



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Annual Business Meeting
December 12, 2012
Casper, Wyoming

Meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm. Introductions were given of those present. The HSYF Delegates were introduced to the general membership.

The minutes from the November 16, 2011 meeting were read. Minor grammatical corrections and edits made to the minutes by Karen Clause, Misty moved to approve the minutes and Ray Gullion made a second. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Marji stated that there were some large expenses pertaining to Status reinstatement, the annual meeting and the Council. The Council has engaged another party to maintain the Website and there was an expense for her services. Clark McClung moved and Michelle Buzalsky made a second to approve the Treasure report for the 3rd quarter. Approved. Marji stated that she would prepare a final yearend report.

Annual Meeting update: Michelle stated that this meeting is in conjunction with WACD and WSGA, and that there was excellent sponsorship and attendance. It was brought to the discussion of hosting our own annual meeting or with another SRM section.

Elections: The results of the elections were announced.

Wyoming Section Status update was brought to the floor. Marji explained what had occurred and what needed to occur. It was also announced that we were recognized by the state on December 5, 2012. Karen suggested that we go to the parent society. Clark and Misty addressed this suggestion to clarify that the Parent Society's umbrella does not cover the Sections. So the process will move forward.

It was called for a break and to table further discussion of this process to the end of the agenda. Karen so moved, and Rick seconded.

Range School: Blaine reported on the progress of the Range Schools and that there were more planned for 2013.

University/Student Chapters: John Tanaka reported on the Regional competition hosted by UW due to the overlap of finals with this year's annual meeting. Bob moved that we host the regional completion. Ray Seconded. Discussion came forward, Bob amended his motion to include in conjunction with the annual meeting. Misty Seconded, more discussion ensued. Misty called for question and it came to vote: Motion read WY SRM will continue to support the regional student activity/completions in conjunction with the section meetings. Motion passed.

John Tanaka reported on the late summer activities that would be occurring through the University of Wyoming.

ESD: Karen brought forward a report from the ESD committee. No workshops were able to occur in 2012 due to budgets, fire threats and timing issues. They have appointed Brian Christenson their chairman and will be moving forward to host workshops in 2013.

WYRED: Ben stated that it is possibly going to be in Pinedale or in the Southwest this year. Help is needed in the form of instructors for this event. The manuscript is being currently updated and will be electronic.

Misty Hays gave an update from the Board of Directors. The database is now complete, however if you have questions on your membership contact Nick directly. Larger issues with the database, bring to Misty and she will bring them to Jess. They gave a financial update, announcing that they have severed ties with previous accountants and have hired a new firm. The sale of the Denver office space is progressing. Website is now contracted out and is a complex site/big job. Overall the finances of the Parent Society are in a poor state. A task force for a financial plan for the society has been formed. Nominations for the board in Wyoming are Keith Klement and Bob Budd, along with three other gentlemen. There were government rate rooms available still in OKC for the annual meeting. Reminder of the endowment fund raffles. Any concerns or items from the section or for the parent society bring them forward. The building was brought back to discussion. Proceeds from the building will go to the trust fund to help cover the cash flow issue and the back debt within the society.

It was moved for a break before continued on with meeting. Karen Moved, and Clark Seconded, Passed.

The by-laws were presented on a projector screen and we moved through the document line by line for full agreement. The final document will be signed and sent out as final to the general membership. Misty Moved and Karen seconded the approval of the by-laws as amended. Motion passed.

Discussion of hosting an annual meeting in Wyoming came to the table. Discussion: It would be preferred to co host with another section or to get commitment from others sections to assist prior to submitting Wyoming as an option. The venue would be Casper if the convention center is built or possibly Cheyenne, there are new venues in that area. It was documented that how we are doing business may not be the best proposition for Wyoming. Need a five year commitment from a couple of people and it is hard to get volunteers, manpower, commitment and will there be a venue that will truly be ready in time. Ben brought the motion to the table to submit Wyoming as a possible host for the international meeting. Motion was presented via email. Votes were 59 Yes to 18 Nos. Until we are certain on the convention center need to table this and not present at the advisory council.

Being no further business, Mark moved and Clark second to adjourn the meeting. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Marji Patz
Secretary/Treasurer