

Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group Meeting and Attendees

Meeting Called to Order: Russell Link called the October 8, 2008, meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. Russell greeted all and welcomed them to our fifth meeting. He requested that all attendees sign the sign up roster (Attachment 1) so that we know who is interested in these meetings. Jim Gildersleeve was asked to facilitate the meeting.

Introduction of new attendees: Jim asked for new attendees to identify and introduce themselves.

Agenda summary:

Refinements to our Mission, Objectives and functions have been made. These were emailed to Group several days ago. Russ Link will talk about prior to finalizing at our next meeting.

Update on Decision Making Process for the Group by Mike McCarty.

Committee Meetings--we will have a special break out period for our first committee meetings.

A proposal to enhance communication between local landowners, hunters, and members of the Elk Management Committee will be present by Harold Erland.

Minutes of 09-10-2008 meeting: Reviewed and approved as submitted.

Old Business:

Mission, organization and functions were discussed by Russ. A revised draft was circulated. Also short, mid, and long-term objectives were included. Steering Committee wants to circulate an “intermediate” copy for comments. Final draft will be circulated via email by October 13, 2008. Please review, comment as appropriate, and be prepared to approve at the November 12, 2008, meeting.

New Business:

Decision Making Structure and Process: Russ referred this to Mike McCarty, Chief Planner for City of North Bend, to present. Steering Committee has studied the group and observed that our meetings are large with 40-50 persons present. Steering committee members feel we need a smaller decision-making authority, which flows from primary and secondary stakeholders representing advocacy groups. Attachment 2 is an information paper which outlines this discussion. There was a lot of discussion and many good questions came up. Can one be on more than one interest group? Yes. There was quite a bit of discussion about the stakeholders and it was suggested that some be “at large” stakeholders—persons without any particular advocacy. A lively discussion ensued.

Dave Battey moved that the proposed list of stakeholders be approved, recognizing that it is intended to be flexible, and changes could occur. Motion seconded. More discussion. Motion was voted on and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Dick Burhans put forth a proposed amendment to the motion to change two stakeholders (19 and 20) to “citizens at large” and add two more for a total of four. It was asked who would approve them. The answer: the Steering Committee. Motion was seconded. More discussion. Amendment to the Motion was carried by simple majority vote.

Harold Erland asked that that persons interested in serving as “citizens at large” email Russell so that the Steering Committee can take up their requests. Mayor Ken Hearing suggested that a notice be published in the local newspapers that stakeholders were being selected and if persons were interested they should contact the Steering Committee members. Ken volunteered Mike McCarty to put that notice in the local newspapers.

Breakout to Committees: The committees are envisioned as the “work horses” of the organization, and are self governing, can hold their own meetings, etc. They are expected to report to Elk Management Group as a whole, as needed, and to make recommendations for accomplishing our mission and goals. Their temporary functions are outlined in the mission, organization, and objectives document.

Dave Battey informed all that there was a special meeting at the Interpretive Center on October 12, 2008, at 6:30 P.M on falconry and the public was invited.

Meeting of the whole called back to order at 8:00 P.M.

Initiative to Improve Communications between Hunters and Landowners: Harold Erland, Chair of the Elk Management and Control Committee, requested approval of a letter that would be put in the local newspaper encouraging property owners to open their land to elk hunting during the upcoming general firearms season (Nov. 1-10, 2008). It was thought that a few more elk might be harvested this fall by doing so and that would be beneficial to hunters and property owners. A copy of the letter is at Attachment 3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the letter for release. Much excellent discussion ensued. The motion to release the letter and undertake this initiative was approved unanimously.

The minutes were transcribed and summarized by Jim Gildersleeve who is wholly responsible for their content. Any corrections of fact should be emailed to him (jlbgsgild@comcast.net) for consideration at the next meeting.

Attendees at October 8, 2008, meeting

Russell Link
Chris Hoszeter
Seth Truscott-Valley Record
Pat Young
Ken Hearing
Jim Gildersleeve
David & Kalli Willson
Dick and Mrs. Burhan
Cindy Hacherl (for Don)
Mike McCarty
Cesar Oarrion Guidotti
Dean Francis
David Bach
Martin Greenhaw
Jim Lund
Phil Cassady
Kevin Halbert
Scott Stringfellow
Jim Shain
Kevin Snyder
Bob Hamerly
Maury Hamerly
Joe Merlich
Raynier Van Eqmoni
Sam Metlzer
Dave Battey
Harold Erland
Dianna Phillips
Robert Casey
Mark Torres