



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
Teleconference
March 23, 2012

Those in attendance were: Ben Bonella, Rachel McGee, Summer Schulz, Ray Gullion, Justin McConkey, Michelle Buzalsky and Marji Patz. 1:05 pm.

Nomination for Bert Jellion was reviewed for Chaplin Award. Summer made the nomination to carry this forward to the international award. Michelle seconded. Discussion, Phil wants to carry the outstanding man in Range/achievement. We can verify and submit local later. Motion passes. Ben will write letter for submission and Summer will follow up with submitting to the parent society.

Casper Proposal was discussed and brought to the table. General overview is that Casper is working towards building the New Conference Center, the logistics are being worked through with the private sector to determine ownership and leasing terms. Membership needs to make the final decision on if we want to submit Wyoming to host the 2017 or other years for international meetings. Table main vote until annual meeting but take it to the membership via survey monkey to get overall feeling for the proposal to host in Casper the international meeting for 2017. Summer is for the opportunity to bring it to Casper, for the income it can generate and the benefit to the section and the state, everyone is in agreement.

Minutes were read to the council and will be sent out electronically. Rachel moved to approve minutes as read, Summer seconded. Motion Approved.

Treasure report for 2011 4th quarter and year end. Summer moved to accept as presented, michelle seconded, and motion approved.

Website discussion for accepting Amanda as our new host was brought forward. Amanda was submitted to the council by Ann Tanaka. The rate she is charging is similar to what Ann is charging, and the work that she provided for examples was acceptable to the council. As a non-profit we need to maintain a strong website for connection to our constituents. Summer and Justin can work to develop a budget proposal for the website and look at bringing the advertisement possibilities on the website to help make it acceptable. Pharo Cattle Company may be an example. It was proposed that Justin continue to research the possibilities. Summer moved and Justin seconded to continue with Amanda at this time until a budget can be approved to maintain the website.

Budget- Worked line by line through the budget as submitted.

WyRED is approved with reservation to the work to reduce the negative balance.

I&E – need to locate last year's, had proposed funds for new display and other expenses, if this is located, bring this balance forward, otherwise need to submit a new budget.

Approve HSYF and Fund Raising as proposed.

Newsletter – we agreed to cover her dues and meeting registration as a council, captured in minutes.

Student and All awards discussion followed and determined to approve as follows:

Approved the Excellence in Grazing awards and sustained lifetime awards approved

HSYF reduce to 300, Rangeland cup reduce to 500, Extemporaneous Speaking to 100, URME and plant ID is 150.

Outgoing president leave at 150 with clarification.

Council jackets- discussion on if it is an award or if it is a benefit. Do we need to take to the membership?
Summer will take a reply back to Blaine and Ben with further justification and a motion to the members to get their approval for jackets for the council.

Awards total \$2800, with jackets it would be \$3450.

Need to look into the what the RMS subcommittee is exactly and where the 3500 came from.

Winter Meeting update - will have a meeting with WACD and WYSGA. Planning meeting is planned next Tuesday to know the location, timing and logistics. Meeting is scheduled for Casper on December 10-13th at the Parkway Plaza.

Summer brought up an idea or outreach idea of using entrepreneurs that are creating items that we can use to promote SRM as well as them such as the caps, twine cutting, etc that exists in Wyoming.

Council set a date for getting the long range plan or 5 year budgets to develop a long range plan – date was set for October 1st. Summer proposes that each council member take two committees as a responsibility to ensure that this deadline is met.

Summer : Awards, Nominations, History

Rachel: I&E, YPC

Ray: Fund Raising, Range Schools

Justin: Website, newsletter

Ben and Marji: Student Activities, WYRED, HSYF, ESD Committee, Budgets

Michelle: Public/Producer Affairs, Annual Meeting

Mary: Membership, Scholarships

We will then work with the budget committee to bring a 5 year plan or long range plan back to the membership at the annual meeting.

Summer moves to approve amended budget to be taken back to the budget committee for final action, ray seconds. See discussion above Motion Passes.

Summer moves to move forward with the development of a strategic plan with preliminary budgets submitted by 10/1/12. Second by Michelle. Motion Passes.

Marji will work with the Budget Committee to try to mimic what the Parent Society as for their strategic plan as well as follow our past strategic plans. So will work to track down the past history.

Marji has stated she will work on bylaw or policy of capturing email business as official council action.

Michelle will bring back information and need for next council meeting and will set next meeting time.

Invite to have face to face council meeting on June 28th for the WYRED meeting participate in practice and contest.

Ray moves to adjourn, Justin seconds, Motion Passes.

Meeting adjourned. 3:25 pm

Marji Patz
Secretary/Treasurer