

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group  
(USVEMG) Meeting  
February 23, 2015**

**Meeting called to order:** President Andrea Toomey called the USVEMG meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. Meeting was scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>, a week later than normal, because of Presidents' Day, a national holiday which occurs on the third Monday in February each year.

**Introductions:** None.

**Quorum:** Officers and directors present: Andrea Toomey, Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Harold Erland, Matt Yancy, Jerry Koepping, Tom Kemp, Sharon Marsall, and Phil Cassady (9 of 13). Absent: Sam Metzger, Jim McBride and Pat Young.

**Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** Minutes of the January 19, 2015, meeting was reviewed and approved. Don Hacherl, Treasurer, reported our current banking balance was about \$3,632.

**Committee Reports:**

**Public Education and Outreach.** Chairperson Sharen Marsall spoke briefly about the Wild Game Dinner. Planning was underway and a March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 committee meeting was scheduled.

**Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee.** Chairperson Harold Erland deferred providing a report at this time because his committee is meeting immediately following the general meeting.

**People and Land Management Committee:** No report.

**Unfinished Business.**

o Three director positions are open for interested parties: 1. Wildlife advocate; 2. Commercial forest property owner; and Commercial agricultural property owner.

o Jim reiterated that he will not run for re-election as Secretary, so that position will be open in May 2015, for another volunteer to take over.

**New Business:**

o The annual budget was presented by Treasurer, Don Hacherl. It is pretty much the same as last year. Don expressed concerns that with the Wild Game Dinner coming up we may come close to exhausting our bank account. We need to work hard to make

the WGD a success or we may not have sufficient funds for our programs. A motion to approve the budget as submitted was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

o EMG recommendations for hunting year 2015-2015 were discussed briefly and would be discussed fully during the Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee Meeting. (Late entry) It was decided to cut back the MH quotas and try to eliminate the Western WA Archer antlerless seasons and the muzzleloader antlerless until we could verify the impact of these seasons on cow elk harvest.

**Comments for the Good of the Order:** None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Jim Gildersleeve,  
EMG Secretary