

Wyoming Section Council Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2006

Minutes were reviewed by the council. Motion made by Paul Meiman to approve the minutes and second by DeMont Grandy. Minutes approved.

Treasure report was reviewed. Motion made by DeMont to accept. Second by Paul. Report approved. Since 2002 we have shown a growth in our account balances.

Budget: Charlie. At last meeting it was decided to look at Range school, WyRED and HSYF. WyRED was approved at the last Council meeting. HSYF Pete Guernsey indicated that what was submitted is realistic and wanted to drop the expenditure for the WyG&F Expo since he would not have time to participate. The Budget Committee wants the council to look at ways to raise funds for HSYF. Range School has a proposal to look at getting outside funding and if not able to get outside funding, \$2000.00, was to drop the 501 class. This would then show a positive balance. We have not put on a 501 class and this would just show growth in program development. The budget showed two proposals, with and without the additional outside funding. Since the Annual Section meeting income is not considered in the budget at this time, it would allow for allocation of funds to the 501 course. There is also another competitor for those Annual meeting funds. That would be the Wyoming Weed Management Association. Primary purpose of this group is for information, awareness and education. They are requesting seed money in the form of \$500.00 for an upcoming conference. Discussion was, are they filling a niche that is not being duplicated. Consensus was that there is a need and if formulated similar to other State organizations it would be a useful organization. This new group does have a good relationship with the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council. If the Section does agree to provide funding, we need to be involved and support this organization. DeMont asked if we could we have them give a presentation on the role and purpose of their organization. This would be a one time contribution of funds. Rick will contact the Wyoming Weed Management Association to have them at our next council meeting.

Charlie also stated that the fundraising income is just an estimate at this time. A motion was made by Dave Beard to accept the recommendation of the budget. DeMont second. Question was asked if the Range Club also fell under the use of the Section Tax ID number. Since the Club is a sanctioned member of the University of Wyoming, they should use the University of Wyoming number. Motion on the budget approved.

Investment: Bob. The Strategy taken by the Council and membership is sound. The question is on how we are going to utilize the income generated by this investment. This also shows we have a means to accept contributions and donations to establish an endowment. Motion made to move funds from savings and to authorize Bob Sprentall to invest funds as outlined in the Strategy. Motion by Paul. Second by DeMont. Motion approved.

Quilt: Rick. DeMont does not have tickets or does Rick or David. The best way to get tickets is to ask Phil Gonzales. Best way is through County Fairs, Stock growers summer meeting in June. Rick asked for volunteers, due in a week, to man a booth at the Wyoming Stock grower's summer meeting June 7 through 10 in Casper. It was looked at to add on the expenditure of booth space to I&E. It was moved to add on an expenditure of \$350 to I&E for booth space at the Wyoming Stock grower's summer meeting conditioned by adequate volunteers to man the booth. Moved by Lucas. Second by DeMont. Motion approved.

I&E Subcommittee Chairs. The group who was to get together to look at getting subcommittee chairs for I&E failed us. This was an arrangements committee to help with the development and organization of the annual meeting. Names were identified as potential candidates.

Advisory Council Issues: Rick wants the Council advice. There were two issues that Rick wants to pursue on having the International meeting at large venues and the financial health of the International Organization. Rick wants to put a poll out to the membership on venues, perceptions of publications, and the role of our organization in relation to financial issues.

Annual meeting update. Monte not on line.

David B. did get the bronze placed in the gallery.

Next Council meeting will be at WyRED

The next council member to have the next newsletter article will be Matt Hoobler.

Meeting adjourned.