



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
Conference Call
3/10/08

Those on the conference call were Andi Meyer, Bob Sprentall, Summer Shulz, Marji Patz, Misty Hays, and Charlie Fifield.

Climate Change Workshop: The Section was approached to help sponsor or co-host the climate change workshop scheduled for June 17, 2008. The Council was generally interested and Misty will contact Terry Booth to find out more information on how the Section could assist. It was also mentioned that the Parent Society might also be interested.

Quilt Raffle: It was discussed that there was an agreement that the Univ. WY Range Club would receive the proceeds from the tickets the Club sold. Bob Sprentall stated that the he could only track \$74.00 in ticket sales contributed by the Club. Misty contacted Mae Peterson and Mae indicted that all Range Club members were required to sell two books of tickets and some sold ten books. Misty and Mae agreed on a \$500.00 figure that was contributed to sale of the quilt raffle tickets by the Range Club. Charlie moved to accept this figure and Andi second. It was approved. Bob will send a check in the amount of \$500.00 to the Univ. WY Range Club.

Commissioners License Fund Distribution: The Section did receive the Commissioners hunting licenses. It is expected that we could receive between \$9K to \$10K for this license when sold. Since the Univ. WY Range Club was instrumental in obtaining this license and is going to take the lead on selling the license it was suggested that a major portion of the proceeds should go to the Range Club. It was suggested that 10% of the proceeds stay in the Section general fund, 20% allocated to Student Activities, and 70% allocated to the Univ. WY Range Club. The Range Club would have to document an accountability statement on how the funds were used on a yearly basis. It was then discussed that WYRED did not get a Commissioners license. Charlie mentioned that we need to challenge our members and the fund raising committee to look at ways to generate funds for WYRED to keep the program viable. This upcoming year we are hosting the Old West Regional Range Judging contest and we need to keep WYRED and Old West income and expenditures separate for accountability. Marji moved that proceeds from the Commissioners License would be as follows: 70% to Univ. WY Range Club, 20% for Student activities, and 10% to the Section general fund. The Section would hold the funds and the Univ. WY Range Club would have to request funds on a yearly basis from their allocated amount. The Univ. WY Range Club would also have to provide a yearly accountability statement on the use of the funds. Charlie seconds the motion. Passed.

WY SRM Website: Marji reported that the Parent Society has space to host our website. There would be no cost to the Section and we would just need to maintain our site. The only costs that could be associated with this site are when we have electronic registration and we would then have to pay for the cost when credit cards are used. This would be minimal and figured in on the costs of registration. It was agreed to use the Parent Society website to host the Section website. The Wyoming Livestock Roundup is asking to have a link to our site and vice-versa. We could list them on other links so as to not promoting their product. Marji will develop a policy for the website.

National awards are due in April. It was suggested that we submit the Section award winners from last year.

Summer and Charlie are looking at having the SWCS help in co-hosting the Section annual meeting. Summer is still looking at dates of the meeting and will look at how to fit dates in with student schedules. This will be discussed at the March 29 Section Council meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Cheyenne at the Hitching Post Motel.

Summer is working with Patty on the I&E Display Board. Instead of just displaying pictures we need to look at how to display "What We Do". Need to display WYRED activities and what WYRED is about, Award winners and write-ups on their accomplishments and Range School. Places to take the Display Board to would be the Stockgrowers meetings, Wildlife Expo, FFA, and Education Days.

Misty has the Officers Handbook and Bylaws in electronic format. She will get that out to everyone.

Conference call adjourned.

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasure