

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
January 11, 2012**

Meeting called to order: President Andrea Toomey called the regular bimonthly USVEMG meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Introductions: Lynn Brechtel was introduced. She recently moved to NB and is interested in becoming a member. Steve Spohn and his son, Erik, were introduced. They are interested in our projects. Diana Antunes, a biology student at Evergreen, was acknowledged in attendance, too. Andrea asked if we had a quorum of officers and directors, which we did (Andrea Toomey, Harold Erland, Travis Hedin, Jim Gildersleeve, Tom Kemp, Sam Metzler, Jeff Dideon, Don Hacherl, and Jerry Koepping).

Agenda Items: Key agenda items for the meeting were :

- o Previous Minutes and Treasurer's report
- o Committee Reports, including the Wild Ggame Dinner (WGD)
- o Old Business
- o New Business

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: The draft minutes of the Nov. 9, 2011, and the additions to the September 9, 2011, meeting were moved, seconded, and approved by the Board. The Treasurer's monthly was provided for the record and is subject to audit. The EMG has a bank balance of \$7,061.31.

Committee Reports:

o **Public Awareness, Education and Outreach Committee:** Jen Syrowitz, Chairperson, was not present so Harold and Tom reported on their meeting with Jen on January 9, 2012. Jen is having to refocus her priorities to complete her master degree and stay flexible at work and these will limit the hours she can devote to the EMG as well as the scope of some projects.

Nonetheless, all of the things she can do with us are important and include creating marketing materials, write articles, assist in grant writing, and connect over the phone and email with various people who can help us. Further, she can plan and coordinate our participation the various festivals (NB, Snoqualmie and FC). That is more than enough for anyone.

o **Land and People Management Committee:** Jim reported that the committee worked on a proposed briefing to the NB city council. The briefing needs more self-explanatory visual aids. It is planned to change it and brief it at the next committee meeting.

o Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee: 1. Harold reported he had received an RMEF grant for \$9400 to help doing more collaring and habitat improvement. \$4000 is allocated for habitat improvement and \$5400 for collaring and telemetry. . He will probably purchase one each GPS collar and radio collar. 2. Harold intends to commence trapping and collaring again starting at Nintendo and 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. 4. Harold emphasized that the committee's next meeting is Monday, January 9, 2012. The guest speaker will talk about the grizzly bears' Washington recovery plan.

o Wild Game Dinner Committee: Jim discussed possible venues and consensus was given to have it at the Sno-Valley Senior Center in Carnation on June 2. Jesse Zeigler has offered to pay the rental fee (about \$675.) The Center is being totally renovated and will have a banquet hall and a large multi service room on its 2nd floor. It has a fully equipment commercial kitchen and plenty of nearby parking. Andrea will put together a working group and is looking for a chairperson.

Unfinished Business: Treasurer Jim Gildersleeve introduced an addition, or correction to the minutes that documented two email transactions authorizing expenditures in the amount of \$500 on 7/14/11, and \$200 more on 8/11/2011, for our booth during the Festival at Mt. Si. Our bylaws require that these types of approvals be entered into the official minutes of the group. A copy of the addition is attached (Enclosure 1).

New Business: 1. It was moved, seconded and approved that the EMG approve \$866 to renew our liability insurance policy. 2. It was moved, seconded and approved to for Jim to purchase a gallon of super H2O2 (hydrogen peroxide) to bleach elk jaw bones for an educational display which is being prepared. 3. It was moved, seconded and approved for the EMG to receive illegally killed elk and to process the meat for human consumption. Meat would be given out through the local food banks to the needy. 4. Harold requested reimbursement for expenses he incurred preparing the RMEF grant request in the amount of \$215.99. It was moved, seconded and approved to do so.

Comments for the good of the order:

Our next meeting will be March 14, 2011 at the USFS training room at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Travis Hedin, Secretary

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

Date:01/11/2012

Balance on hand as of last meeting:	<u>\$7,261.29</u>
Donations	
Memberships--new & renewals	
Total Assets	<u>\$7,261.29</u>
Disbursements:	
One gallon Formaldehyde	\$ 199.98
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 199.98</u>
Balance on Hand (Date of Report)	<u>\$ 7,061.31</u>
Verified with on-line banking	<u>\$ 7,061.31</u>
On hand bills:	
None	

Jim Gildersleeve
Treasurer
01/11/2012

Additions to Minutes, USVEMG dated 09/21/2011:

Authorization for expenditures to support the EMG booth at the Festival at Mt Si, August 14-16, 2011, were authorized by the USVEMG directors and officers via email votes on 7/14/11 and 8/11/11, for \$500 and \$200, respectively. Actual total expenditures were \$687.44 and this was for an EMG banner, 100 EMG brochures, other printing costs, soda/water/refreshments, billboards, paper supplies, staples, ice, etc. Part of these costs was donated by members and the adjusted cost to the EMG account was \$522.86.

Article IX, paragraph 9.3, USVEMG Bylaws requires that out-of-normal cycle expenditure authorizations be entered in the record of the next general meeting minutes. This notice is in compliance with that provision of the Bylaws.

Jim Gildersleeve
Treasurer, EMG
09/21/11