



Wyoming Section Society for Range Management

Council Meeting
Round House, Evanston, WY November 18, 2014

Those in participation were: Mae Smith, Rachel Meador (Brackin Meador), Windy Kelley, Chuck Butterfield, Michelle Buzalsky, BJ Bender (UW Ag Club), Mark Lambert (Call-in) and Marji Patz. Brian Meador Chaired the Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am at the Visitors Center.

Secretary's report was presented with no corrections to minutes as posted, Mae moved and Michelle seconded, minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was given for the 3rd quarter report. Reconciliations will be completed for the corrections made. Rachel moved, and Windy seconded. Report was approved as read.

Investments decision was placed back on the table, and the motion was made by Windy to place funds in to the investment funds based on recommendations of Edward Jones. BJ seconded. Discussion – We need to discuss in-person with Ben Bonella why we are staying with Edward Jones. Discussion: Bonella could be seen as a conflict of interest. If we were to consider in-house consideration, it would be most appropriate to present the opportunity for all other interested members to bid to be the financial advisor for Wy SRM before accepting his proposal. Due to the current position of the Society and the long standing patience with Edward Jones it was Board decision to remain with Edward Jones. Windy Moved, and BJ Second. Motion approved. Marji will make contact with Edward Jones and place the investments back into action.

Marji gave a report on the non-profit status of the section, we were officially recognized by the State on December 5, 2012. The process is moving forward on re-submission nationally after a set-back through 2014. Need to re-establish with an accountant, will work with Windy and Brian to find an acceptable accountant and proceed forward.

Windy provided an annual meeting report on the process of the meeting thus far, seems that everything is going well. Currently looks like will have a gross of \$5400 approximately with expenditures of around \$5000, so hope to have a few \$100 ahead. Students will be assisting with registration and may still need volunteers. CSR will be a sponsor. Lunch and Dinner combined cost \$4800, will need to get payment to caterers after the banquet. The venue did not charge because the event was educational based. Have not covered any of the speakers fees, Keynote included. Jason Fernio will do auction and is willing to donate his services. Need to do all our own set up and cleanup. HSYF lunch costs add up – 9 students, will be paid by HSYF. Worked with BLM on what would help to bring the people. Do we address agencies, Why do we host our own Annual meeting was brought to question → Timing, Costs, Topics. Discussed teaming with other organizations, “change the name”, when to have the meetings, and where. Key things – Board Rep needs to hear concerns and ideas, need to discuss directly with them. Membership across other sections are down overall – all sections are down overall, including the Wyoming Section. Concerns that have been brought forward – If you are not getting anything out of it, you are not putting anything into it. Student Conclave – should it meet or have a separate part of the meeting?

Budget Committee – Marji reported on the finances and brought the committee recommendations to table. The Budget Committee is working to get everyone responding timely. Recommendations were discussed, Board summarized decision (see budget notes on spreadsheet). Overall was that the \$1000 awards need to stay as was a Membership vote. UW range club – leave as is – no request, but the Council will need to attend the student banquet. Other proposals were accepted, with minor changes by council and will be taken to the Business meeting for approval. Brian tracked changes and will provide a summary. Rachel Moved to approve adjusted

budget and BJ seconded. Budget passed to proceed to the Business Meeting. Bring People, Bring Items, and bring our Checkbooks to Laramie for Student Banquet.

Student Chapters – Completing significant fund raising and is planning Spring Banquet. Provided a budget proposal but is willing to not request specific funds at this time.

Range School – Question was brought to the council on what or how to proceed with Range School. Need to re-visit how it was formatted initially. Who is the Lead? There has been some concern with Blaine and cross over between SRM and CES, need to re-invigorate the committee. Michelle will visit with Blaine.

I&E – need to reach out and contact the people who were asked to take over the committee – Budget Process and Handbooks.

Rachel moved and Michelle seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion Approved.

Business was concluded for this session and meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Marji Patz
Secretary/Treasurer