



Wyoming Section
Society for Range Management
Business Meeting Agenda
November 3, 2015 - Laramie, WY

The Annual Business Meeting of the Wyoming Section Society for Range Management was called to session at 12:12 pm on November 3, 2015. Session was recorded upon unanimous agreement of delegation. Opening Remarks to Business Meeting provided by Windy Kelley.

Joe Hicks was invited to provide opening remarks, he has served on the International Board of Directors for 2 years now. National provided a presentation to allow for all sections to have common reports. The main drive is to get all handbooks up to date and functioning. Committees will submit their choices for leadership and the Board will approve from those recommendations, main standard put in place. Transferring the website into a new format. Butterfield shared the process and where they are at in the bid process. Membership services will be only minor changes, trying again to provide some consistency. Publications is also looking at changes, we are leaving KU, and will be contracting with an outside company. Agency attendance at Sacramento was up, and hopeful for the same for Corpus Christi. Executive groups work with Washington DC has helped make this happen. Folks need to take the opportunity to get on the Board, but it is a significant workload, and the leads put a lot of effort in. It is challenging, but very rewarding. There is a need for a full time executive Lead for the Society. Corpus Christi is an excellent program, with excellent training possibilities.

Secretary, Marji Patz, presented the minutes from the 2014 Annual Business meeting for approval. Mae Smith moved to accept the minutes with minor corrections, Jessica Crowder seconded the motion, and minutes were approved as corrected.

Patz then presented the Treasurer Report to the delegation. The 3rd Quarter statements were read due to the fiscal year is not complete. Discussion of the negative balance of WyRED was explained. Investments held a significant loss this year, but it is projected for an increase by year end. BJ Bender moved to accept the Treasurers report as stated, Kassie Bales seconded that motion. Motion passed and the Treasurers Report was approved.

Update on the Non-Profit Status was provided by Patz. Paperwork is filed and should know by February if we have regained our status.

Committee Reports were offered by each chairman, and follow as such:

Awards – Strong slate of candidates. Awards will be presented on Wednesday during the luncheon. We thank everyone who has submitted. And need to work to get representation from each area of the state.

Historian – Mike Smith has arranged for electronic submissions of items to the archives. All committee reports and section newsletters and events need to be submitted. Reports provided to the section will be archived. In the past nothing has been submitted, and so there is no past record of activities.

Information/Education – New banner was printed and is being displayed this year at the meetings.

Fundraising – Clay Wood extends a thank you to all those who provided items. Clay will be selling raffle tickets for the Corn Hole Game – 1 ticket for \$5, 5 for \$20, please purchase tickets before the auction. Live auction items are CFD tickets – 4 pack for the rodeo, and 2 ticket pack for any concert.

Student Activities – Sign up for the extemporaneous speech is on the Registration desk and also information at the student mixer tonight.

UW Range Club Update – 14 students attending this year and the club was able to pay for all the students. April 9th is the Spring Banquet at the Albany County Fairgrounds. It is \$20 a ticket. Eventbrite is live, but suggested to wait for just a bit as a few details are finalized.

Nominations – Terry Booth recognized Chuck Butterfield who helped get nominations for the council. The handbook is out of date and is not working, having to twist arms to get candidates, and it is a narrow slate this year. Looking at getting two more volunteers for the committee to help find candidates – NE and SW helpers needed. The committee will be updating the handbook and providing to the council for approval. Chuck reminded us that we are all busy and we get what we put into it, so we all need to do our part. Terry asked that if anyone has ideas of how to get members involved, please visit with Chuck and Terry.

Membership – Chuck Butterfield asked that as people receive their notices of expiration that we act on those quickly. We can check on line to ensure that we are truly needing to renew our membership. John Likins asked what our status is, Chuck updated us that we currently 241 with 56 needing renewal

Budget – Budget was tabled to the Council meeting, to work on the formatting and tracking of the budget. Will re-address the budget at the council meeting on Thursday.

Old Business:

Election results will be presented during the awards banquet later in the week, ballots are available at the table to the left of registration. Please vote, numbers are low this year.

CEU credit applications are on the registration desk as well.

Keith Klemet – National nominations committee for the board, we need to get someone from Wyoming section on that board. We need to consider and step up for that duty, have three months to apply. An interview occurs, and can decline later if find that it is not feasible, but need someone to at least interview.

No further new business was presented and no membership items of business were brought forward. Jessica Crowder moved to adjourn the Annual Business Meeting, Katyln Schade seconded it, and motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:58 pm.