

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
September 21, 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 asked if we had a quorum of officers and directors. There are currently eleven officers and directors. Six were present (Erland, Gildersleeve, Toomey, Callahan, Dideon, Kemp) which constitutes a quorum.

Agenda Items: Key agenda items for the meeting were :

- o Previous Minutes and Treasurer's report
- o Committee Reports
- o Election of President and Directors
- o Old Business:
- o New Business:

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: It was moved and seconded that we approve the draft minutes of the May 11, 2011 and the July 12, 2011, meetings. These have been posted on our website for all to read. The minutes of both meetings were unanimously approved. The Treasurer's reports for the meetings and the current one were submitted by the Treasurer for inclusion with the minutes and are subject to audit. The EMG has a bank balance of \$7,301.29. There were no questions about the Treasurer's report which is attached.

Committee Reports:

o **Public Awareness, Education and Outreach Committee:** Jen Syrowitz, Chairperson, was not present so Jim and Harold spoke to EMG activities at the Festival at Mt. Si. Many members worked diligently to make the education outreach effort successful, especially Jen. We all owe her a "well done." We had a hundred or more people stop by and view our photos and videos. We talked to a lot of people and many showed a high interest in our activities. In a later meeting it was decided to expand the outreach to Fall City Days, Carnation Days, and maybe even Duvall summer celebration.

o **Land and People Management Committee:** Jim reported that no meeting was held during August and September due to lack of agenda items and vacation schedules. Harold stated it was important that we meet in October to discuss elk migration routes through North Bend's city limits and review the status of possible zoning changes which would preserve these routes.

o Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee: **1.** Harold reported he had had several meetings with senior RMEF who are deeply committed to preserving more elk and wildlife habitat throughout the US. He showed them our traps and technique for trapping and collaring cow elk. **2.** Harold intends to begin trapping and collaring again quite soon. He wants to collar cows whose home ranges are around the periphery of the valley like up near Exit 38, the Fire Training Center, Snoqualmie Pointe, and up the North Fork of the Snoqualmie River. He will need help putting the traps out and checking them. A sign up sheet will be circulated. **3.** Jim mentioned that he had met with DFW Wildlife Biologist, Paul Debruyne, who wanted to buy a couple of our traps. I gave him Harold's number. **4.** Committee discussed next year's hunting special permits and recommends that the EMG urge WDFW to keep special hunts and cow quotas the same as the current hunting year. That is a total of 52 cow tags-10 bowhunter, 5 muzzleloader, 5 youth, 7 modern firearms, and 25 master hunters). **5.** Tom Kemp provided a slide show on habitat improvement up on the CCC flats. The linear meadows project is hugely successful in providing alternative habitat for wildlife. We have about 7 miles more to do and that is enough work to keep us busy for years. Harold and MHs were going to seed the newly cleared areas.

Old Business: **1.** Elections: Andrea Toomey was elected President, EMG. Jerry Koepping was selected to be a director as citizen-at-large, replacing Andrea.

2. Harold and Jim asked that prior board approvals, via emails, to authorize expenditures for work on the CCC flats (\$451.35) and for expenses (\$522.86) associated with the EMG booth during the Festival at Mt Si, be incorporated into the minutes. There was no objection.

New Business: **1.** Harold urged our new president, Andrea Toomey, to immediately establish a committee to start planning for next year's wild game dinner.

2. Harold offered to prepare a letter to go to WDFW advising them of EMG recommendations for special elk permits. Our next meeting will be Nov. 11, 2011 at the USFS training room at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

**TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT
UPPER SNOQUALMIE VALLEY ELK MANAGEMENT GROUP
PO BOX 700
NORTH BEND, WA 98045**

Date:09/21/2011

Balance on hand as of last meeting:	\$8,215.50
Donations	40.00
Memberships--new & renewals	20.00
Total Assets	<u>\$8,275.50</u>

Disbursements:	
Excavator Rental	407.25
Diesel fuel for excavator	44.10
Festival at Mt Si Expenses	<u>522.86</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 974.21

Balance on Hand (Date of Report)	\$ <u>7,301.29</u>
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Verified with on-line banking	\$ <u>7,301.29</u>
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On hand bills:
None

Jim Gildersleeve
Treasurer
09/21/2011