



## USVEMG Regular Meeting Minutes

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*March 10, 2010*

Regular Meeting called to order on Wednesday March 10, 2010, at 6:35 P.M. by 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 February meeting were presented by Secretary 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 February minutes were unanimously approved.

### Committee Reports

#### Land and People Management Committee

The last Land and People Committee meeting was recapped by Treasurer Ryan Kolodejchuk and Vice President Jim Gildersleeve.

- The last meeting was chaired by Mr. Gildersleeve
- DNR Pit considered for Land reclamation was found not to be under their threshold
- Mr. McCarty recapped the last Planning Commission Meeting and is taking all the written and verbal reports regarding wildlife corridors for possible code amendments in the next two weeks.
- Mr. Gildersleeve recapped the USVEMG Letter that was drafted by the President and circulated to all the Officers and Board members regarding the wildlife corridors inside the city. The letter had the support of the Board and Officers and was delivered to the North bend Planning Commission by Mr. Kolodejchuk. The letter will be considered for formal approved as required in the Bylaws later in the meeting.
- Camp Waskowitz cameras captured elk crossing interstate 90. A letter is to be drafted and send to DOT to request fencing construction as it the area were a few elk were killed on I-90 in 2009.

#### Public Awareness, Education and Outreach Committee

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

- Informed the group on the Snoqualmie Valley Record and Sno-Valley Star news articles and the responses received.
- Applying for a grant to acquire an Elk Trunk (antlers, skull, hide, and training video ) from Rocky Mountain Elk Group (valued at \$1250)
- Applying to Office of Public Instruction to become and authorized Clock Hours provider that will permit teachers who participate with the Elk group to earn hours their required 150 clock (seat) hours over a five year period to maintain their certification.
- Spoke to a Central Washington University Graduate student who is conducting their thesis on GIS mapping. The university may permit these graduate students to perform GIS training to local teachers in exchange for their college credit.
- A Sportsman show asked for and USVEMG presence with more information to follow



### **Elk Research and Management Committee**

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

- The first elk was collared in 12 min 12 seconds in the first clover trap
- The capture was supervised by a veterinarian and relayed that it was performed very well
- Clover Trap #2 construction is underway and should be deployed within two weeks
- The capture details and video will be discussed at the next Committee meeting next Thursday
- César Carrion who works with the DNR and is co-heading with Tom Kemp the CCC Flats Site project provided an update on the site. He and Tom Kemp went last Friday to evaluate the condition of roads and size of vegetation. He added that some of the trees were more mature than expected and may be two or three layers of trees that must be cleared. Overall there is more vegetation than first thought.
- Roads will be beneficial to the state once cleared and contacted the state for specific guidelines on clearing distances that we are to follow
- A tour of the site will be conducted Friday evening March 12 and Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the Mt Si trailhead parking lot at 9:00 am.
- Tom Kemp added that Secretary Gary Fancher was provided all of the signed waivers, safety forms and equipment use forms that were collected thus far from the Telemetry efforts

### **Fundraising Committee**

Vice President Jim Gildersleeve provided the group an update on all of the various grant activity.

- Mr. Gildersleeve provided the Officers a list of the various grant applied for and the current status.
- A total of approximately \$120,000 in requests are still pending.
- Tim McBride provided Mr. Gildersleeve information on a Sustainable Forest Grant request that was made as a partnership between the Hancock Tiber Resource Group and USVEMG. The \$70,000 request is intended for purchasing certified weed free seed and purchasing ten GPS collars for elk tracking. A decision is expected April 1.
- His next request is for King County parks that he expected to have completed in a month.

### **Audit Committee Report**

Mr. McBride provided the audit report that was conducted over last year's accounting records. A set of recommendations was provided to the President. It included acquiring tools including a receipt book or accounting software, record protection. Everything was found to be properly accounted for and all funds were also accounted for.

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Board Role Call

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
Y	President David Willson	N	Wildlife Advocate: Maura Callahan
Y	Vice President Jim Gildersleeve	N	Citizen at large: Dianna Phillips
Y	Secretary Gary Fancher	N	Agricultural land owners: Scott Stringfellow
Y	Treasurer Ryan Kolodejchuk	N	Agricultural land owners: Nels Melgaard
Y	Hunters: Joe Merclich	N	Hunters: Mark Belaire
Y	Commercial, non-agricultural land owners: Harold Erland	N	Commercial, non-agricultural land owners: Matt Campbell
Y	Timber land owners: Tim McBride	Y	Small Property Owner: Don Hacherl
Y	Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association: Sam Metzler	N	Small Property Owner: Pat Young
Y	Citizen at large: Phil Cassidy	N	Citizen at large: Reed Simms

1) **Treasurers Report**

Ryan provided that the balance in the account is \$6771.22. We had 3 new members join since last meeting. There are a total of 49 USVEMG members.

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

2) **Letter to City of North Bend**

The USVEMG drafted and submitted a letter to the City of North Bend Planning Commission to use the King County Wildlife Corridors as the minimum until scientific data could be provided that would support anything smaller.

Mr. Erland made motion that we approved the letter as drafted and was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

3) **Non-Owned Auto Endorsement**

Mr. Gildersleeve informed the group that the non-owned auto endorsement premium provided in the last (February) meetings was not \$15 but \$115.

Mr. McBride made a motion to authorize \$115 for an insurance payment for the non-owned auto endorsement and it was seconded. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

4) **Bookkeeping Materials**

A report was provided to the group from Mr. McBride. He outlined the need for a record keeping system and fire safe storage method. Mr. Kolodejchuk offered the use of his home fireproof equipment and then asked the Secretary to assist in purchasing record keeping materials while stating that the group can consider software options.



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Mr. McBride offered that seeking a bookkeeper to assist in record keeping and accounting plus help ensure continuity of our financial records between various USVEMG Treasurers be considered.

Mr. Gildersleve volunteered to research some software options that would help ensure easy accounting.

5) **Current Year and Long Term Budget**

The president asked for a volunteer to Chair a Budget meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. This would resume the February 11<sup>th</sup>. The budget will be circulated and considered at the next general meeting.

Gary Fancher volunteered to chair the meeting at 7 PM on April 5<sup>th</sup> and will have the location posted to the website once confirmed.

6) **Habitat Improvement surrounding Meadowbrook Farm and Mt Si Golf Course**

This item was tabled because the speaker was not present.

7) **CCC Flat project Team**

Mr. Willson introduced the CCC Flats project and the two people that volunteered to lead the project. This team would present the status at future meetings as a separate report.

Mr. Kolodejchuk made a motion that Tom Kemp and César Carrion be appointed as Volunteer Co-Chairs of the CCC flats project and was seconded . After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

## New Business

8) **Collaring Expenses**

Mr. Erland informed the group that two GPS collars have been sent for refurbishing at a cost of \$1250 for the City of North Bend. The collars would be on for one year and then drop off. His plan is to collar one with a GPS and another with a VHF in the same location. He currently has five (5) VHF collars and two (2) GPS collars. These expenses were previously approved. A discussion detailed the total in expected expenses and they would be provided to the Treasurer.

The group also outlined that individuals should not be using their own credit cards for purchasing USVEMG equipment. The group should either bill the group or acquire a Business Debit Card. The Officers are to make the final decision.



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### Student Interviews

Mrs. Willson provided more background on the student who is working on their graduate thesis and that she would like to come in either Next Month or April and speak with the Board to understand why we are involved with the USVEMG.

Mr. Erland made a motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned 7:56 PM

Next Meeting: April 14, 2010

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

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