



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
Cody, WY
11/3/09

Those in attendance were Charlie Fifield, Misty Hays, Marji Patz, Brad Weatherd, Ginger Paige, Summer Schulz, Bob Sprentall, Brett Burgess, Patti Slack,

The minutes from the August 23, 09 Council conference call were read. Ginger made a note of a correction that Dan thought the process for the allocation of the scholarship was correct but knew there was a formal process and we should reinstate the Scholarship Committee. Misty moved to approve the minutes as amended and Ginger made a second. Minutes approved as amended.

The Treasure report was read. There then was a long discussion on the Scholarship Account with the University of WY and that the undergraduate disbursements are exceeding the amount of interest gained thus a loss in the principle. It was noted that we do not have at this time an Endowment for other colleges in WY and we need to consider this. It was also discussed that we should add to the University of WY Endowment Scholarship fund. Charlie then indicated we were discussing the treasure report. Charlie made the motion to accept the treasure report and Ginger second. Approved.

It was decided to bring up at the Business meeting the idea of looking at setting up an Endowment Fund for other schools in WY and to contribute to the existing University of WY Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Update on the Annual meeting. Marji reported that about 200 people registered for the meeting so far. They are almost maxed out for Banquet tickets. Numbers for SRM seem to be a little lower than in the past. There will not be a Wild Horse Auction this year. In the future, this will take a lot of time to market and promote. Donations are up. Sponsorships for booths are down.

The WEB site for the Section is a work in progress. It will be hosted by the Parent Society but Marji can not utilize her computer to maintain the site. She needs someone to be the Webmaster. Ginger stated she would help Marji get everything moved over to the Parent Society sponsored WEB site. Marji will contact the Parent Society to see what the cost would be to maintain the site if we provide information to go on the site.

Awards: Will have the Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship award presented at the Banquet along with the Sustained Life-time Achievement Award. There will be several folks from the Wyoming Section presented awards at the 2010 SRM Annual meeting in Denver.

A letter was received from Lisa McDonald on behalf of the Young Professional Conclave. She would like the names of individuals in the Section who you think are outstanding. Provide names to Marji to submit to Lisa. Also, funnel new professionals to Summer. The Section needs to revitalize this group as they do have a non-voting seat on the Council.

Phil thinks he has sold the Bronze. Will be sold at the end of the year. The Wild Horse Auction needs a coordinator as it is a full time job to get this organized for the meeting. Charlie is going to pursue working with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation as they have some interest in this as a fund raising project at their meeting the end of November and we would split the proceeds from the auction. There maybe some other venues to solicit partnerships in this venture. Also need to do a better job of marketing. Money raised from this auction along with the Crazy Auction should be considered to go to the Endowment Educational Fund. Marji and Ben are doing some grant writing for WYRED. The Honor Farm should also be contacted for Horse Hair product donations. There seems to be a lack of interest and need to look at getting help for the Fund Raising committee.

WYRED will be held in either Casper or Cheyenne in 2010.

Excellence in Range Management: We can send two of our winners to the National meeting. Will be doing so in Denver and will ask the winners at this meeting if they would like to go to Billings.

UW Range Club has not presented a request for assistance to the National meeting.

There was an invitation from Laura Quattrini to attend a landowner workshop in Glendo, WY sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory.

Had interest from the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie, WY to host our meeting next year.

The Section Display needs to be upgraded. Patti is having a I&E meeting to get ideas on how and when to update the display. They also need to discuss if we need to have folks with the display at workshops to help with offsetting the costs for lodging. The display needs to be made more interactive.

Meeting adjourned

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasure