

Wyoming Section Council Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2006

Minutes were reviewed by the council. Motion made by Matt to approve the minutes and second by Monte. Minutes approved.

Treasure report was reviewed. Bob presented the summary and detailed expenditures of the Section for the past quarter. It indicated that the Section operated in a positive balance for this quarter. Richard would like a year to date summary at the end of the year and at half year. He felt this would be beneficial. Motion made by Monte to accept. Second by David. Report approved.

Old Business: At the last Council meeting it was decided to ask the Wyoming Weed Management Association to give a presentation on the role and purpose of their organization. This was in response to their request of seed operating money to establish this group. Richard extended an invitation for them to give a presentation. No one from this organization was present.

WYRED: The group was on a field trip. There is an average of 11 attendees with the Range Judging Contest to be held later in the week. There was a sense of disappointment on the number of attendees. The Council had a brief discussion on how can this activity be further exposed to gain participants and make it successful. Is there a problem on location of where WYRED is being held by moving it around the State and could there be an established location, are the dates that WYRED is being held in conflict with other activities and could there be an established date when WYRED is held approximately at the same time every year so it can be planned for, are instructors available to adequately meet the needs. These are all concerns that need to be addressed. Richard will work with Brendan to evaluate the future of WYRED. Brendan is also going to pursue the Commissioners License for WYRED.

N.W. Council member replacement: Due to the vacancy left by Paul Meiman, there is a need to fill this position for the remainder of his term, 1.5 yr and the position would then be open for nominations and voting by the membership at the annual meeting in 2007. The Council can appoint an individual to fill this position for the remainder of the term. Richard submitted the name of Patty Slack. It was moved by Matt and second by Monte to have Patty fill the position. Motion was approved.

Annual Meeting Update: Monte. The annual meeting will be in Sheridan, WY on November 29, 30 and Dec. 1, 2006. It will have a wildlife theme to it and oriented around interaction of wildlife and livestock, sage grouse, habitat restoration, fencing and the Wildlife Trust Fund. Richard explained that it is important to have folks address what they have demonstrated in accomplishments based on proven methods and not just give philosophical examples.

Awards: There was a proposal to align the Section Awards with the National Awards so that the Section award winners could be nominated for National Awards. In review of the proposal it was noted that some of the Awards the Section presents currently may overlap and already be a duplicate of the National Awards. This needs to be reviewed and a proposal made to have an award system that is in line with the National Awards. Richard is going to work with Justin and Joe on developing a notebook on the award process. He is going to solicit via the news letter as to who has received awards and what the award was for so a record can be made.

National SRM meeting venue resolution: Richard presented a resolution on how the National Office is selecting venues for the National Annual meeting. This was discussed by the Council. It was suggested that the resolution as presented go to a smaller group to refine and finalize. The concept of the resolution was agreed to by the Council. This will then be presented to the Council for approval and put in the Section Newsletter to get a feeling from the general Wyoming membership. Richard will also send out to other Sections for their input. This then could be brought up for a membership vote in November before submitting to the Board of Directors, Executive Vice President and Advisory Council at the National Level

Richard will establish the next council meeting date sometime in late September.

Meeting adjourned.