



## *Wyoming Section Society for Range Management*

Council Meeting  
Conference Call  
9/23/09

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

The minutes from the April 28, 2009 Council meeting were read. Charlie made a motion to accept the minutes and Marji made a second. Minutes approved.

The Treasure report for the first quarter was discussed. It was an abbreviated verbal report since it is not the end of the quarter and Bob wanted to include bank statement and investment account interest before sending out the third quarter report. Items of significance were the Private Grazing Lands Grants for both WRED and Range School. Bob did state that he received a report from the University of Wyoming on the status of Renewable Resources Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships. It was noted that Dan Rogers is heading up the Scholarship committee and is aware of these scholarships. He receives the applicants and then asks the past President of the Section to help make the selections. Ginger visited with Dan and Dan stated that he was comfortable with this process but realized that there was a process and committee outlined and guidelines developed. Marji made a motion to reinstate the Scholarship Committee. After discussion it was decided that there is a committee and this committee needs to take a more active role. Marji withdrew her motion. Another issue was the funds available in this scholarship. It was noted that the Undergraduate scholarship fund is not maintaining itself due to the economy. It was then noted we may have to apply more funding to this scholarship so awards can be maintained. This will be discussed at our November 3, 2009 Council meeting. It was also discussed that we should support other colleges in Wyoming and how would it be possible to provide scholarship opportunities at the colleges. The students at these Community colleges are the individuals that apply for jobs within the State of Wyoming and are employed within the State of Wyoming. It was decided that the Council members need to contact the colleges within their area for scholarship opportunities and to encourage them to attend the Section meeting. It was asked who the University of Wyoming Range Club contact is. It was finally decided that it is still Reeves White. The Charlie made a motion to accept the Treasure report and Misty made a second. Treasure report approved.

Marji gave an update on the Annual meeting. It is going to be a 3 day meeting on November 3, 4 and 5, 2009 in Cody, WY. It is going to be hosted by the Wyoming Section SRM, The Wyoming Wildlife Society, and the Soil and Water Conservation Society of Wyoming. There will be a business meeting scheduled for late Tuesday morning for the individual sections and then panels for the afternoon. The Wild Horse auction will be Tuesday evening. Sessions will be on Wednesday. The banquet will be

Wednesday evening. There will be both a silent and crazy auction on Wednesday evening and Marji wants to encourage substantial items and not junk type items for the auctions. There will be workshops on Thursday and a on your own Seed Lab Tour. Marji will get the Draft agenda along with the registration to the Council for their review. Marji also wanted to thank summer for all her help with the agenda and getting things lined up.

Misty gave an update on the awards. There were three nominations for the Excellence in Rangeland Award. We could recognize all three nominations but since we need to decide who will participate at the National meeting we do need to have them ranked to make a decision. Misty will send out the nominations to the Council members for ranking. They need to be returned by October 2, 2009. It was stated that the top award winner will go to the National meeting and the Section will pay for travel expenses. There is a cap of \$1,000.00. The Council will review and rank the nominations to decide who goes to the National meeting. Everett Bainter was nominated for the Sustained Lifetime award. It was discussed to have his nomination for both the Section and National award level. Marji made a motion to have Everett's nomination for both the Section and National level awards. Summer made a second and it was approved.

Charlie has not heard from Terry Booth on nominations for Section Officers. Charlie will contact Terry.

It was mentioned that we will need to send out another newsletter that contains the Annual meeting information for registration and the agenda.

Marji gave an update on WYRED. Even though turnout was a little down due to schools still being in session, there was a lot of interest and even interest for the next year. The location for WYRED in 2010 will be in either Cheyenne or Casper.

Marji gave an update on the WEB site. She is still working on getting it up and running. She needs help since she is not able to utilize her work computer. Ginger stated to Marji that she would be able to provide some assistance and to contact her. The WEB site will have a direct link with the Parent Society.

Fund raising issues. We need to look at possible fund raising opportunities. Charlie is going to contact Phil Gonzales on the Bronze. We need to just sell it.

Ginger Paige is still working on a proposal for CPED. This would be on ecological site descriptions. It did not happen this fall so will get the proposal completed this winter to be held next spring.

It was decided that our next Council meeting will be at 7:00am on November 3, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Cody prior to the Section Business meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Bob Sprentall  
Secretary/Treasure