

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
January 21, 2013**

Meeting called to order: President Andrea Toomey called the USVEMG meeting to order at 5:30 P.M., January 21, 2013. There were 18 persons attending.

Introductions: Kelly MacCallister, WSDOT Biologist, and his assistant were in attendance.

Quorum: Present: Andrea Toomey, Harold Erland, Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Phil Cassady, Tom Kemp, Jeff Dideon, Matt Yancey, Sam Metzler and Jerry Koepping.

Agenda Items: Key agenda items for the meeting were:

- Previous Minutes and Treasurer's report
- New Business
 - Approve 2013 budget

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the 11/19/2012 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. Treasurer's report was submitted and shows we have a balance of \$9,826.45 on hand in checking. There is one outstanding bill, for \$1200. for a Tectronics collar. Harold needs to purchase some new batteries and "drop offs" to retrofit some collars.

Committee Reports: Deferred.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

2013 Budget: The 2013 budget was presented by the Treasurer, Don Hacherl, who explained that the proposed budget was out of balance by about \$6300 because, among other reasons, he had not received up to date information on volunteer hours. He was provided written volunteer information by Harold and will update the budget. Discussion followed whether to approve the budget, albeit unbalanced, or not. It was decided by consensus to approve it in its present state since it was 99 % complete and to effect its balancing by amendment at a future meeting. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to approve the budget as submitted.

Tom Kemp presented some bills for reimbursement for food snacks and non-alcoholic drinks that were provided to volunteers working on the CCC Flats habitat improvement project during December 2012. Reimbursement for said expenditures was approved in the March 19, 2012, minutes and included expenses for those doing elk survey activities, too, in an amount not to exceed \$1000. for CY 2012. A brief discussion ensued about

paying expenses incurred in 2012, in 2013. By consensus it was determined not to be an issue, insofar as it was an approved expenditure.

Subsequently the new budget was checked to see if it contained similar authorization. It did not, so Jim Gildersleeve offered an amendment to the 2013 budget authorizing payment from Expenditure Detail, line 14. with the added words, (... food and non-alcoholic drinks.” Likewise, the question was asked, “Where is the money for food and coffee in support of the elk survey?” Since survey costs were not specifically mentioned in any line items, it was suggested that it be included under Expenditures, line 17. Other-miscellaneous. So Expenditure Detail, line 17, was expanded to include “...food and non-alcoholic drinks during the annual elk survey.” Adding the above changes to the 2013 budget were proposed, seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M 1/21/2013.

Jim Gildersleeve
EMG Secretary