

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
April 20, 2015**

Meeting called to order: President Andrea Toomey called the USVEMG meeting to order at 5:45 P.M.

Introductions: None.

Quorum: Officers and directors present: Andrea Toomey, Scott Phelps, Jim Gildersleeve, Harold Erland, Jerry Koepping, Sharen Marsall and Pat Young (7 of 13). Absent: Sam Metzger, Jim McBride, Phil Cassady, Matt Yancey and Tom Kemp.

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the February 23, 2015, meeting was reviewed and approved. Don Hacherl, Treasurer, reported our current banking balance was about \$3,632.

Committee Reports:

Public Education and Outreach. There was brief discussion of the WGD planning and it was agreed the committee would meet within a week to update status, coordinate details and trouble shoot.

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. A summary of his committee report is attached.

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 selection of officers occurs in the May meeting each year. A discussion followed that some officers (president and vice president) terms need not be elected because some terms commenced in mid-year due to a resignations and reorganization. It was suggested that we stick to the May election cycle as stated in our Bylaws, but that electees would not take office until the current incumbent completes his/her year term. There was concensus among officers and directors that approach was acceptable.

Jim reiterated he intends to retire as Secretary, so that position will be open in May 2015, for another volunteer to take over.

o EMG recommendations for hunting year 2015-2015 were discussed and members were advised that WDFW partially accepted EMG recommendations, that is, to retain the special antlerless permit drawings for disabled, over 65, youth and modern firearms, plus 15 for Master Hunters. So special permits total 35. On the other hand, they retained the antlerless muzzleloader and antlerless late archery seasons, which the EMG recommended be closed. Their rationale was that when the WDFW makes major season changes they do so for three years so that they can better assess trends.

New Business:

o In accordance with our Bylaws we need to conduct an annual financial audit. It was suggested that Jeff Dideon be contacted and asked to do it because he has done it twice before. Jim said he would call him.

Comments for the Good of the Order: None.

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

Jim Gildersleeve,
EMG Secretary

1 Encl. (Summary of Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee Meeting, April 20, 2015.