



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Annual Business Meeting
November 3, 2009
Cody, WY

The meeting was called to order by Charlie.

The minutes from the November 18, 2009 Annual Business Meeting was read. There being no corrections or edits, Misty moved to accept the minutes. Brad made a second. Minutes approved.

The Treasure Report was also read. After further review there was a change due to one of the columns not adding correctly. Bob made the change and reported that the ending balance would not change but the allocation to the various accounts did change. He would send out a new Year end Treasure report for CY 08. When the Fourth quarter ends Bob will send out the 4th quarter and Year end report. Ginger moved to accept the Treasure report with changes and Misty made a second. Treasure report was approved.

Scholarship and Endowment: We currently have an endowment with the University of Wyoming for both an Undergraduate and Graduate scholarship. The Undergraduate fund is sustainable at this time without adding additional funding. Also, we do not offer scholarships at the other schools in Wyoming. Marji made a motion to have re-establish the Scholarship Committee and have them research and develop a proposal for an Educational Endowment fund. Summer made a second. Motion approved.

WY Section Webpage: Marji is working with the Parent Society to host the WY Section Webpage. Marji and Ginger are in the process to get all of our current WEB stuff moved over to the new site. Marji is also going to contact the Parent Society to get a cost figure for someone there to maintain the site. They would be the Webmaster and we would then need a Gatekeeper to provide the information we want to be displayed on the Website. Marji is asking for someone to be the Gatekeeper.

Since no one was at the meeting from the Board of Directors, Misty gave an update from the Advisory Committee. She stated they have hired a Washington DC representative. The Membership task force is looking at how to better market SRM and also develop a Recruitment brochure. The Society is looking at filling an Outreach and Development position. There was a letter sent pertaining to the Wildhorse and Burro Act on the impacts to rangeland management. SRM is working with the development of Ecological Site descriptions. They developed a Climate Change paper. Developed "Hope on the Range" Video. Will be doing and sponsoring the Agency "On the Spot" hiring process. The amount of expired memberships has decreased. The Certified Professional Exam is being updated. Ginger Paige is still working on having a session on Ecological Site Descriptions.

WYRED: There were close to 40 students who attended. There was a lot of rain except for the last day. Some excellent activities and good sponsors. Marji and Ben would like

to have a cap of 40 students. They are going to re-write the manual and will need assistance. Also need assistance to be a chaperone.

Newsletter: Charlie wants to make sure everyone who has an e-mail address is receiving the newsletter. Will double check on mailing list after we get an updated membership list.

Fundraising: The Bronze will be sold at the end of the year. The Wildhorse auction is being dropped this year but there is an opportunity to hold jointly with the RMEF meeting at the end of this month. Charlie is going to work with the Honor Farm and RMEF.

I&E: The main item was to get the SRM display at various conferences and conventions. Patti is also looking for ideas to update the display.

Awards: Several WY Section members are going to receiving National Awards. Show your support at the National meeting. The Section Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship and Sustained lifetime award will be presented at the Banquet. The Section will sponsor two groups to attend the National meeting in Billings in 2011.

There is going to be a Landowner Workshop in Glendo, WY sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory. Misty will get info to Charlie.

There was a letter from Lisa McDonald wanting to know if we had any outstanding Young Professionals. Please get names to Marji so she can forward to Lisa. The Wyoming Section has a non-voting position on the Council.

Budget is due by the end of December. Please submit to Charlie.

There is going to be both a live and silent Crazy Auction at this meeting.

Over 200 people have already registered.

The Range Beef Cow Symposium is going to be held the first week in December in Casper. The Wyoming Stockgrowers meeting is the following week. Do we want the Display at both meetings. There will be a sizeable cost to have a display space. We could ask for help from the Parent Society and we could also ask for assistance from the other Sections since the Beef Cow Symposium is a 5 to 6 State area. The I&E committee will make the decision.

Misty asked if there were any items that should be brought forth at the Advisory Committee please get with her.

Meeting Adjourned

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasure