



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MAY 11, 2011

1. Introduction

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the U.S.F.S Ranger Station conference room in North Bend. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance, USVEMG President David Willson presiding. A quorum of the board of directors was present including: David Willson, Harold Erland, Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Tom Kemp, Maura Callahan, Sam Metzler, and Pat Young. Also attending, DFW biologist Ruth Milner, Tulalip Tribes biologist Jason Schilling, U.S.F.S biologist Sonny Paz, and volunteers Kalli Willson, Travis Hedin, Jim Meucci, Jim Parks, and Jerry Koepping.

Printed copies of the March 2011 meeting minutes were available for review, also circulated prior to the meeting and posted on the Internet. Mr. Hacherl motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Kemp seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Gildersleeve circulated the report dated March 9, 2011, at the meeting (also attached below) which shows a balance on hand of \$1049.11 reflecting Wild Game Dinner ticket sales, membership dues, and hall rental fees. By Robert's Rules of Order, the assembly does not need to approve a treasurer's monthly or bi-monthly report.

3. Education and Outreach Committee Report

Ms. Willson resigns as chair of the Education and Outreach Committee.

4. People and Land Management (PLM) Committee Report

The DFW did not approve the request of the DNR to have a special bear permit citing no scientific evidence that a spring bear hunt will solve the problem. The DNR provided keys to gated roads for the Muckleshoot Tribe for bear hunting access. There is a need to approach the City of North Bend regarding elk in the Tanner Area. Data strongly emphasizes a need for a wildlife corridor there. A new building permit is issued for the Lynn Miner property. The North Bend Planning Commission is meeting in July, the elk group should have a presentation prepared. In the past, the commission has asked, "What kind of signs are the elk going to read?" Need a map showing best areas for elk, corridor for passage. Also need to discuss changes to No-Shooting Zones. Requesting more information from the DNR about the inclusion of Mount Washington in State Park property rather than DNR. Master Hunter Permit Program volunteers seeded part of the gravel pit.

5. Elk Research & Management (ERM) Committee Report

Collaring suspended April 15 through July 15 for calving season. 13 animals marked in the recent interval, 31 total in the system. The state requests method of mark/capture/recapture, formula. Ruth Milner is the current contact for DFW. Study area is practically the part of 4601 east of downtown Snoqualmie. Elk observed at Snoqualmie Ridge and the David Powell Road. Census estimates are currently 429 elk with a confidence level of 64%. Recruitment estimate is 77%. Good volunteer turnout. The elk nicknamed "Tricia" may have aborted, this elk has been seen more recently and looks much healthier. Regarding seed distribution at the Cadman site, planting seeds will help keep invasive species out, confirmed by DFW, Sonny Paz, USFS wildlife biologist agrees.

6. Election of Officers

Mr. Gildersleeve moved to elect David Willson for a third term as President. Mr. Metzler seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Kemp moved to elect Harold Erland to a second term as Vice President. Mr. Gildersleeve seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Gildersleeve moved to elect Travis Hedin as Secretary, Mr. Hacherl seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

7. Bylaws amendment regarding membership term and voting.

Mr. Kemp moved to approve the proposed amendment to the bylaws, for dues to expire one calendar year from the time of a dues payment, reserving certain privileges such as voting and committee activities to paid members. Mr. Erland seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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8. Wild Game Dinner Fundraiser

The group discussed logistics for the fundraiser including an urgency to collect tickets. Meat collection is on target with 70 pounds collected, half of that prime steaks, the other half roasts, several pounds of duck breasts. Mr. Hedin requested local herbs, spices, and shared the menu. Food handler permits are available through the Internet. A projector and movie of a collaring was requested for the event. Mr. Dideon requested additional auction items.

9. For the Good of the Order

Ms. Willson noted that Mr. Kurka and Mr. Hill at the high school are interested but have no time to commit, they are constrained by schedules. Mr. Kemp notes that a wolf propaganda film "Lord of the Woods" will be playing at the theatre.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT
UPPER SNOQUALMIE VALLEY ELK MANAGEMENT GROUP
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Date: 05/11/2011

Balance on hand as of last meeting:	\$876.35
Memberships—new & renewals	210.00
WGD tickets (19)	475.00
Total Assets	\$ 1561.35
Disbursements:	
WGD Ticket Printing Cost	\$112.24
Grange Cleaning Deposit	25.00
Grange Security Deposit (Refundable)	375.00
Total Assets	\$ 512.24
Balance on Hand (Date of Report)	\$ 1049.11
Verified with on-line banking	\$ 1049.11
On hand bills:	
None	
Projected Balance:	\$ NA

Jim Gildersleeve
Treasurer
05/11/2011