

**Upper Snoqualmie Valley Elk Management Group
(USVEMG) Meeting
September 15, 2014**

Meeting called to order: President Andrea Toomey called the USVEMG meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. There were 27 persons attending.

Introductions: None.

Quorum: Officers and directors present: Andrea Toomey, Harold Erland, Jim Gildersleeve, Don Hacherl, Tom Kemp, Sharen Marsall, Phil Cassady, Pat Young, Matt Yancey and Scott Phelps (10 of 13). Absent: Sam Metzger, Jim McBride, Jerry Koepping.

Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Minutes of the July 17 and August 18, 2014, meetings were reviewed and approved.. Don Hacherl, Treasurer, reported our current banking balance was \$10,258.00. Bills on hand total \$2,788.59, which when paid will leave a balance of \$7,469.41. Our Merchant Billing account with BA has been terminated and we are using PayPal for that function now. Don also reported that he had registered the EMG as an eligible charity under the Amazon Smile program. Persons purchasing items from Amazon may select the EMG to receive 0.5 % of the purchase cost as a charitable donation.

Committee Reports:

Public Education and Outreach. Chairperson Sharen Marsall put forth the suggestion that the Group should consider a booth at the January 22-26, 2015, Sportsmen's Show at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup as both a fund raising activity and for public education and outreach. Discussion was deferred to New Business, below.

Elk Research and Habitat Improvement Committee. Harold deferred providing a report at this time because his committee meeting immediately follows this general meeting.

People and Land Management Committee: Harold reported that a citizens group from Tanner community approached him about providing a briefing to them about the EMG's 2011 Recommendations for Wildlife Buffers in low density residential (LDR) developments, which were previously disregarded by the North Bend City Council. There was some concern about this presentation because of the Council's interim emergency ordinance regarding bulk and dimensional standards in LDR zones. After some discussion there was consensus that Harold should make his presentation, but to avoid becoming an advocate of either city staff or council positions.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business:

o Nominations for Vice Present were opened: Scott Phelps was nominated and further nominations were closed. A motion to elect Scott as VP was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

o Three director positions are open for a wildlife advocate, a commercial forest property owner, and a commercial agricultural property owner. Because sufficient time was unavailable, action on this item was tabled to next month's meeting.

o Discussion on the 2015 Sportsmen Show was resumed. Initially members thought it is feasible and members are willing to support with volunteer hours. The committee is requested to develop a program proposal with specifics and present it to the Board at the next general membership meeting.

o A plaque award for outstanding service and achievement was presented to Don Hacherl for his performance as a EMG Treasurer over the past two years and especially for his concept of integrating program production and financial records management for the 2014 Wild Game Dinner. His program greatly reduced the time required to publish the program and his financial integration scheme significantly improved the speed and accuracy of processing individual auction transactions.

Comments for the Good of the Order: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Jim Gildersleeve,
EMG Secretary