

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
July 16, 2012**

Meeting called to order: VP Harold Erland called the regular bimonthly USVEMG meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., July 16, 2012, a Monday.

Introductions: None.

Quorum: Present: Harold Erland, Jim Gildersleeve, Phil Cassady, Tom Kemp, Pat Young, Matt Yancey, Jeff Dideon, and Jerry Koepping). Quorum present.

Agenda Items: Key agenda items for the meeting were:

- Previous Minutes and Treasurer's report
- Old Business
- New Business

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was submitted for the record. We have a balance of \$9,878.06 on hand in checking. Minutes of the 3/14 and 3/19/2012, meetings were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: None.

Unfinished Business:

Election of Officers/Directors/Committee Chairs: President Andrea Toomey's term of office runs through November 2012; however, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer need to be elected.

Harold Erland was re-elected VP.

Jim Gildersleeve was elected Secretary.

Don Hacherl was elected Treasurer for one term which is two years.

Pat Young was selected to primary director representing small landowners.

Matt Yancey was selected to be a director representing small commercial interests.

Sharen Mashall was approved as Chairperson, Education and Outreach Committee.

New Business:

1. Limb Trimmer. After sort discussion of whether we should purchase a Stihl or an Echo limb trimmer, it was moved, seconded and approved to authorize an expenditure of up to \$700. plus tax, to acquire one or the other. Selection of maker/model was left to Matt Yancey.

2. Wildlife Fence Expenses. Scott Phelps has requested that \$200 be approved to cover minor expenses associated with repairing the fences along I90. This would be used to buy fuel for the volunteers' chain saws, excavators, and other tools and materials. It was moved, seconded, and approved that \$200. be authorized for these purposes.

3. The upcoming Festival At Mt. Si was discussed and whether we should undertake an education and outreach initiative during it. There was consensus that we should. There is \$1500 in the approved budget this year for E&O and this festival is specifically mentioned. There was consensus to authorize up to \$500 in expenditures for this event.

4. Expenditures for collars and telemetry equipment were discussed. The 2012 Budget authorizes up to \$15,280 for these purposes even though it exceeds our funds in the bank; however, outright donations of collars are in the works, and we have the RMEF grant for \$9400. from which reimbursement may be requested for many of these expenses. Specific invoices/bills for equipment purchases will be submitted directly to the Treasurer up to the limit authorized by the budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M., 7/16/2012.

Jim Gildersleeve,
EMG Secretary