



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2010

1. Introduction

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, USVEMG President David Willson presiding. The minutes of the July 2010 meeting were circulated in advance. A quorum of voting directors was not present, voting matters for both the July and August meeting will be deferred to the next general meeting September 22.

Board members present:

David Willson, Harold Erland, Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Tom Kemp, Maura Callahan, and Pat Young.

Attendance: 15.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Gildersleeve circulated the report and corrections to the July 2010 report at the meeting (also attached below). The correction on the July 14 report corrects the balance on hand to show \$1416.07 instead of \$1617.07 which was shown in the original report. The August 11 report shows a balance on hand of \$1542.35.

3. Elk Research and Management (ERM) Committee Report by Harold Erland, Committee Chair

Collaring Project: Elk 18, nicknamed "Peggy" was trapped on Monday. The elk has a yellow tag on her right ear. The trap has been repaired and is sturdy. The Nintendo property is presently not productive with respect to the trapping. Many elk are at Meadowbrook Farm and the Mount Si Golf Course sites.

Community Participation: For those members of the community that would like to help report sightings of ear-tagged elk please provide date, time, location, and a description of the elk in an email note to research@snoqualmievalleyelk.org.

Wildlife Corridors: Mr. Kemp has attended a number of meetings with the City of North Bend. Regarding the Wildlife Corridor discussion, the city's impression on the matter is that it is "inappropriate to establish a 100 foot corridor" and instead leave such designs to the developer's discretion. The city does not want to put "burdens" on the land owner. Mr. Kemp notes that the city has already done this in regard to other zonings. He also noted that the city planning commission did not want to hear what he had to say. Ms. Callahan noted that the commission requires hard data. Mr. Gildersleeve added that most of these issues fall into a quasi-judicial category so they need to be objective.

North Bend officials and the community have expressed a need to maintain a "rural character" in the community. Mr. Gildersleeve noted that the Snoqualmie Valley is a bedroom community to the city. Rural character to some means view of forested mountains and no more than that. Mr. Gildersleeve also mentioned that property developers have a proposal process which is both deliberative and open and somewhat consistent. This may be the most effective venue for creating functional wildlife corridors in the valley. The current North Bend council is business-oriented, sometimes it has been strongly anti-growth, it changes with each election. So too the planning commission appointments.

4. People and Land Management (PLM) Committee Report by Maura Callahan, Committee Chair

Ms. Callahan submitted a committee report which includes:

1. Meadowbrook Farm kiosk text and designs.
2. Sonny Paz discussed USFS elk habitat improvement work near Greenwater (east of Enumclaw) which might be viable for the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River area.
3. Russell Link is working on updates to the North Rainier Elk Herd Plan.
4. Mike McCarty said that the North Bend city council will benefit from an additional six months of tracking information to further our cause for creating wildlife corridors.
5. About one acre has been seeded at the CCC Flats habitat improvement site and there is evidence that the elk are using the area for forage.

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5. Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee Report by David Willson

Committee chair Kalli Willson could not attend. Expenses for the festival are \$55 for booth fee and \$112.79 for printing costs. This leaves \$82.21 for other expenses. The festival runs August 13 through 15. Ms. Willson will help set up the booth on Friday at 3 p.m. She requested help confirming certain supplies including tent, tables, and other equipment. Many present did offer their assistance.

6. For the Good of the Order

Final revision of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Telemetry Waiver form is available (attached).

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT
UPPER SNOQUALMIE VALLEY ELK MANAGEMENT GROUP
PO BOX 700
NORTH BEND, WA 98045

Date: 07/14/2010 (corrected)

Balance on hand as of last meeting:	\$4550.70
Dues and new memberships paid	20.00
Donations	.00
On-hand assets	<u> </u>
Total Assets	\$4570.70
Disbursements:	
- 10 VHF collars (Snoqualmie's)	\$ 2834.63
- PO Box Renewal	\$ 70.00
- Mt Si Festival Expenses	\$ 250.00
Balance on Hand (Date of Report)	\$ 1416.07
Verified with on-line banking	\$ 1416.07
On hand bills:	
None	
Projected Balance:	<u> </u> \$ NA

Jim Gildersleeve
Treasurer
07/14/2010

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT
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Date: 08/11/2010

Balance on hand as of last meeting:	\$1416.07
Dues and new memberships paid	20.00
Donations	.00
Turn-in of excess bait funds	56.28
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Total Assets	\$1552.35
Disbursements:	
- WA SecState-Corporation Renewal	\$ 10.00
Balance on Hand (Date of Report)	\$ 1542.35
Verified with on-line banking	\$ 1542.35
On hand bills:	
None	
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Projected Balance:	\$ NA

Jim Gildersleeve
Treasurer
08/11/2010



Telemetry Volunteer Waiver



Volunteers involved in the Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group study are agents of the state and have access to sensitive biological data not available to the general public. Therefore, WDFW requires that all prospective volunteers involved with the telemetry portion of the study sign the following waiver and abide by the conditions set forth below;

1. Volunteers involved in the telemetry portion of the study will not hunt for elk in Game Management Units 460 or Special Hunt Area 4601 for a term of one year from the last time they took part in telemetry work. Successful applicants for Master Hunter Damage hunts are exempt from requirement #1 as damage hunts are not fair chase hunts and are set in place for population control purposes only.
2. Volunteers agree not to share or discuss telemetry data with individuals not involved in the study that plan to hunt for elk in Game Management Unit 460 or Special Hunt Area 4601.

Failure to comply with the above will result in removal from the study.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____