few of the recent violations from the Elk Area 3911 hunt.
- A show of hands revealed that attendees were primarily from Yakima and Kittitas counties. There were a handful from Benton and Franklin counties, and one each from Grant, Clark, and King counties.
- Anthony Novak had planned to attend but had to cancel on Friday afternoon due to elk issues that he had to attend to on Saturday morning. Bill Madison passed around a work party sign-up sheet for Anthony for elk damage fence repair. Fifty-seven attendees signed up.
- MH Application forms and an Orientation meeting evaluation form were distributed during a break about 40 minutes prior to the conclusion of the meeting.
- We had 50 standard application packets and 25 packets with the Alberta manual available for sale. All of the "printed" packets containing the Alberta manual were sold, and we could have sold more. All but 16 of the CD application packets were sold. More of those could also have been sold except that several people did not have their WILD ID# with them. Those people were advised to mail their applications to Olympia.
- Total time to sell the packets was less than 15 minutes. The application forms were distributed during a break shortly before the end of the meeting. When the meeting concluded, people broke into two lines (one for the \$20 packet and the other for the \$33.19 packet). All we had to do was verify that the form was signed, included the

WILD ID#, that the correct box was marked (CD or paper), and that "Paid in Cash" was written on the application form if applicable. I used a stapler to attach the check or cash to the application form. (Note for next time: have had a stapler for each line.

- Eighty-nine evaluations were completed and turned in out of the 100 survey forms available. (A few of the survey forms were found in a stack and apparently didn't get passed down the row.) Mike Estes called everyone who made a comment and provided contact information.

Submitted by Mike Estes

Spokane MH Orientation Meeting 2-21-2009 Report

The Meeting began promptly at 1PM at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council building in Spokane.

There were 68 attendees including the following assistance and presenters;
MHAG - Mike Britton, Ray Boone, Richard Mathisen, & Jim Reinbold.
DFW - Mike Atamian, Biologist, Lenny Hahn, Officer
Master Hunters - Terry Britton, Larry Stansbury
Inland Northwest Wildlife Council President - Ken Hoff (provider of the facility at no charge)

Mike Britton led off with the first 5 pages of the MH Orientation PowerPoint presentation.

Larry Stansbury presented pages 6 through 33 with a break midway.

During the break, 26 applications were taken and paid for. Another individual had received an electronic format package but wanted the book, so we converted one of the print format packages by selling him only the book. Of the originally provided 25 printed packages, 11 were sold (one split*) and 13 returned, and of the 50 e-versions, 14 were sold and 36* returned. (See the attached accounting) Some attendees already had their application packages.

Mike Britton completed the presentation and all answered questions.

Unfortunately, the survey sheets were forgotten. There is no feedback in written form.

My perception: The presentation went very well. The attendees were asking many intelligent questions and seemed very fired up about the MH Program. There were approximately 5 women and a couple of children. An I&O meeting would probably not yield more participants. Approximately 25% were from outside of the Spokane area.

The meeting was completed at 3:30PM.

Submitted by Mike Britton

Master Hunter Application Orientation Meeting
February 28, 2009
Olympia, Washington

Attendee Evaluation Survey Summary

Unsigned, "Yes" answered all questions	41
Signed, "Yes" answered all questions	5
Signed, "Yes" was not sure of becoming a Master Hunter	1
Unsigned, with comments	10
Total received Surveys	41

Comments from signed Evaluation Forms:

- ❖ Shooting target size is different
- ❖ Don't have three people saying the same thing
- ❖ More about volunteer time but satisfied with info
- ❖ Give better address info
- ❖ Practice/ follow power point
- ❖ Too much confusion between presenters
- ❖ Shotgun qualification w/ slugs instead of birdshot

Comments from unsigned Evaluation Forms:

- ❖ Classes could be shorter
- ❖ Need larger room
- ❖ Need video
- ❖ Points for drawing differ between Regular Hunting Permits and MH
- ❖ Need Microphone
- ❖ Need better organization between the three speakers
- ❖ Limit 2 minutes/slide
- ❖ Maintain highest standards and expectation

There were about 100 in attendance

Submitted by Bill Vincent

