

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group  
(USVEMG) Meeting  
October 20, 2014**

**Meeting called to order:** President Andrea Toomey called the USVEMG meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. There were 17 persons attending.

**Introductions:** Christine Redmond and Steve Dazey were introduced. They are DFW employees coordinating volunteer recordkeeping.

**Quorum:** Officers and directors present: Andrea Toomey, Scott Phelps, Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Tom Kemp, Sharen Marsall, Jerry Koepping, and Pat Young (8 of 13). Absent: Sam Metzger, Jim McBride, Harold Erland, and Phil Cassidy.

**Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Minutes of the September 15, 2014, meetings was reviewed and approved.. Don Hacherl, Treasurer, reported our current banking balance was about \$7500.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Education and Outreach.** Chairperson Sharen Marsall put forth the suggestion that the Group should consider a booth at the January 22-26, 2015, Sportsmen's Show at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup as both a fund raising activity and for public education and outreach. Discussion was deferred to Unfinished Business, below.

**Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee.** Acting Chair Tom Kemp deferred providing a report at this time because his committee meeting immediately follows this general meeting.

**People and Land Management Committee:** Tom Kemp reported his attendance at a meeting of Tanner residents who are concerned about two pending developments in their neighborhood by Segalo and John Day. He advised them to seek the widest wildlife corridor they can justify.

**Unfinished Business.**

o 2015 Sportsmen Show-Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. The pros and cons of taking on a new project of this scope and public exposure, was discussed at length. There was broad consensus to work on the program and organization to successfully conclude such a project but to delay participation for one year. Members were encouraged to attend the 2015 show and assess whether it will be a good forum for the EMG.

**New Business:** None.

**Comments for the Good of the Order:** Jim commented that he was very impressed by the respect and restraint shown by members at last month's meeting when two visitors were critical of the EMG and master hunters. Our response, albeit falling on deaf ears and hardened hearts, was constructive in its tone and attempted to assist the two individuals to understand the bigger picture concerning the local elk herd.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Jim Gildersleeve,  
EMG Secretary