



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
Conference Call
4/28/09

Those in attendance were Charlie Fifield, Misty Hays, Marji Patz, Brad Weatherd, Ginger Paige, Ben Bonella, Summer Schulz, Bob Sprentall and Peter Gurnsey

The minutes from the February 28, 2009 Council meeting were read. Misty made a motion to accept the minutes and Summer made a second. Minutes approved.

The Treasure report for the first quarter was discussed. Brad made a motion to accept the Treasure report and Charlie made a second. Treasurer report approved.

Marji discussed the new WEB site. She is working with her IT folks on her govt. computer. Their indication is that this should be done on a personal computer which Marji does not have. She would like assistance so the WEB site can be updated when needed.

The WY Section annual meeting is going to be either the first or second week in November with SWCS being a partner. The location of the meeting looks like it will be in Cody, WY. The theme for the meeting is centering around Plant materials for revegetation, Sheep issues, Elk and Bison issues.

Ben gave an update on WYRED. It is going to be held in Bison, WY and the dates are June 1 through 5. Ben is still looking for potential sponsors and grant opportunities. Is there any opportunity for Agency support from BLM, FS, NRCS, in the terms of \$. One program that the FS has is called "Kids in the Woods". This could be a potential source for funding.

Ginger Paige is still working on a proposal for CPED. This would be on ecological site descriptions and is being proposed for the fall to avoid the busy summer season. Ginger will try to work with the northern Colorado area as a potential cooperative effort. Ginger is going to follow up with Summer on this effort. The deadline is May 4 to submit proposals. The money raised for this effort is that the National Office would receive 75% of the profits raised and the Section would only receive 25% of the profits. With this in mind, would it be better is the Section did this on our own with no support from the National Office. Ginger will need to put a budget together and review it with the Council. She will put this together by the end of May and present at the next Council meeting.

It was decided that our next Council meeting will be at 12:00 noon, on June 5 in Basin, WY.

Awards: Phil Gonzales was recognized in Albuquerque for a National Award. National Award nominations for the meeting in Denver, 2010 are due April 30th. Also need Section Award nominations which could piggy back for the National Awards.

HSYF: Pete Gurnsey wanted the names of those who registered for WYRED so he can contact them to prepare a presentation for the WY Section Annual meeting and hopefully selected for the National Meeting in Denver at the HSYF session.

Charlie indicated that Matt Roberts and Jessica Crowder are going to head up the Membership Committee.

I&E: The display was at the FFA convention in Cheyenne. The display needs to be updated. Brett Burgess has the display. The I&E group is going to have a group get together and update the display. They want to have this at the Wildlife Expo in September. For the display, it is nice to have items that the participants can take with them such as SRM Applications, WYRED flyers, WY Range Club flyers, Range School flyers, HSYF flyers.

There is going to be letters sent by the National Office to those members who their membership is expiring. There should be a letter sent by the Section to follow up. Charlie is going to get an updated membership e-mail list.

Meeting Adjourned

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasure