



## *Wyoming Section Society for Range Management*

Annual Business Meeting  
November 10, 2010  
Laramie, WY

The meeting was called to order by Marji.

The minutes from the November 3, 2009 Annual Business Meeting was read. There was a correction to the date of the Nov. meeting to 2008 instead of Nov. 2009. With the correction being made Ben moved to accept the minutes. Blaine made a second. Minutes approved.

The Treasure Report was also read. Being no questions or corrections it was moved by Terry to approve the report. Second made by John. Treasure report was approved.

Terry complimented the financial health of the Section.

Nominations: Terry wanted to thank all those who were asked to serve as a nominee. Those who were asked did not turn him down. We have several qualified nominees this year. As announced our President elect is Ben Bonella. Southwest Council person is Justing McConkey and the Northeast Council person is Mary Schrader.

Fund Raising: The Bronze is still an issue. Marji is going to follow up with Phil.

I&E: We need to get the display to several events along with re-design. Marji also recognized Patty Slack for all the hard work she has put in with the I&E committee. There is much work to do and help is needed.

Membership: We currently have 234 members.

Newsletter: Courtney Thomas is our new Newsletter Editor.

Producer/Public Affairs: Jeff Tomac is moving. We have a volunteer to be a member of this committee.

Range School: There are no scheduled events at this time. Blaine is in the process to modify the curriculum. Funding for this activity comes from grant funds and tuition.

Student Affairs: We had 35 students participate in the URME. Also had students from the University of WY, Colorado State, LCC, and Chadron State College participate in the Plant ID and Rangeland Cup. Still need more participants in the public speaking event.

HSYF: In the past the budget has been less than the funds taken in. We need to get participation from the local schools where we are holding the Section meeting. John Likins moved that we send two students to the International meeting in Billings this year. Summer made a second. There was discussion as to this would provide experience and

exposure to High School Students even though the second place qualifier may not be the same caliber as the first place qualifier. Motion passed.

WYRED: Ben reported that the manual is being revised. We are moving toward Ecological Site Descriptions. The manual will be electronic and will need technical review. There were 30 students that participated this year. Ben is also looking at possible funding opportunities.

Annual Meeting: Misty has served on the Advisory Council as Chair. She will be going off and Ben B. as the President elect Section President along with Summer Schulz as the President will be our representative on the Council.

Ecological Site Description Workshop: It was asked if the Section would sponsor an Ecological Site Description workshop. Terry moved that we sponsor the workshop and it was second by Summer. Discussion stated that this is an educational opportunity on what Ecological sites are and how they are used. The motion was revised to form a committee to look at what is being offered and to develop a workshop to provide information not already being offered. This recommendation would come before the Council. Ginger made a second to this motion. After discussion the first motion failed and the second motion was approved.

Rangeland Cup: There is a cash award to the top two teams. It was asked if awards could be given to the top finishers in the URME, Plant and Speaking contests. The committee is to put together a recommendation and present it to the Council.

I&E: The Display Board is getting old and dated. Summer and Jessica will work on obtaining a new display board.

Budget: Committees need to get their 5-year budget request in. Blaine has volunteered to be on the committee replacing Charlie F.

WEB site: Ginger has a student that would be willing to work on the Section WEB site. We are currently using the Parent Society as the host for our WEB site.

Meeting Adjourned

Bob Sprentall  
Secretary/Treasure

Following the Business meeting Keith Klement gave an update from the Board of Directors and Jess Peterson gave an update as Executive Vice President.