

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
February 17, 2014**

Meeting called to order: USVEMG meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Secretary Jim Gildersleeve. Both the President and Vice President were absent at this time. They are expected soon. There were 25 persons present. VP Harold Erland showed up at 5:35 P.M.

Introductions: None.

Quorum: Present: Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Phil Cassady, Tom Kemp, Pat Young, Matt Yancey, Sam Metzler, Jerry Koepping. Harold Erland, VP, arrived at 5:35 but asked Jim to continue conducting the meeting.

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the last regular meeting, 11/18/2013 were summarized, reviewed and unanimously approved. Don Hacherl, treasurer reported we had about \$8,228.64 in the bank.

Committee Reports:

1. Wild Game Dinner (WGD) Planning Committee: Sharen Mashall reported that the WGD is scheduled for June 7th, 2014, a Saturday at the Sno-Valley Senior Center (SVSC) located in Carnation, which is the same location as the last two years. Caterer will again be the Fall City Roadhouse under the leadership of Benjamin Riggs, Chef. Additional planning meetings are scheduled on 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, and 6/2 at 5:30 P.M. at the US Forest Service (USFS) Training Room.
2. 2014 Budget Planning Committee: Working committee met at Don Hacherl's home, 1/2/2014. Don had put together a draft budget, building from 2013's and various individual inputs. It was reviewed and marked up. Don agreed to finalize proposed 2014 budget and present it at the next regular general meeting.
3. Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee: Jim reported that we just received a \$14,800. RMEF grant which Harold prepared. It is good for two years. It is a reimbursable grant which means we must have the funds to do the projects we cited in the grant application and then be reimbursed our expenses. Harold deserves a huge thanks for successfully pursuing this grant effort!

Harold advised that we have recommenced trapping and collaring cow elk. We have a lot of new people participating and must remember to completely review our procedures, especially those relating to safety.

Trap checking volunteers are requested. More details to be discussed in the follow-on meeting. Two work parties on the CCC Flats are scheduled for March 1st and 15th.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. 2014 Proposed Budget: Proposed budget was introduced by Don Hacherl, Treasurer. Don explained its organization and components. Comments and recommendations were requested. One Director noted that Total Income did not equal Total Expenditures and asked why. Don explained that he needed to add and adjust the RMEF grant income to balance the expenditures. Subject to those adjustments it was moved and seconded to approve the budget. Yes vote was unanimous.

2. PayPal Account: Don advised that he was intending to set up a PayPal account on behalf of the EMG in order to process donations and credit card payments associated with the WGD. We currently have such an account with Bank America but their costs are considerably higher than PayPal. Some reservations were voiced about PayPal's rates, but it was moved, seconded and approved unanimously to authorize Don to find the best deal to minimize our overhead expenses incidental to credit card transactions mostly associated with the WGD.

Comments for the Good of the Organization: None.

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

Jim Gildersleeve, EMG Secretary