



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
September 19, 2011

Those in attendance were: Summer Schulz, Justin McConkey, Ben Bonella, Mary Schrader, Jessica Crowder and Bob Sprentall

The minutes from the July conference call were read. Mary moved to accept the minutes and second by Justin. Approved.

Treasurer Report: Bob stated that there has been little activity for the past quarter and will prepare the Treasurer report. Bob has yet to receive the last half of the 2010 membership dues from the parent society. Bob called the Denver office to find out about the status as this now all goes through Allen Press. Summer will visit with Jack Alexander concerning this issue.

Website: Things have been going well. There will be a comment form set up so it can be submitted to the Section President. Would like to have updates and information about the Range School on the Website. Mary will contact Blaine to get these updates posted. Summer asked Ben to provide updates and information about WYRED on the Website. We can have our minutes posted to the website and if there is an executive session Bob will sanitize the minutes that will be posted so that information will not be contained in the posted minutes. Also need to have a link to the SRM brochure.

Interviews: Tate has agreed to do the interviews. Interviews will be done with members and award winners. We also need to consider and look for long time members of the Section to interview.

Newsletter: Courtney is doing a good job with the newsletter. Will have the Section annual meeting agenda in the next newsletter.

ESD workshop: Excellent group to work with. Already discussion on how to structure the next session. It had a diverse group and made adjustments in the agenda to meet the audience needs. The next workshop is going to be in Florida. It was discussed that SRM could participate by providing feedback on newly developed ESD's. Jessica will keep the Council informed of upcoming workshops. There were approximately 45 that participated in the last session.

Heritage Expo: There were a lot of children who participated on Thursday. Mary was at the booth on Thursday and for future Expo's it was suggested to have a more hands on interactive display that would appeal to children. A suggestion was to have a native grasses type display along with the seeds of those grasses.

BOD conference call: It is going to be held next week. Renewal letters have been sent out and Summer will bring up the membership dues issue. Matt Roberts is still interested in the Committee Chair for the Membership committee.

Awards: John Likins is up for a National Award. Local awards need to be acted on promptly. Redd Fund nominations need to be submitted for the local award and then sent for a National Award nominee.

Annual Meeting: Ben reported that the draft agenda was sent out and things are getting pretty much final. Need to firm up a couple of speakers and presenters. Will need some more volunteers to moderate some Technical sessions. Hotels are filling up. Registration information was sent out in the mail and will also be e-mailed to Ann so it can be posted on the Web. There will also be an Alert that will go out next week.

Nominations: Still need nominations for President Elect and the two outgoing Council members. Summer will contact Marji to see if arrangements have been made to get nominations.

The Casper Chamber wants to give a presentation on the facilities they have to hold the National meeting of the SRM. Based on the information presented it would then be up to the membership to see if the Wyoming Sections wants to host a National meeting and make a presentation to the Board.

Next Council meeting: There will be a meeting on 11/16 at 1:30pm for the old Council and then there will be meeting on 11/17 at 2:00pm for the new Council.

The voting on the award recipients will be done on line.

Meeting adjourned.

Bob Sprentall
Secretary/Treasurer