



## *Wyoming Section Society for Range Management*

Council Conference Call  
February 2, 2010

Those in attendance were Charlie Fifield, Marji Patz, Brad Weatherd, Summer Schulz, Bob Sprentall, Rachel McGee, Jessica Crowder, Karen Clause, Brian and Rachel Mealor, Blane Horn, Phil Gonzales.

Budget: Submissions have been made for the 2010 budget. As we are a 501C entity we cannot make money but then we cannot operate in the red. We need to find a 5year average balance if not net gain. For this reason it was suggested to have a committee develop a 5year strategy plan for our budget. Need to have a goal and develop objectives on what it takes to operate the section in a financial responsive manner. Each Committee will need to look at some long range planning on what it will take for them to operate with fiscal responsibility. The Council will get together at 6:00pm in the Sheraton Lobby at the Denver SRM meeting on Monday, February 8 to start the process.

There was discussion on the status of the Bronze. The economy is the deciding factor and since it is not doing well, these types of items are not moving. Since there is no expense to store the Bronze it was pretty much decided to retain it. We need to look at venues for display and marketing the Bronze. Ideas were to make contacts with galleries that will not charge for display. Phil will get pictures of the Bronze along with a brief write-up to the Council members.

Discussion then focused on the Rangeland Cup at the Wyoming Section meeting. Charlie suggested that we provide a monetary award to participants as an incentive to participate. It was moved by Summer to have the following awards: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$225, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$125, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$75. Brad made a second and motion approved.

There was then discussion on WYRED as to how it operates, suggestions for fees in the registration and how it is funded.

Membership: We need to recharge our membership. There are folks coming to the annual section meeting but few volunteer to be on committees. Charlie will get with the Membership Committee to get information out on the need to get involved and the activities the Section is involved with.

I&E: Patty Slack has stepped down as Chairperson and Rachel McGee has volunteered to take over.

Range Schools: Blaine gave an update on when the schools are going to be held:  
Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - 201 – Bill  
Feb. 24 and 25 – 501 – Worland  
March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 101 – Gillette  
April 27<sup>th</sup> – 101 – Casper

Blaine also stated that he is updating the equipment to get an interactive power point system so the students can interact. Marji also asked that if folks to be part of the teaching team to contact Blaine.

Wild Horse Auction: We need to look at possible venues besides the Annual Section meeting to sell the horse. In the past the Fundraising committee made contacts but turned over the marketing and getting it into the program to the President elect. It was suggested to turn this event over entirely to the Fundraising committee. We need to look at raising funds from another group besides ourselves. Phil stated that the reason we got the horses was due to the fact we were going to sell them at our Section meeting. It was decided to have the auction as we have done in the past but to involve the Fundraising committee more in the process.

The 2010 Annual Section meeting is going to be held in Laramie. The focus will be developing Leadership skills, Training opportunities, Conflict Resolution/Consensus. Summer will pull together a planning committee. Marji will get the recommendations from the 2009 meeting to Summer. At this time we would like to plan on having a joint meeting with SWCS.

Marji wants to meet with Agency heads on the needs of those agencies to support SRM. She will ask the question on what can SRM provide to be useful to the agency and their employees.

CPED: Ginger is still working on a course offering on Ecological Site Descriptions. Marji will work with Ginger on this. Are there ideas for CPED course offerings? One idea was to look at Carbon Credits and their qualifications.

Marji is working with Ginger on the WEB site.

Newsletter editor: This is a critical position and we are looking for someone to take this on.

Silent Auction at the National SRM meeting: Karen is going to contact Wind River Seed to see if they would donate a bag of seed in memory of Donna for the SRM silent auction.

Meeting Adjourned

Bob Sprentall

Secretary/Treasure