

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
July 13, 2011**

Meeting called to order: VP Harold Erland called the regular bimonthly USVEMG meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Introductions: None. List of attendees attached (**Enclosure 1**). Harold noted that a quorum of officers and directors was lacking. Perhaps more will show up as the meeting progresses. Harold commented that we had a full agenda.

Agenda Items: Key agenda items for today's meeting are :

- o Award Presentation-outgoing President, David Willson
- o Previous Minutes and Treasurer's report
- o Committee Reports
- o Special Presentation by Sonny Paz, USFS biologist, on wildlife habitat enhancements.
 - o Old Business: IRS registration fee. We owe another \$450 because our revenues have/will exceed \$10,000 per year.
 - o New Business: 1. Decision needed whether to commit funds for EMG participation in the annual Mt Si Festival. Need \$500 for registration and outreach activities. 2. Approve habitat restoration program and expenditures. 3. Need to elect a new president and board of directors.

Award Presentation: Harold presented David Willson a handsome 12X8 inch engraved walnut plaque in recognition of his many individual contributions to the EMG and outstanding leadership while serving as President from May 2009 to July 2011.

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: The last meeting's minutes (May 11, 2011) were summarized by Jim, however, could not be approved due to lack of quorum. Jim summarized the Treasurers Report and circulated copies of it. David W. commented that according to Robert's Rules the Treasurer's report should not be approved, (but is subject to an annual audit, which is approved by the Board).

Committee Reports:

- o Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee: 1. Harold reported on his attendance at a wildlife habitat enhancement seminar sponsored by PacificCorp, a hydroelectric dam operator on the Lewis River in southwestern Washington State and near Mt. St. Helens. PacificCorp works closely with RMEF, to preserve and enhance habitat for a large Roosevelt elk herd. Many good ideas were shared, some of which we can use here in conjunction with the USFS and DNR. 2. Tom Kemp reported on the progress towards doing more habitat improvements on the CCC flats. He is intending to schedule a couple work parties in the near future. 3. Harold reported that elk trapping

will resume in the near future and that he hopes to collar another ten cow elk before years end.

o Public Awareness, Education and Outreach Committee: Jen Syrowitz is the new chair and will be scheduling a meeting soon. She has met with Kalli Willson, outgoing chairperson, and Harold to learn about the committee's goals, programs and activities. First project is the EMG's booth and educational program at the Festival at Mt Si scheduled for August 13-15, 2011. She discussed volunteer needs, logistics, and an educational program she is planning.

o Land and People Management Committee: Jim reported that no meeting was held during July due to lack of agenda items and vacation schedules.

Sonny Paz (Wildlife biologist, USFS) reported on some recent clear cut logging done on USFS property in the White River drainage which is improving wildlife forage in the area. He hopes USFS can do more of this and create more wildlife habitat. When asked if it was a trend that could be applied up the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River his answer was "probably not" because so many conservation groups are so opposed to any logging up the Middle Fork. And they are politically well connected. Not worth the pain and grief.

Old and New Business: Lacking a quorum, these items, except one, will be rescheduled for the September 23, 2011 meeting. There was consensus to solicit a vote of the Board via email to authorize up to \$500 to be expended for EMG activities during the Festival at Mt. Si.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.