

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
December 21, 2015**

Meeting called to order: VP Scott Phelps called the USVEMG meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Introductions: None.

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

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Deferred due to limited time.

Committee Reports:

Public Education and Outreach. None. Chairperson absent.

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 meeting and report.

Unfinished Business.

o **Elections of officers.** The EMG lacked quorums in July, August, and November meetings so elections were not conducted earlier.

The Secretary explained our By-Laws require officers to be elected by the officers and directors, not the general membership; however, all current (paid-up) members could nominate members for office and general members could volunteer for an officer's position.

VP Scott Phelps opened the meeting to nominations for president. Scott was nominated and seconded for President. It was moved that nominations be closed, seconded and approved. Scott was elected president, unanimously.

President Scott Phelps opened nominations for Vice President. Elaina Hays was nominated and seconded for VP. It was subsequently moved that nominations be closed, seconded and approved. Elaina was elected VP, unanimously.

President Scott Phelps opened nominations for Secretary. Barry Hankins was nominated and seconded for Secretary. Nominations were closed and Barry was unanimously elected.

Two officers remained to be elected, the Chair of Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee and the Chair of Education and Outreach Committee. It was moved and seconded that the incumbents, Harold Erland and Sharen Mashall, respectively, be re-elected for another term. The question was called and they were unanimously re-elected.

o Open officer/director positions. Three director positions remain open for interested parties: 1. Wildlife advocate; 2. Commercial forest property owner; and Commercial agricultural property owner. Likewise one officer position remains open: Chair, People and Land Committee.

New Business:

o The President selected the following members to develop a budget for 2016: Himself, Elaina Hays-VP, Don-Treasurer, and Sharon Mashall-Chair Education and Outreach. Their tasks is to prepare and present a 2016 Budget Proposal to the Officers and Directors at the January 25, 2016, meeting.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Harold advised that he had a distinguished guest speaker for our Jan. 25, meeting, WDFW Wolf Policy Coordinator, Don Martorello.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M., and would be followed by the monthly Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee meeting.

Jim Gildersleeve,
EMG Secretary