



USVEMG Regular Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2010

Regular Meeting called to order on Wednesday February 10, 2010, at 6:35 P.M. by USVEMG President, David Willson. An introduction of newcomers, Directors and Officers was requested by Mr. Willson. New attendees introduced themselves and were welcomed by the group.

Minutes of the January meeting were presented by Gary Fancher. Amendments to names in the minutes were provided. Mr. Kolodejchuk made a motion to approve the amended minutes and it was seconded. The January minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Willson provided an update on Elk locations and hot spots for elk habitat that Russell Link had identified.

Committee Reports

Land and People Management Committee

The last Land and People Committee meeting was recapped by Mike McCarty and Harold Erland.

- Mike McCarty Senior Planner from the City of North Bend provided his synopsis to establish a wildlife corridor in the City's Fish and Wildlife corridor. He stated that in a critical area, development would not be allowed.
- Jennifer Vanderhoof Ecologist with King County Watershed and Ecological Assessment Team added that we should look into expanding their wildlife corridors to connect with the city's.
 - Ryan added that the County wildlife corridors are 300' where the City of North Bend is 100'.
- Harold added that four cameras used on the Eastside of the I-90 pass will be installed on the west side in order to see what wildlife is using the corridors and where crossings are.
- Mr. McCarty from the city of North Bend announced a six month commercial building moratorium in the Tanner Annexed area. A special meeting is being held at 7:00 PM at North Bend City Hall.

Public Awareness, Education and Outreach Committee

Kalli Willson informed the group that the last meeting was well attended. Also:

- Snoqualmie Elementary and Mt. Si High school field trips are scheduled.
- Reviewed student's observations of elk data, sightings, and field findings.
- 5th Grade students discussed balancing community, human and wildlife populations and possible solutions that mirrored many of our own groups ideas.
- Website redesigned to permit easier teacher resource identification and navigation.
- Classes are being advertised in the April Mt. Si community guide
- Asked for help to design the Meadowbrook farm signs.

Elk Research and Management Committee

Mr. Erland provided a slide presentation on areas that he visited for possible elk habitat improvement.

- Collars are at Lotek to be refurbished. Two additional GPS collars were sent to Lotek by the City of North Bend which will be refurbished and used around the new annexed areas. He showed a GPS collar.



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- Sent application and insurance to DNR for Habitat improvement permit discussed in the January General meeting.
- Harold went to the CCC Flats area and conducted pellet counts in a section last week.
- DNR must first be notified before working in the area.
- Started Clover trapping after providing a training class to about 20 participants last Sunday.
 - The trap was built using a downloaded diagram
 - Two deer have been trapped in the first three days
- Tom provided an update on telemetry classes which are published on the agenda.

Fundraising Committee

Jim Gildersleeve providing an update that \$3500 has been received by the City of North Bend and the City of Snoqualmie should be providing another check soon.

- Finished the DFW ALEA grant \$30,000 to purchase additional collars and associated tracking and collaring tests and expenses.
- The Rocky Mountain Elk foundation denied our Grant request and asked us to apply again next year.
- Applied to the Rotary Association for a \$5000.00 grant
- Working on a King County Grant that is due in June
- He invited members to submit organizations and companies that we might be interested in seeking a grant from.
- \$275k was 2009 initial amount needed to complete the mission.

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Board Role Call

Present

President: David Willson; Vice President: Jim Gildersleeve Treasurer: Secretary: Gary Fancher; Ryan Kolodejchuk; Harold Erland, Sam Metzler, Don Hacherl, Phil Cassidy, Tom Kemp, Pat Young, Tim McBride.

Absent

Joe Merclich, Matt Campbell, Scott Stringfellow, Nels Melgaard, Dave Battey, Mark Belaire, Maura Callahan, Read Sims, David Bach Dianna Phillips.

1) **Treasurers Report**

Ryan provided that the balance in the account is \$4104.22. 38 old new members joined since last meeting. Total 45 USVEMG members. \$783 dollars was spent for insurance.

Mr. Gildersleeve made a motion to approve the report and was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.



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2) **Nomination and Appointment of Annual Audit Committee**

The audit committee will review the deposits and expenditures of the Treasurers report. The following people were nominated:

- Tom Kemp
- Tim McBride
- Andrea Toomey
- George Goundry

Don made motion that the following be appointed to the audit committee and was seconded to produce a report to the board of directors by the end of February.

3) **Review of the Proposed 2010 Budget**

The budget was introduced by Mr. Willson.

Mr. Kolodejchuk made a motion to amend the budget by removing the \$3500 from Line 4 of the Income and Forecasted.

Mr. McBride made a motion to strike the "Current" and "Actual" column from the budget and was seconded. After discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gildersleve made a motion to approve the 2010 Budget amounts both income and expenses and it was seconded.

After discussion the motion was not passed.

Mr. Gildersleve made a motion to table to the next meeting and was seconded. After discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

4) **Accident Waiver and Liability Release Form**

The group discussed the Accident Waiver and Liability Release Form. The forms were created within the group and have not been reviewed by an attorney.

After a discussion of the forms use and purpose plus legal holding, Mr. Kolodejchuk made a motion that that group seek legal counsel and review of our accident and waiver forms and was seconded. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

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Additional Clover Trap

The group discussed the need for an additional clover trap in order to have additional scientific elk data. After discussion that included last year's budget and monies spent, Mr. Fancher made a motion to authorize \$1000 to purchase materials for a clover trap and related bait and was seconded.

After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.



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Non-Owned Auto Rider Insurance

Mr. Gildersleve spoke on the importance of non-owned motorist insurance. This policy would cover non-voting volunteers. Mr. Kolodejchuk made a motion to purchase the Non-Owned Auto Rider Insurance. The motion was unanimously approved.

City of North Bend Wildlife Corridors

Mr. Kolodejchuk spoke on the narrow width of the North bend wildlife corridors. It included the recent SEPA meeting over the Tanner Wood development. The group expanded the discussion summarizing the need to expand our involvement in the local governments planning and land use departments to better protect wildlife corridors and habitat. Mr. Wilson made a motion to Table the discussion to our next general meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:54 PM

Next Meeting: March 10, 2010

February 10, 2010, meeting minutes prepared by USVEMG Secretary Gary Fancher.

Signature

Date