

## Wyoming Section SRM Council Meeting – 10-20-2014

Conference Call called to order at 4:10 pm by Brian Mealor. Agenda and below call information was provided to all council members. The call in number for the conference call is: (712)432-1212 The meeting ID is: 646-616-308 You will be prompted to enter a code if you are the host; disregard and stay on the line. You will hear music if no one else is on the line.

Brian Mealor, Rachel Mealor, Mae Smith, Windy Kelly, Michelle Buzalsky, Marji Patz were in attendance.

Marji presented a skeletal treasurer's report with the update that all corrected information would be provided to the council for the Annual Meeting in November. During absence, two crucial statements were misplaced. Once these documents are reconciled, the report can be finalized.

Investments are holding steady with no increase and slight losses due to being in cash accounts. It was brought forward from the April meeting to address the investment options. The first item brought forward was the proposal made by Ben Bonella to take over as the Investment firm for the Sections funds. Brian called discussion and it was emphasized that although we would like to support our own members, the potential conflict of interest was great and the need to open the potential to more members could create a complication. It was determined the Council would prefer to maintain status with Edward Jones. Windy Moved to keep with Edward Jones, and that we write a letter to Edward Jones (Kerry Bailey) requesting current recommendations to increase our gains with minimal risk to the section funds. Mae 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Vote passed. Marji will draft a letter to inform Ben of the Council's decision, emphasizing that it was not a lack of trust or desire to support his endeavor but felt it was the most secure and appropriate measure for this time.

Windy gave an annual meeting update. Windy thanked Brian and Mae for their assistance with planning the meeting. They are working on the technical sessions and having some minor scheduling issues due to lack of responses but will have the sessions finalized this week, they do have 2 standby sessions to fill in if needed. Registration information was sent out today by Brian Sebada and Brian Mealor has the registration page posted on the website. Mealor added a reminder to the membership to bring auction items. And it will be brought to the Sebada's attention for the Newsletter. Currently there is only one trade show booth and so Windy is asking for assistance to look for others and will send out informational letters so we can recruit businesses and people from our areas respectively. Sponsorships come with a booth space and a registration in full. Lunch is 500, Banquet 750, Social hour or breaks are 350. Brian discussed the Pro-Am and asked that we encourage professionals to participate. There are students from UW, Utah State, and Colorado State that may be attending. For the Ranch Tour, Deseret would prefer no school buses so looking for Agency vehicles to transport folks. Marji mentioned budgets are tight so agencies may not be bringing their work vehicles. Brian, Rachel and Mae mentioned they could look into getting Extension vehicles or university vehicles. Jason Fernio may be our auctioneer, if he cannot he gave a secondary contact. Clay is working on the Auction and is recruiting sponsors or donation for items. There was a request for a Trail Boss and he would build a frame similar to what Bryan Christensen did last year. Marji brought forward that she has the Charlie Fifield print reproduced and so could do that if the Council approved, it was decided to just use the

Other Trail boss and do a print framed for the auction. Brian will work with Sebade to ensure that the newsletter has the election information, registration information with reminders for the auction. Windy mentioned help for registration, and Brian and Rachel said that the UW range club as well as brians Grad Students would assist.

Brian brought forward the Non-profit status application from April and noted that we were near completion. The question was proposed as to when it should be retro-activated to and it was clarified that guidance as to apply as a new member and that it would be of the date of state approval December of 2012. So the 27 month window was still open but barely. Discussion was had on who to finalize the document with and Windy and Brian will research CPA's in their respective areas and bring word back to Marji to complete the documents. Marji will send out request for contact information to complete the annual report with the minutes and bylaws.

The By Laws were brought forward with reviews by the Handbook committee (John Likins), and the discussion was had as to if the edits made were of a degree that they needed approved by the membership. There were two or three minor edits made that require membership vote. Due to the extent of other formatting edits, the document will be cleaned up accepting all formatting and grammatical corrections as agreed to by the council and a final clean document prepared to be presented to the general membership. This will be done via the newsletter and email. Then copies will be made available at the annual business meeting where the final vote will be taken. Windy moved, Brian amended to include grammatical with formatting errors, and Rachel seconded to move forward with the bylaws as edited and cleaned for formatting errors and grammatical errors. Motion passes.

Michelle presented the status of awards and said there was only one award application received for Sustained Lifetime Achievement for Terry Booth. It was unanimous to accept this application, and he has already been proceeded to the national level. Marji brought forward an incomplete application and it was decided to allow the application to proceed. Michelle will bring this forward through the Awards Committee. She will be working to order awards. The council made another request to gather and create a past awards recipient list. It was mentioned that this may be difficult, as records on hand stop in 2005. Will work to make contact with Mike Smith the new historian and Dick Hart to see what we can do to complete this list.

Brian asked for any further business, and seeing none called for adjournment. Michelle Moved and Mae Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.