



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
Laramie, WY
November 10, 2010

Those in attendance were Bob Sprentall, Justin McConkey, Mary Schrader, Marji Patz, Ben Bonella, Karen Clause, Jessica Crowder, Summer Schulz.

This started out as an Agency meeting in looking at ways agency folks could attend these types of functions. The Bureau of Land Management strongly encourages attendance. The University of Wyoming has it written in their contracts that they need to attend such meetings. It seems that the NRCS does have an issue on attendance. There should be a joint effort with several of the Professional Societies to approach the NRCS to encourage attendance. The Wyoming Dept. of Agriculture does not have issue in attendance at State meetings but is dependent on budget availability to make choices with National meetings. They are also willing to support those who support their professional organization. One thing that was suggested is to hold joint meeting with other organizations or at least at the same time and locations such as the WY Stockgrowers Association. For Agency folks to attend there needs to be associated training at both the State and International meeting level. John T. and Linda Coates-Markel are doing a training needs assessment. This would include of relevant topics and what types of training is needed.

As it pertains to the Forest Service, it is up to the local managers to determine who attends. In most cases as long as the individual is an active participant and there is training involved most likely it is not an issue to attend at either the State or International level. Again, it is determined by budget availability.

It was brought up that there is a sense the Board of Directors is operating under a vision of secrecy and not making things transparent. The Advisory Council should ask the Board to be transparent.

John also stated he would be willing to assist with the WEB site.

On other Topics:

There was discussion on the Display board. Moriah want to help and focus on the display board.

We need to look at long term planning with our 5-year budget and to coordinate our meetings with other groups.

There was discussion on looking at having a Pres. Elect, Vice President, and President which would give us a two year planning cycle. Bob will check the Bylaws if this is possible and if there would have to be a change in the Bylaws. This would have to be voted on by the membership.

The Handbook is available electronically. Marji wanted to know if it should also be made available hardcopy for incoming Council members.

Each Council member was asked to develop a resource list for their area.

Patty wants to take the Display to the Stockgrowers meeting. Karen moved to approve to cover costs such as lodging and display costs. Justin made a second. Motion approved.

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasure