



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Annual Business Meeting
November 13, 2013
Casper, Wyoming

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. Delegation was notified that meeting would be recorded unless otherwise denied. No argument was made. Meeting recording began.

Election results were presented. President-elect is Windy Kelley, NW Representative is Katlyn Schade, and the SE Representative is Rachel Mealor.

The minutes from the December 12th, 2012 meeting were read. Minor grammatical corrections and edits made to the minutes, Terry Booth moved to approve the minutes and Ben Bonella made a second. Minutes approved. By-laws were presented to the membership as official. If copies were desired they are available on request.

Treasurer Report: The 3rd quarter report was presented; year-end will be presented once finalized. Investment Account is being rolled over with the Edward Jones. Marji stated that she would prepare and post the 2013 final yearend report once it is finalized. Bryan Christensen moved and Terry Booth seconded the acceptance of the treasurer's report as read. Report Approved.

Awards Committee – Ben Bonella: Have had some difficulty getting the awards, there are awards that did not ready for the meeting but they will be delivered as they arrive.

Annual Meeting update - Brian Mealor: The committee meetings were a little rough and we will address this. Keith Klement was recognized for his assistance with the meeting recognitions. The Sheridan College's assistance and staff help has been greatly appreciated.

Budget Committee – Blaine Horn: Rex Lockman, Carmon Kennedy and Mike Smith are the budget committee. He is working to bring the committee into routine that will work with the annual meeting and roll over of the members of the council. Income of 24,535 and expenses of \$38,150 – short fall of \$13,615. The council will need to address this negative balance.

Historian Mike Smith has taken over no report.

The information and Education Committee – Michelle: Website is up and going and we keep losing people for newsletter. The last election newsletter was completed by Michelle, but will be looking for a full time newsletter manager.

Membership and Fund Raising committees had no report.

Nominations – Terry Booth: Apologizes for losing a candidate at the last minute. Everyone think of if they would be willing to run for an office. IT is hard to get President Elect Candidates. Please consider running.

(Public Affairs) Range School: Blaine reported on the progress of the Range Schools and that there were more planned for 2014. They are being held different way this year with a 3-4 day event or workshop and will work through all the levels of the schooling. Still willing to do 101's and other levels, but will focus on doing one 3-4 day event each year. If interested in doing one please contact Blaine.

WYRED: Held in Pinedale, 32 students and had a great panel of instructors. Next year it will be in Evanston or Uinta County possibly. We are working to schedule 3 to 4 years out. Hosted Old West Regional this year, it was difficult due to furlough. We had 3 Teams, top from Montana and Wyoming.

HSYF: Have 4 students from Worland and students from Powell that will be presenting. Encourage everyone to take the time to sit in and listen and support these students.

URME: Justin Derner had 27 students to take the test at 7 am. Thank you UW and Sheridan College for sending students.

Plant ID: Brian Mealor – plants were especially difficult as usual and no one left with a smile on the face.

Rangeland Cup: Rachel Mealor reported that 3 teams showed two from Sheridan and 1 from UW, posters are still up take the time to go and review these posters.

Public Speaking contest: Jim Wagner reported had 7 contestants who competed have a choice from three titles, have 15 minutes to choose a topic and 1.5 hours to prepare a 7 minute speech. Ask membership for assistance with the contest as well as need assistance with topics/titles.

Board of Directors – Misty Hayes: This is her last year on the board; she will be done in Orlando. Joe Hicks will be coming on board as the new board member for our area. She is working to Balance a budget but things are very tight, there is a decrease in membership slightly and this may be putting a strain on the budget. IF we have recruit and retaining members ideas please bring them to the board. This year in Orlando Feb. 8-14th will have a webinar portion. Sacramento will be the host for the 2015 meetings. Working to outline what is required and the financial workings for hosting meetings. There is still no host or location for 2017 meetings. If Wyoming is willing to host, need to consider this. The Task Force is looking at how the annual meeting serves the membership, how they are structured, and also take a large amount of space for the # of people attending. Trying to minimize the space requirement so smaller venues can host; also trying to make the annual meetings profitable for the society. Financial Task force is looking to reduce society costs and improve profits, bring ideas forward if you have any. The Parent society is working to revise and update their by-laws. They had to pull the by-laws out of the electronic ballot due to have to be done currently as a paper ballot. Will not have results until can complete the paper ballot. The Glossary Task Force is working to update the glossary going through the science committees. New Publication “Stewardship” is circulating, it is an open forum to put out ideas to the membership and have responses back. More relaxed not peer reviewed. The Range Flash posted the times for the listening sessions. Building in Denver did sell, for around \$350,000. Will use funds for lease and maintenance of the Denver office, did put some funds into reserve accounts. Registration for Orlando is expected to be slightly down. Website is slower than expected on meeting information.

Advisory Council – Michelle Buzalsky: 2016 is in Corpus Christi, 2017 is open, 2018 has a bid from Reno Nevada. Chuck Butterfield has brought a request for Anchorage Alaska , and is suggesting a co-host between NE and WY. Our states have no real venue to bring forward, but He has met with the convention contacts in Anchorage and they have the ability to meet our footprint right in one general location. The weather is not that much colder than it is here and there are activities like the Iditarod sled races and other unique activities. MOU signed so that the National SRM has duties as well as the host sections in helping host meetings. Main item of the meeting was the Strategic plan – going over the vision, mission, and purpose statement, the BOD acted to retain the vision statement but the mission and goals will be revamped by the BOD (Board of Directors). Colorado proposed a new award, it was rejected but was sent to a task force so will be revisited. Trainings for State Leadership and the Stewardship Publication are on the agenda for the next meeting.

Long Range Planning needed for the organization, a 5 year plan. This needs to start with the committees. WE have numerous committees that need new chairman or need to get our committee’s active.

Mike Smith will chair Historian. We need to develop an awards recipient list and start capturing the activities we do each year.

Young Professionals Conclave – Monty Lane: Need a more active section level group. He agreed to be the Section Chair for YPC, as well as still serve at the National level as YPC recorder.

Brian Mealar commented on the Long Range Plan, our vision and our mission. We are the Society, and the sooner we step up and take ownership in that, the further our society can carry all of us. With the changes in the Parent Society, with us being active at the section level is the best way for us to have the ability to shape what SRM can do for us. Individually and as a whole, we need to look for how can we do the things that we are all interested in; and if we find this, we will be excited to serve in the Society. You get out of it what you put into it.

One comment that came forward was: Communicating what we do what we do to the general people, projecting out what it is why it is important is where SRM is a great tool to get this out there. Communication and Outreach to the public to reach audiences we have a hard time reaching.

If you are not engaged you have no right to complain. If you don't like something, step up and do something about it.

Membership participation – everything we do as a society is about the activities that we host, coordinate or take part in. Take time to take part in all the activities that are available at the meetings.

Committee Chairman Selections - there are several that we need to fill many of our vacant or inactive committee positions. Marji reviewed the duties of each of the committees.

Fund Raising – Clay Wood
Section Handbook – John Likins
Membership – Chuck Butterfield
Student Activities – Katyln Schade
Information & Education – Brenda Yoankin
Public Affairs – Dennis Phillipi
Newsletter Editor – Brian Seboda

Being no further business, Brian Mealar moved and Allen Welbourn second to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Marji Patz
Secretary/Treasurer