

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

Meeting called to order: USVEMG meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by President Toomey. There were 25 persons present.

Introductions: None.

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

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the last regular meeting, 6/7/2013, were reviewed and unanimously approved. Treasurer's report was submitted and shows we have a balance of \$13,692.14 on hand in our checking account. There is about \$6,000 obligated for orders of collars and equipment rentals.

Committee Reports: Deferred.

Unfinished Business: Jeff Dideon reported via email the results of the 2013 Budget Audit. In his opinion, all expenditures and supporting documentation were in order. This was the second year that Jeff volunteered to perform the audit and his business expertise is highly valued.

New Business:

1. Election: Nominations for EMG president were opened. Andrea Toomey was nominated. There being no other nominations, they were closed. Voting was done by voice and was unanimous for Andrea, who will serve a third term as president.
2. 2014 Budget Preparation Committee: President Andrea Toomey appointed Sharen Mashall, Harold Erland, Don Hacherl, Jim Gildersleeve, and herself to the committee. A recommended budget is requested by mid January 2014.
3. Elk Harvest Recommendations: It is time for the EMG to forward its annual cow elk harvest recommendations to WDFW. A Talking Paper addressing a range of options has been prepared as a starting point for these discussions. Jim advised there is a November 28th suspense to provide this report. It will be discussed and formulated during the Elk Research Committee meeting which follows this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Jim Gildersleeve, EMG Secretary

