



## USVEMG Regular Meeting Minutes

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*April 14, 2010*

Regular Meeting called to order on Wednesday April 14, 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 March meeting were presented by Secretary Gary Fancher. Vice President Jim Gildersleeve made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded. The March minutes were unanimously approved.

### Committee Reports

#### Land and People Management Committee

The last Land and People Committee meeting was recapped by Maura Callahan. The next meeting is planned for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

- Reported that Russell Link a **wildlife biologist in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's (WDFW) [North Puget Sound regional office](#)** resigned from the committee as he was promoted.
- Mike McCarty spoke about the April 22 planning commission meeting which will have a vote to consider wildlife Corridors.
- WDFW supports the regulations to amend its codes to establish regional wildlife corridors and send a letter to Gina Estep, Economic Development Director (copy provided to the Secretary).
- Tanner Underpass Crossing to Camp Waskowitz did not capture the Elk activity although there were clear signs of elk in that area.
- DOT property (known as Tanner Gravel Pit) reclamation plan was no longer for sale and will be visited in May for consideration and deliberation. Mountain to Sound Greenway board approached to consider purchasing the property.
- Alan Mainwaring provided in a letter that the CCC flats area original approved for clearing and habitat improvement would be expanded.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup> a clearing of the CCC flats area is planned.
- Re-Route the MT SI trail off of the Mt. Si Golf course not moved forward as the MT SI golf course provided that the gates work well when the employees close them.

#### Public Awareness, Education and Outreach Committee

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

- Applying to Office of Public Instruction to become and authorized Clock Hours the review happens in July with notification to come in October. She added that they felt there would be no reason not to approve our organization.
- The Central Washington University Graduate student who is conducting their thesis on GIS mapping is assisting us for about 12 hours a week on GIS mapping. Plan to offer teacher training next fall.
- Meadowbrook farm field trip on May 22 published in the MT Si. Community Guide.

## Elk Research and Management Committee

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

- Elk was found dead at exit 31. Check teeth for aging and also determined that it was not pregnant the same as three other cows. According to David this may be due to a loss of habitat.
- Clover Trap design have been improved since the initial design, including only collapsing sideways rather than sideways and diagonally. Based on the upgrades they are considering writing a paper on it to explain the benefits.
- Discussed I-90 Boarder fence damage between Exit 27 and 32 where at least 5 elk were hit and killed in 2009.
- Issues with people cutting holes in the fence rather than not having fences.
- Received batteries for collars and awaits other materials
- Cameras to be placed at the Camp Waskowitz underpass and the under the South Fork bridge.
- Collared one elk cow by Wood River Development. Total elk caught to date is 12 out of 48 trap nights  
Total: 2 GPS in two different groups around the Tanner area. Both of them show considerable movement on the area slated from development.
- Total elk hit and killed in 2010 to date stands at 6 or 7. There were 35 known elk fatalities in 2009. He added that he has investigates numerous other deceased elk in the Snoqualmie Valley. Most are unknown causes and one was a confirmed killed by a cougar.
- David would like to buy traps from us for use with Deer because he liked the way our traps worked.
- Tom Kemp provided that 27 individuals have been trained to date in telemetry of which 6 are active in the process. Most are master hunter candidates.
- César Carrion who is co-heading with Tom Kemp the CCC Flats Site and works with the DNR went and looked at the roads and gagged how much a two man crew could clear with a chainsaw. Looking for 12 people to volunteer to help clear on May.
- Started clearing road 145 that was not on the original map, but add that it is slated to be included in the expanded map. The majority of trees cleared was alder.
- The other road is 140/141 that can be cleared. It has three landings and is about 25 feet wide. There are also some turnouts that can be cleared for an approximate total of 2.6 acres of grass land. Rainier is the company that will supply the seed and is will to work on the price. Calls for planting about 10lbs per acre. Alan M from DNR recommends 10-20 lbs an acre.
- Is looking to write a grant related to urban wildlife to aid in related project costs.
- He recommended property safety equipment be worn if planning to volunteer clearing (chaps, helmet, ear and eye protection)
- 25 feet from cutback to cutback is being used for clearing the roads. May implement a regular weekend work schedule.

## Fundraising Committee

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

- Mr. Gildersleeve provided the \$70,000 Sustainable Forest Grant request that was made as a partnership between the Hancock Tiber Resource Group and USVEMG was declined. They provided that their focus was more on a regional and national level and our focus is local.
- Working with King County on a habitat improvement project will be submitted in the next two months.
- He is working on a Habitat Improvement grant request with King County Parks
- Have not heard back on the High School submitted Puget Sound Energy grant application
- Harold received a check from the City of Snoqualmie for \$3500.

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### Board Role Call

Attended	Name	Attended	Name
Y	President David Willson	Y	Wildlife Advocate: Maura Callahan
Y	Vice President Jim Gildersleeve	Y	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
N	Timber land owners: Tim McBride	Y	Small Property Owner: Don Hacherl
Y	Meadowbrook Farm Preservation Association: Sam Metzler	Y	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 \$6656.22 as of the statement printing. He is resigning after this evening and Vice President Jim Gildersleeve is taking over until next month's officer's elections. He provided that after the checks written to date, the balance is \$2115.02 as of today.

- a. No new members join since last meeting. There are a total of 49 USVEMG members.

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

#### 2) Confirmation of the petition to authorize \$400 for Seed and Fertilizer

8 Directors authorized \$400 to purchase seed and fertilizer. Per the Bylaws it requires a motion and vote for approval at the next general meeting.

Mr. Gildersleeve made motion that we approve \$400 to purchase seed and fertilizer and was seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Secretary Gary Fancher explained the revised budget format and the new additions that have been made. Most updates were based on the last meeting feedback from the audit review.

David added that the amounts are similar to the last 2010 budget proposal but updates were made based on the previous months expenses.

Mr. Fancher made a motion to authorize approve the budget as outlined and it was seconded. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

### 4) **Fundraising Projects**

President David Willson explained that the group should discuss the fundraising ideas.

- Mr. Gildersleeve volunteered his experience from a Texas fundraiser where exotic game meats were served and gun manufacturers displayed their products.
- Suggestions for acquiring game related items such as a trail hitch for raffle or silent auction.
- Recommended that we determine how much money we are trying to raise and the audience who we need to draw from in order to achieve that goal and then tailor the event to what that group would be attracted to.
- One focus could be that the money is to provide habitat for a sustainable herd outside of Meadowbrook Farm
- Another suggestion could be to conduct an online auction of donated items.
- President David Willson recommends that a committee be formed of interested parties to further this effort.

### 5) **Officer Positions**

President David Willson informed the group that all four officer positions are up for election at the May meeting.

- Harold nominated Jim Gildersleeve as Treasurer and he accepted.
- Jim Gildersleeve nominated Harold Erland as Vice President and he accepted.
- Jim Gildersleeve nominated David Willson as President and Gary Fancher as Secretary.
  - David accepted the nomination.
  - Gary declined the nomination. Treasurer Ryan Kolodejchuk thanked Gary for his work as Secretary.
- Harold nominated Sam Metzler as Secretary.

- 6) Each Stakeholder group is to determine if the current Director is to continue or they should select a new person to be nominated. Those are to show up for nomination by the Board at the next meeting. Board members may hold only one position, either officer or Board of Directors member.

Gary Fancher suggested that we write a press release to announce the open positions.

Jim asked that Stakeholders that do not want to continue should hold a meeting with their members to choose a candidate. He added that Officers do not vote on the Director positions.

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### Quickbooks

Mrs. Gildersleeve announced that he has downloaded QuickBooks and will complete transferring all the data from the paper files tomorrow. He also added that we need to identify someone to file our 2009 Taxes. President David Willson volunteered to file the 2009 taxes.

Bob Stokke has a set of fire proof filing drawers that he is willing to donate to the group for storage of permanent records.

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

Meeting Adjourned 7:56 PM

Next Meeting: May 14, 2010

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

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Date