



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Annual Business Meeting
November 16, 2011
Lander, Wyoming

Bob Sprentall started off the meeting thanking the membership for his Trail Boss award nomination. He is quite honored to receive this award. Bob also stated that he is stepping down as Secretary/Treasure as he will be retiring from the Forest Service at the end of December and relocating to Colorado. Marji Patz has agreed to be the Secretary/Treasure in the interim until a permanent replacement can be made.

The minutes from the November 10, 2010 meeting were read. There being no corrections or edits, Marji moved to approve the minutes and Jessica made a second. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Bob stated that there were some large expenses pertaining to WYRED and the Council. The Council has engaged Ann Tanaka to maintain the Website and there was an expense for her services. Karen moved and Charlie made a second to approve the Treasure report for the 3rd quarter. Approved. Bob stated that he would prepare a final yearend report working with Marji. Bob indicated that there has been ongoing discussion with the Parent organization for reimbursement of membership dues. After several months this issue has been resolved.

Summer read a Thank You note from the Chief Washakie FFA group for our support of the Western Natural Career Days.

UW Range Club: John Wagoner gave an update on their fund raising activities and the programs the club is involved with. He also provided a thank you to the Section for their sponsorship of their Producer Range Panel. It was asked that the Range Club send out notices when their activities are taking place to other Colleges to get their potential participation.

Annual Meeting update: Ben stated that this meeting is in conjunction with WACD and that there was excellent sponsorship. At this time there were over 300 who registered and it was about 50/50 participation from SRM and WACD.

Elections: The results of the elections will be announced at the SRM award luncheon.

Website: Justin gave an update on the Website. Things are going pretty well. There is a question on advertising on the web site and also of posting of notices. There are still a lot of questions that have to be answered.

Range School: Blaine stated that there were three Range Schools held last year. There will be a link on the Website if not already for Range School.

I&E: Wyoming Stockgrowers sent out information to potential participants. Need to add career/education information to the display.

Membership: Still need to update your information for the membership list. This is primarily contact information.

Fundraising: The Bronze is committed to be sold.

ESD: There is going to be six workshops this year on training/technical workshops. There will be held in Newcastle in May, June and July. Since there are folks working on these events there needs to be a committee established. Phil moved and Matt made a second to establish an ESD committee that is sanctioned to represent the WY Section SRM. Approved.

WYRED: Ben stated that it is going to be held in Tensleep, June 25 through 29. Help is needed in the form of instructors for this event. The manuscript is being currently updated and will be electronic.

The Casper Convention and Visitors Bureau gave a presentation to the Council prior to the Annual Business meeting as they would like the Wyoming Section to put in a bid for the International meeting. It was decided to wait and see what their feasibility study indicated as to what type of Convention Center is going to be constructed and where. This information should be available early in 2012 so the Council can decide if they would like to pursue a bid for the International meeting.

Misty Hays gave an update from the Board of Directors. They are discussing membership, elections, balanced budget, new investment firm for the Endowment funds, and they are still working on a Strategic Plan. There was also discussion on who is currently in our parent office and their roles. The Board is also having discussions on the Rangeland Journal and its function. There have been nominations made in all categories for awards this year. An item of note, the office in Denver is a large building and we only occupy a portion of that building. There are several options and leasing is not a viable option. The building has to be large enough for our archives and to house the current staff that is there.

The SRM brochures are out.

Being no further business, Marji moved and Jessica second to adjourn the meeting. Approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasurer