

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
March 18, 2013**

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

Introductions of Guests: Dr. Brian Kertson, WDFW Chief Predator Biologist.

Quorum: Present: Andrea Toomey, Harold Erland, Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Tom Kemp, Jeff Dideon, Matt Yancey, Sam Metzler, Pat Young and Jerry Koeping.

Agenda Items: Key agenda items for the meeting were:

- Previous Minutes and Treasurer's report
- New Business
 - Auditor Appointment
 - Mineral blocks

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the 01/21/2013 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. Treasurer's report was submitted and shows a balance of about \$3,500 on hand in checking. About the same amount needs to be submitted to the RMEF for reimbursement under the terms of our grant.

Committee Reports: Deferred.

Unfinished Business: Balancing the 2013 budget. New data was received which will be reflected in a revised budget to approved at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Jeff Dideon was appointed to audit the 2012 financial records.
- Harold talked about local elk hoof rot and anecdotal information that it may be treated/and/or prevented by providing elk with mineral blocks. It was moved, seconded and approved to expend up to \$200 for mineral blocks. The EMG volunteers will look for indications of hoof rot during the annual elk survey and Harold will begin tracking its presence.

Comments for the Good of the Order:

Jim reported on some notable developments within the master hunter program. WDFW suspended further recruitment into the MH program the program is being transferred from the Law Enforcement Division to the Game Division. WDFW's decision on both matters was announced without coordination with the Master Hunter Advisory Group and

is the cause of substantial concern. Bottom line: The MH program is being re-evaluated in its totality. More to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M 3/18/2013.

Jim Gildersleeve
EMG Secretary