



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
April 5, 2011

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

Minutes were read from the February 8, 2011 Council meeting. Jessica made a motion to accept the minutes and Karen made a second. Minutes approved.

Bob gave an update on the 1st quarter Treasurer Report. He had not received bank or investment statements and will send out the report once they have been received. Bob did state that the Section did receive payment for the 1st half of the 2010 membership dues along with funds from the Annual Section meeting.

WEBSITE: Justin is taking the lead and working with Ann Tanaka.

Newsletter: Courtney sent out a call letter for articles. Marji will put together some articles and Karen will work with NRCS as they would likely develop some articles for us. Jessica thought it would be a good idea to have agencies provide articles on issues that pertain to that agency and to provide more information about the agency. Summer would like to have some general and technical articles. Karen is going to provide some plant articles. Marji will get some information on ESD work and develop some articles. LeAnn Stevenson would do an article on the Rangeland Health Assessment process and updates. The Council will also be contacting Seed Companies on proper seed mix and native plant materials for reclamation. Summer will suggest to Courtney to have a Newsletter theme and have articles based on that theme.

Annual Meeting: Ben reported that things are moving along. It will be in Lander on November 14 through 17, 2011. Organization is going well and Ben needs some assistance on training topics such as the Rangeland Health Assessment Program with a potential topic being the protocols/methodologies. He would like your ideas by April 22. Rooms are blocked and a tentative agenda has been developed. They are currently working on Public Relations. There will be a horse/regular auction and handled by WACD. The session is going to be held jointly with WACD. On Tuesday will be training and Student sessions and on Wednesday and on Thursday will be General sessions. Ben is also looking for help in the local area to locate facilities for the venues as the hotels do not have conference rooms large enough for the sessions.

WYRED: It is going to be held in Casper, June 20 through 24, 2011. Ben is currently seeking sponsors for the event. Flyer will be going out next week and also in the newsletter. It is looking like WYRED will be getting accreditation. There is also some discussions that Central Wyoming College is looking at having WYRED as part of their course offering to sponsor this session and help with instruction.

ESD: Justin Derner is forming a planning committee for an ARS co-hosted ESD event with parent SRM organization. The Council should have someone on this committee for the workshop being planned by the ARS. Jessica is willing to be on the committee. She will call on Karen and Marji for technical assistance. This workshop is primarily for agency folks and the Section still wants to develop a workshop for the public. Marji will contact Ginger Paige to move forward with planning a section hosted event.

Rangeland Health Assessment Program: There is funding available through the Wyoming Department of Agriculture for the Rangeland Health Assessment Program for monitoring. Applications for these funds are already being received and SRM could be involved by providing monitoring assistance. This is a good training opportunity for the general public.

Awards: It was moved by Justin and second by Karen to submit John Likins at the National level for the Sustained Lifetime Achievement award. Marji is going to update the WEBSITE on the awards and nomination process. Marji will also work with Rachel on the YPC awards.

YPC: Rachel is looking at having a function at the annual meeting maybe on Tues. night. Rachel will coordinate with Ben.

Summer will contact committees to submit their budgets.

Upcoming Events: Hunting and Fish Expo.
 Various Ag. Expos in the State
 Stockgrowers meeting
 UW Range Club – Marji moved and second by Jessica to have Summer attend and to fund the cost of a motel room to be a speaker.

Scholarship: Adrian Peterson wanted to set up a Scholarship fund for attendance to other schools besides Univ. of Wyoming. There is a need to have a managed scholarship fund. Ben has information on a managed fund to help provide for scholarships and training needs. He will send that information out.

Justin McConkey is moving to Newcastle but will still be on the Council.

Next meeting will be in Casper, June 20, 2011 starting at 2:00pm. This is in conjunction with WYRED. Stay tuned for details on location.

Meeting adjourned.

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasurer