

NEVADA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT
WINTER BUSINESS MEETING – ELKO/GBC
JANUARY 15, 2016
DRAFT MINUTES

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| <u>Present:</u> Jake Tibbitts | Sherman Swanson | Meagan Carter |
| Charlie Clements | Jim Linebaugh | Susan Wharf |
| John McLain | Pat Irwin | Don Henderson |
| Rex Cleary | Tom Allen | Bettina Scherer |
| Tyler Minor | Rick Orr | Maggie Orr |
| Tim Rubald | Ryan Shane | Chuck Petersen |
| Chris Jasmine | Erica Freese | Mark Freese |
| Dan Harmon | Tracey Jean Wolfe | Cub Wolfe |
| Gary McCuin | Leonard Jolley by phone | |

1. Opening Remarks – President Ryan Shane called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. Introductions were made. (See Attachment 1 for Agenda, page 10)

2. Minutes – **Rick Orr made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 01/14/15 and 08/08/15 meetings.** Seconded by Tim Rubald; approved.

3. Board of Directors Report – Leonard Jolley said he wished he were here with us; he had sent the power point produced by Jess Peterson to the Section officers. Membership in SRM is up to about 2500, Allen Press membership services have improved and the parent society is close to closing a contract for a new website; Two Dogs is the leading candidate. It will mean that Sections can update their own page on the website themselves faster and easier. There will be training. Allen Press wants to do membership again; seven entities are interested; it will be discussed in Texas. Barry Irving is the new 2nd VP, Leonard and Paul Loeffler will go off the BOD. Dr. Roger Sheley of Burns, OR is the new editor of REM. SRM has been working toward an International Year of Rangelands for North America but it is hard to get on the radar for Canada and Mexico. Don thanked Leonard; Leonard said he likes the way Nevada does meetings and Range Camp so we will see more of him. He was sorry he was unsuccessful to get the Producer Committee reestablished at the parent society level.

4. Finance – Ryan thanked Tim for two excellent meetings in a row; Treasurer Erica said there were 100-105 attendees yesterday and Tim got sponsorships so we probably made \$3000-4000. Ryan said he will hear all requests and settle the budget at the end to pass to the next president. The profit from the Summer meeting was \$550 and Range Camp after High School Youth Forum expenses was \$795 ahead. Erica said that otherwise not much else has changed. We lost some money in the stock market in the last few months; we aren't down, but we aren't up either. We have \$77,000 in the checking account because the scholarship money hasn't been invested. Ann Bollinger and Erica haven't gotten together yet to do the signature authorization but there is a plan to get money out of the checking account. **Gary McCuin made a motion to approve both Financial Reports.** Seconded by Chris Jasmine; approved.

5. 2018 Meeting – Mark Freese reported there was good attendance at the kick-off meeting and with the new structure at the parent society things should be easier on us; he encouraged everyone to get involved. SRM has already signed a contract with The Nugget. The next meeting will be March 28 in Reno in the 5-7 PM time range; Mark will work to make it available on UNCE or NRCS VTC. He reminded chairs to update the table on the google drive with who is on their team.

Mark was on a call with Kelly and Jess and the MOA is on track to be signed at the Corpus Christi meeting. There was extended discussion on distribution of funds between the parent society and the Section. Leonard Jolley said the Sacramento meeting broke new ground for numbers and both CalPac and SRM were very happy with the financial results. The MOA will identify what the parent society will do and what their and our profits will be. We have to fill in the gaps on the budget and figure the registration cost which is a challenge without the numbers but Ryan said we can amend the MOA down the road. The laptops used will come to NvSRM after the 2018 meeting to dispose of as we choose. The parent society buys them to use for three years and they will buy a new set for the 2019 meeting.

Several people expressed they wanted to be fair to and support the parent society. People agreed \$20,000 was a good goal for the Section and not out of reach. Jake suggested and all agreed to a 70-30 split up to \$20,000, to adjust down to 90-10 after \$20,000 for the MOA. Leonard thought our discussion was excellent and he will resend the CalPac report for us to reference. Linebaugh said we should cultivate California to help with sponsorships. He also said the Section must have a say in assigning comp rooms.

The most votes came for the applied science theme. **Gary McCuin made a motion to accept the applied science theme.** Seconded by Rick Orr; approved. We need to boil the verbiage down significantly; Gary, Rex, John and Don will make it shorter by March 28. Presenters will be asked to clarify the management implications of their work in their presentations per discussion in agenda item 10f.

Mark reported Liz Warner is working on spicing up the logo and he believes Liz will have it by March 28. Gary asked Duane Coombs to work on some ideas; he is willing and will be open to suggestions from Liz. Mark will put Liz and Duane in contact and people felt collaboration between Liz's artist in Ely and Duane may make an even better product. Dan Harmon said to make sure to keep the logo simple enough to reproduce well.

6. Advisory Council – Sherm said the Wild Horse & Burro Resolution from the Section was not the one shown on the parent website so he was happy to hear that they did send a letter to DOI expressing the need for fast action. Rex said the National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition has formed and is active and he believes it is most fruitful to follow their lead. Rex believes NvSRM should cease trying to advance the Resolution and defer to the Coalition. He introduced Tom Allen of the Public Lands Foundation and a founding member of

the Coalition, who worked for BLM and has retired to Deeth, NV. Tom spoke about the recent Humane Society of the US meeting in Reno he attended that was by invitation only; Val Anderson of SRM attended as well. He suggested everyone look at the videos on www.wildhorserange.org and share them through your contacts to raise the information level of the public on the wild horse situation. Tom said the HSUS meeting was a “mating dance; no one got bred but all were very careful.” They will meet again in the fall and get wildlife interests included; JJ Goicoechea, Boyd Spratling and Barry Perryman are suggested as well. They want to marginalize the fringe elements and hopefully come up with something that will work. Gary asked if the group could do CRM; Tom said it was too early for that but he feels HSUS is trying to be part of bringing a broader group of people together but he cautioned things will not happen fast. Jake said that Keith Norris, chair of the Coalition, will speak at the National Association of Conservation Districts meeting February 1 to target eastern CD people. There will also be a breakout session and horses will be discussed on the Nevada tour at the meeting. Ryan met with BLM State Director John Ruhs to talk candidly about SRM contributing toward resolution of the problem of horses at three times AML now and headed to five times AML in several years. Ryan said he appreciates the Coalition’s fortitude.

ATTACHMENT 7: National Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition Testimony

6B. Cooperating Organization membership exchange – Rick developed a recommendation for the Advisory Council to consider creating a system for Sections to exchange memberships with state or regional level affiliated organizations to increase exposure for what SRM does; we have not done a good job telling what we do. Rick’s draft was reviewed, suggestions made; he will massage the draft and submit to Ryan for an Advisory Council agenda item already requested. **Don Henderson made a motion to adopt the concept and submit it to the Advisory Council with the additions discussed.** Seconded by Chris Jasmine; approved.

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6C. Mark and Tim are not attending the Corpus Christi meeting; Meaghan and Sherm will have a proxy and Ryan will text them at vote times. Each Section gets three votes at the Advisory Council; the president, president-elect, and the EVP.

7. Range Camp: Kathryn did not submit a budget request; it will be the same as last year. The Executive Council previously approved \$1000 to send a second student to Corpus Christi.

8. Strategic Plan: Chris Jasmine, John McLain and Tracy Shane drafted the Strategic Plan; the Executive Council edited it and the draft was sent to the membership for comment. The Plan seeks to guide the Section to meet their goals and be a living document subject to renewal. **Don Henderson made a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan and put it in the Handbook.** Seconded by Mark Freese; approved. The Handbook is under draft and it needs to be made consistent with the Strategic Plan. Jake stated we need to do an Action Plan for each element to state who is going to do what when; we can look to the Handbook for the process of that, even if it just states, “by April of every year.” Don did not want to amend his motion but to let the minutes reflect the discussion. A Word file will be sent to Don to put in the Handbook and a PDF put in the document section on the website.

ATTACHMENT 8: NvSRM Strategic Plan 2015

9. Elections: Mark announced **Charlie Clements is the new President-Elect, Zone I is Duane Coombs, Zone III Genie Montblanc, and Zone IV is Ty Minor.**

Mark suggested Gary McCuin as EVP; Gary thought Cub. Cub said not at this time thank you. Gary said he is not excited to do it but he would try it for a year while he works to find someone else. Erica says we want a person that has Section experience. **Ryan appointed Gary McCuin as Interim Acting EVP**; approved. Mark commended Ryan for how engaged he has been with the Advisory Council.

Trina Johnson has taken the Membership Chair so the Historian is open; Chris is willing. **Ryan appointed Chris Jasmine as Historian**; approved.

The Information and Education Committee chair is open; Ryan said we are looking to find someone to help manage one of the most active parts of the Section and take some pressure off the Executive Council. There are a lot of new ideas in the Strategic Plan. Don suggested someone from UNR like Tamzen Stringham. Ryan said he asked Maggie who said she conferred with Tye Morgan about co-chairing. They decided not to do that; Maggie thinks it should be someone that is not already on the committee. She couldn't speak for Tye about Tye chairing.

10. COMMITTEES:

10a. Awards – Chris Jasmine said he advertised late; it is tough to get nominations. The Section will rotate the chairmanship through the Zone Council in numerical order and expect each Zone position to nominate at least one for Section and National awards each year. Ryan confirmed this year's awards with the Executive Council.

Ryan Leary refused the President's plaque, requesting the money be put back in the Section. For the 50-year award, **Rick Orr made a motion to reimburse Trina Johnson \$74.95.** Seconded by Sherm; approved.

Mark wonders if the nomination forms are too complicated. It is recognized that it takes a team to put together a nomination; the chair can communicate and organize that. The \$300 budget item will carry forward.

10b. Bylaws & Handbook – Don said there has been no action on the Handbook. The committee is Don, Tim Rubald, Ann Bollinger, Tye Morgan and Jim Linebaugh. Don is happy to let someone else take over or help to stop the information coming to him! The goal will be to have it for the Summer meeting; Chris Jasmine will help wrap it up and get in the new awards information.

10c. Endowment Fund – Rick Orr said there is \$17,166.29 available to expend and he has received no requests. Jim stated that Jack Artz passed and while the family requested donations to Heifer International, Jim believes the family would really appreciate donations to SRM; he confirmed that with Neil Artz. Jim will get information to Maggie for the newsletter

including an address to send memorials to and suggested those going to Corpus Christi encourage it as well.

10d. Historian – Chris will get the box of information from Trina.

10e. Membership – Ryan discussed the idea to send the NvSRM newsletter to key stakeholders such as the BLM State Director, USFS Forest Supervisor, head of NDF, etc. They will have the option to unsubscribe but if they do we need to put the new person in when the job is refilled. This will be a separate mailing list that Trina will send out. Jim said it used to be that when a new agency head came a small delegation from the Section would go and talk about SRM. Maggie will send out the request for suggestions of whom to include with Trina the contact. Ryan will contact Trina and Genie to let them know.

10f. Producer Affairs – Gary was at the Nevada Cattlemen's (NCA) meeting in November and he and Jeff White have started a new project called Rangeland Quality Assurance based on the Beef Quality Assurance program idea. This is now an NCA project, but there are two SRM people on the committee. Gary said it will initially be an education process with a view to go to certification. He said there are good and less good producers and at the times the agency tells a producer they are screwing up and they go to NCA for help, this will give NCA a way to say here are Best Management Practices (BMP); if you use them we will support you and if you choose not to follow them we will not support you. It could also be used as leverage with an agency for those doing the right things. They are going to flesh it out this year and present it at the 2016 NCA meeting; they may come to the Section for support. Gary will write an article for the newsletter and keep us in the loop; he will be looking for suggestions.

Gary also requested that Ryan support applied science at the Advisory Council. He said we need BMP on the ground; GLCI is doing it on private land but the public lands have not been served; how can we implement this at the national level? Rex said we should keep mentioning it at the national meetings.

10g. Public Affairs – Ryan said NvSRM's letter to BLM on the Wild Horse Watching brochure was approved by the Executive Council and submitted. The BLM response was identical to their response to the original letter from Lincoln County Conservation District. The Nevada State Conservation Commission sent a letter to BLM in answer to the BLM response to Lincoln County CD, offering to provide input. Gary said it is no surprise they brushed us off but we should not quit badgering them. Tom Allen suggested a companion brochure to offer the balanced information as he doubts they will ever pull the original one as requested. **Jake Tibbitts made a motion to provide the brochure and all the letters sent and received to the National Wild Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition and to ask them to consider joining the effort to get good information out.** Seconded by Tim Rubald; approved. Jake will take the lead to get the information to the Coalition and will cc to Ryan.

ATTACHMENT 9: NvSRM/BLM Wild Horse Brochure Letters & Brochure

10h. Research Affairs – Thank you to Charlie for the updates; anyone can channel suggestions to Charlie to send out. Dan will look to see if he can put pdf's of articles on the website.

10i. Scholarships – Sherm Swanson reported that applicants must apply to through the University-wide scholarship application process to be eligible for the Robertson-Fleming Scholarship. Then the SRM-faculty committee will review the applications of the REM students that applied. The Section has \$70,000 available; Sherm believes there is \$40-50,000 at the college so there is no need yet for the Section money. Sherm will (did) contact Tamzen and Ty Minor to let students know to apply immediately as the deadline is imminent. Jenipher Ashby, Whitney Schack, and Christian Siemer were the Scholarship recipients last year. All received \$2000 this year to defray the costs of their education. Sherm hopes the move of REM to the Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Vet Sciences will make it easier to get curriculum decisions made. Ryan asked Sherm to keep the Section apprised of the developments concerning the UNR proposed reconsolidation of the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension under the leadership of one Dean and Director. Dean Bill Payne is already also the Director of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station. The current Deans have been requested to submit a proposal by February 1. A team of people were meeting the previous two days to find the best way forward and make recommendations to the Deans. If the regents approve, this will become effective in July.

10j. Student Affairs – There was no report.

10k(11 on agenda). Youth Activities – Dan Harmon said the Section is required to provide \$50 per day for High School Youth Forum (HSYF) participants. Dan will get all the HSYF/Youth stuff into and out of the Handbook after Corpus Christi. We bought memberships for the students to receive the lower registration rate. Erica said any commitments made to parents or students need to include her in the email communication so the treasurer is aware. Many thanks to Dan who took on the Handbook addition, mentoring and communication with the students; this is a very important thing the Section does. Sherm wanted to know if we can tell Range Camp we will send two to the HSYF in St. George. We have \$2600 in next year's budget; if that will cover two students then yes. Rick said Sections are allowed to send up to five students to the HSYF; **Rick Orr moved NvSRM automatically sends two students to the HSYF and we budget to cover whatever costs are required each year.** Seconded by John; approved with two abstentions. We do have an \$11,000 endowment for HSYF thanks to Jim Linebaugh. Erica suggested we have five students at the 2018 meeting.

11. Mentoring – Chris Jasmine said nothing had been done. Ryan will show that it is vacant but hopes for someone from the west side of the state to take over since that is where the activity occurs such as the mock interviews at UNR. Tye Morgan has been organizing them.

12(11b on agenda). Information and Education – chair is vacant

i. Hope on the Range Booth – Maria Ryan was not present but she submitted an email report and provided a handout. The email report stated:

Since the summer meeting update of activities the booth has only been to NCA.

There are a few budget items that I would like to request for this year. They are listed below.

Banner - we need a nice banner to drape either across the front of a table, behind the display board on a wall, or to attach to the sun shade/ canopy. I suggest something about 12-18"x 8'. Approximate cost: \$125

Mounted materials - some of the mounted materials have disappeared. Specifically, we need our mission statement and description of who we are on mounted cardboard like the existing materials. If anyone has other ideas of materials to put on the display, let me know. If there are a couple of suggestions, and perhaps additional photos of say, sage-grouse, then say mounting 5 items. Approximate cost: \$100

Folding Table - there is a small one in the trailer, but we need another approximately 2x4'. Approximate cost \$80

Event Fees - please solicit the group again for ideas to take the booth to this year. There were quite a few ideas in the Carson area last year that we did not attend. However, I suggest we again take the booth to the Outdoor Youth Event, Capital City Farm Days and Nevada Cattlemen's Convention. The UNR Range Club was super helpful again this year! The first two events did not have a registration fees, but we should budget Cattlemen's for \$400. I've been working on getting the booth to the RMEF Convention for the past two years, but do not think it's feasible. Their event is now run in conjunction with the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, and it has gone from 7 to the full 10 days of the rodeo. RMEF was wildly successful this past December, so I don't think anything will change. Fees are now crazy (\$1800) and we would have to commit to having members there in parts for the entire 10 days - 11 days if you count set up. The entire cost including travel for some folks I feel is now prohibitive. However, if the group thinks it's feasible, I would be more than willing to make it happen. If we want to take the booth to Cattlemen's (and I suggest emphasizing our expertise in understanding and managing sage-grouse habitat to help ranchers out), then we should budget any other items the group thinks we need.

Given the new sage-grouse plans, there might be events around implementation that the Society might be helpful in engaging groups. Perhaps others might know of venues for our participation. I'm not aware of anything at this point. Please check with the group on this.

I believe we should again take the booth to 3-4 events this year, but it's up to the group. I'm very willing to take the trailer and/or booth materials or coordinate getting them to members and various locations. I have provided you with a listing of what we have, where it all lives and how to contact me.

Travel - although much of the cost for getting the booth materials is picked up by volunteers,

there are times when there is no way to attend an event without at least some support. A small amount set aside for travel expenses is suggested. \$400.

Gift items - I would like to purchase small items with the SRM logo to hand out at events such as pencils, pens, flash drives, sticky notes, etc. The price depends on the items, but we can purchase some items for this year, see how they go and decide if such items would be good for the international meeting, range camp and any other places. We might actually find some small, desirable items we could sell to the membership and raise some funds. Approximate cost: \$500.

Not knowing of possible other events for this year, I suggest a budget of \$1600 to cover everything listed above and have enough to take the booth to unforeseen venues.

Gary suggested the booth is the perfect place to display the videos from the National Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition. Ryan said the listed items seem legitimate. **Don Henderson made a motion to send a letter of appreciation to Maria Ryan, with accepted amendment from Erica to include the Range Club in the thank you.** Seconded twice by Chris Jasmine; approved.

ATTACHMENT 4: What Is In the Booth and Contact Information for Maria, page 15

ii. Website – Thanks to Steve Foster; we need to update the new officers. Chris suggested we keep our domain in case we need it in the future and link it to the National site we will have.

iii. Newsletter – Maggie Orr stated she is open to any suggestions; the frequency will continue to be two times a year, spring and fall. The group was fine with there being two editions in a season if there is extra material.

iv. The Progressive Rancher / Stewardship – Tye Morgan was not present but Ryan reported she is doing a great job and submitting our TPR articles to the parent society magazine, *Stewardship*. The question was asked about purchasing advertising in TPR; discussion resolved that we are providing a service for no charge, Charlie said Leanna is tickled pink with our articles, and an ad costs \$200 for a quarter page for 1 issue so unless the President Elect wishes to build advertising into their meeting budget, we will stick with the status quo and not.

v. Nevada Rancher – Patti put in for a budget item; there is no room in the budget for this.

vi. Social Media – Bettina Scherer has graciously offered to take on social media. If anyone has anything they want to put out to the world, send it to the president and they will send it to Bettina.

13 (12c). Range Club – Ty Minor reported the UNR Range Club has been active and the Section support has been great. They have 12-14 active members and 6-7 additional people come in and out. They have been doing education and fundraising, selling 200 gun raffle tickets, working for the Gund Ranch, handing out fliers for Panda Express. They are taking 9 students to Corpus Christi, each of which had to be enrolled in a one credit URME and/or plant ID class and

they selected the top performers from those classes. Science in the Sagebrush Steppe in Oregon was another great event and they went to Roaring Springs Ranch twice and also conducted mock interviews. They helped FFA set up the state range competition and volunteered with the Hope on the Range booth three times. They have \$12,000 in their account after spending \$5000 on airfare to Texas so they are above the \$10,500 record they set last year. Rental cars in Corpus Christi will be \$800, this spring Science in the Sagebrush Steppe will be \$3000, but they have already planned to get sponsors to get paid for Adopt-A-Space for BLM, a Dutch oven food sale, and sell club merchandise so they will get back above the \$10,500 target to be able to hand over the organization to the new officers with money to go to St. George without stress. To do this they are asking for \$2500 from the Section to cover motel and rental car costs in Corpus Christi. Ryan recommended we put this in the budget. Don said the Section recognizes the Club's success in fundraising and all their volunteer work; it is a fine group. Maggie asked for a report on the Corpus Christi trip for the newsletter.

ATTACHMENT 6: Student Chapter Report, page 19

14 (12). Zone Council Reports - Zone 1: Chris said winter has shown up in Elko County and he is glad.

Zone 2: Meaghan would like a list of members in Zone 2; her goal is to talk to people more. Ryan said to request from Trina.

Zone 6: Jake said it would be nice to have a list of who is and has been a member in Zone 3.

Zone 7: Rick said he has worked with Maggie on communications.

Ryan said he has appreciated the participation in the votes over the internet; they are part of what it takes to be a society.

15 (13). 2016 Budget – As it stands, if Range Camp breaks even and the Summer and Winter meetings make \$1000 each, we will still be \$2400 in the hole. So, we will project to make \$1500 per meeting. **Don made a motion to adopt this budget.** Seconded by Sherm; approved.

ATTACHMENT 5: 2016 Final Budget, page 16

16 (14). Summer Meeting – We needed to move out of the room so if anyone has any ideas for subjects or dates, email Charlie. Adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Attachment 1: Agenda

Attachment 2: Financial Report for December 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015

Attachment 3: Affiliate/Reciprocal Member Proposal

Attachment 4: What Is In the Booth and Contact Information for Maria

Attachment 5: 2016 Final Budget

Attachment 6: Student Chapter Report

Attachment 7: National Wild Horse & Burro Rangeland Management Coalition testimony

Attachment 8: NvSRM Strategic Plan 2015

Attachment 9: NvSRM/BLM Wild Horse Brochure Letters & Brochure

Nevada Section Society for Range Management
Winter Business Meeting - January 15th, 2016 from 0800-1200
Great Basin College-Greenhaw Technical Arts-Room 130 or by phone 702-646-0523
Elko, NV

1. Opening Remarks
2. Approval of Minutes - 2015 Winter, 2015 Summer
3. SRM National Board of Directors Report – Parent Society BOD Members
4. Financial Items – Erica Freese
 - a. Financial Report and Investments Update
 - b. Approval of Financial Report – 2015 Summer, 2016 Winter
5. 2018 International Meeting Update – Mark Freese/Kelly Fogarty – *MOA, Theme, Logo, Title*
6. Advisory Council Update – *Wild Horse and Burro Status/Strategy(Sherm & Rex), and Cooperating Organization membership exchange recommendations for AC and BOD(Rick); AC representative proxies(Ryan)*
7. Range Camp Report/Budget Request – Kathryn Dyer ; Approval for \$1,000 for second student – *passed yes(8), no(0), abstain(4)*
8. Strategic Plan for Nevada Section – *Vote for Approval and Adoption*
9. Positions Election and Nomination Results (Mark Freese) –Pres-Elect, Executive Vice President (**VACANT**), Membership (*filled by Trina Johnson*), Historian (**VACANT**), Information & Education (**VACANT**)
10. Committee Reports
 - a. Awards Report/Budget Request – (Chris Jasmine/Zone Councils) – *nomination goals*
 - i. *Ryan Leary President(9,0,3), Ryan Shane President(8,0,4), Maggie Orr Sustained Achievement(9,0,3)*
 - ii. *Reimbursement request for 50 year award*
 - b. Bylaws & Handbook (Don Henderson) – *update on status and draft completion projection*
 - c. Endowment Fund (Rick Orr)
 - d. Historian (**VACANT**)
 - e. Membership (Trina Johnson) – *Maggie-Newsletter to key stakeholders and partner organizations*
 - f. Producer Affairs (Gary McCuin)
 - g. Public Affairs (Sherm Swanson) – *BLMs Watching Wild Horse and Burro brochure Response Approval, passed – Yes(10), No(0), Abstain(2), BLM response, other organizations pursuing*
 - h. Research Affairs (Charlie Clements)
 - i. Scholarships Report/Budget Request (Tamzen Stringham/Sherm Swanson)
 - j. Student Affairs (Tye Morgan)
11. Youth Activities Report/Budget Request (Dan Harmon) – *Kids need \$50 per day per diem (meals not included in registration) for the HSYF, \$72 increase approved to cover student memberships passed (8,0,4), Update on registration, travel, mentors, chaperones*
 - a. Mentoring (Chris Jasmine)
 - b. Information and Education (**VACANT**)
 - i. *Hope on the Range Booth Report/Budget Request – Maria Ryan*
 - ii. *Website (Steve Foster)*
 - iii. *Newsletter (Maggie Orr)*
 - iv. *Progressive Rancher/Stewardship Report/Budget Request (Tye Morgan) TPR advertisement purchasing proposal*
 - v. *Nevada Rancher Report/Budget Request (Patti Novak-Echenique) NR advertisement*
 - vi. *Social Media (**VACANT**) – Facebook and Twitter account management/operation*
 - c. Range Club Report/Budget Request (Ty Minor)
12. Zone Council Reports
13. 2016 Budget Review (Erica Freese) and Approval (Executive Council)
14. Summer Meeting Ideas and Dates

SRM Nevada Treasurer's Report - December 31, 2015

| <u>Account</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Youth</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> | <u>Endowment</u> | <u>HSYF Endowment</u> | <u>Account Balances</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Checking | 23,663.33 | 11,320.35 | 41,124.74 | 1,064.68 | | 77,173.10 |
| Savings | 8,907.89 | 3,497.22 | 2,440.70 | 23,585.06 | 11,577.58 | 50,008.45 |
| American Century Equity Income | | | | 20,928.73 | | 20,928.73 |
| Wells Fargo Fund Source | | | 23,695.61 | | | 23,695.61 |
| Fund Balances | 32,571.22 | 14,817.57 | 67,261.05 | 45,578.47 | 11,577.58 | 171,805.89 |

| <u>Account Balances</u> | <u>12/31/2015</u> | <u>12/31/2014</u> | <u>12/31/2012</u> | <u>12/14/2011</u> | <u>12/31/2010</u> | <u>12/31/2009</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Checking | 77,173.10 | 100,765.15 | 28,899.65 | 27,875.60 | 23,619.85 | 10,440.15 |
| Savings | 50,008.45 | 49,982.19 | 49,924.98 | 49,821.48 | | |
| Meridian Growth | | | 29,911.54 | 26,196.92 | 26,444.61 | 8,489.07 |
| Meridian Value | | | 25,667.31 | 23,233.16 | 22,335.44 | 18,942.61 |
| Wells Fargo Fund Source | 23,695.61 | | | | | |
| American Century Equity Income | 20,928.73 | 20,810.06 | 15,615.88 | 13,099.33 | 13,633.65 | 12,026.47 |
| Totals | 171,805.89 | 171,557.40 | 150,019.35 | 140,226.49 | 86,033.55 | 49,898.30 |

Summer Meeting Profit \$ **553.74**
Range Camp Profit \$ **794.88** includes 2016 HYSF costs

SRM Nevada Treasurer's Report - June 30, 2015

| <u>Account</u> | <u>General</u> | <u>Youth</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> | <u>Endowment</u> | <u>HSYF Endowment</u> | <u>Account Balances</u> |
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| Checking | 22,806.53 | 8,950.09 | 41,124.74 | 1,439.68 | 0.00 | 74,321.04 |
| Savings | 8,894.02 | 3,497.22 | 2,440.70 | 23,585.06 | 11,577.58 | 49,994.58 |
| American Century Equity Income | | | | 20,447.76 | | 20,447.76 |
| Wells Fargo Fund Source | | | 25,546.83 | | | 25,546.83 |
| Fund Balances | 31,700.55 | 12,447.31 | 69,112.27 | 45,472.50 | 11,577.58 | 170,310.21 |

| <u>Account Balances</u> | <u>6/30/2015</u> | <u>12/31/2014</u> | <u>12/31/2012</u> | <u>12/14/2011</u> | <u>12/31/2010</u> | <u>12/31/2009</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Checking | 74,321.04 | 100,765.15 | 28,899.65 | 27,875.60 | 23,619.85 | 10,440.15 |
| Savings | 49,994.58 | 49,982.19 | 49,924.98 | 49,821.48 | | |
| Meridian Growth | | | 29,911.54 | 26,196.92 | 26,444.61 | 8,489.07 |
| Meridian Value | | | 25,667.31 | 23,233.16 | 22,335.44 | 18,942.61 |
| Wells Fargo Fund Source | 25,546.83 | | | | | |
| American Century Equity Income | 20,447.76 | 20,810.06 | 15,615.88 | 13,099.33 | 13,633.65 | 12,026.47 |
| Totals | 170,310.21 | 171,557.40 | 150,019.35 | 140,226.49 | 86,033.55 | 49,898.30 |

Winter Meeting Profit \$ 3,371.77

Affiliate/Reciprocal Member Proposal

Recommendation

Create a system for Sections to exchange memberships with state or regional level affiliated organizations (Examples could be local groups such as Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's, Soil and Water Conservation Society, The Wildlife Society, Ecological Sciences Society, etc.) to increase exposure of SRM to these groups memberships. This provides an educational outlet which would benefit SRM in that we would be defining who and what we are about to these groups and these groups would receive education in the Science and Art of range management directly from the leaders, researchers, and managers in the Range Management field.

This following information is a section level example showing a local sections possible affiliations and how a system like this could work. Many other systems could be used, as could a formal system at the International Society level for reciprocal memberships and reduced registration costs with limited member benefits, such as newsletters, updates, notices, events, and conferences (generally excluding flagship publications that incur a publication cost) for such memberships.

Objectives:

- Introduce SRM to producers (e.g. NV Cattlemen's), other resource interests (e.g. The Wildlife Society), etc. in Nevada and marketing for individual memberships and involvement.
- Decreasing participation costs in each other's events.
- Provide opportunities to inject range science and management practices into discussions of those groups' members, other interests, and activities that impact the largest amount of rangeland in Nevada.
- Encourage holding joint events that create cross-organizational synergy, education, and participation in conservation topics, projects, etc.
- Increase overall exposure of SRM and memberships.
- Promote cross-organizational networking opportunities.

Methods:

- Utilize Allen Press interfaces (or whoever is handling our membership database) to allow Sections to choose up to 5 organizations of their choice to exchange memberships.
- Control access by only allowing Executive Section Officers access to designation sites.

- Confirmation of reciprocal memberships for organizations needs to occur at the Section level in writing as and MOU from both organizations.
- MOU needs to be kept on-file and termination of the MOU can occur at any time by either party.

A Possible Scenario:

A section decides to work with the local chapter of the Wildlife Society to have reciprocal memberships available for their respective organizations (this could also be set up as the affiliated organization selects a group of individuals in their organization such as their elected officers, to receive the reciprocal membership). Through agreement the Nevada Section and the Nevada Wildlife Chapter agree that the reciprocal membership benefits will include: 1] section newsletters electronically delivered by each organization to all members from each organization; 2] notices of all state and national meetings; and 3] notices of available updates, newsletters, events, webinars, and conferences at both the state and national level for both organizations. The two local organizations also agree that those approved reciprocal memberships by the section will include, when there is a separate member/non-member registration rate for events, conferences and meetings; that the reciprocal member will be able to attend at a member rate.

Logistics to resolve:

The most likely way to track contact information is through a membership database similar to that used by our current membership contractors (possibly our membership database contractor would administer with a single local section contact to manage with them). This would likely require a separate tracking spreadsheet for reciprocal member individuals and their contact information so that both the section and the international organization would be able to notify these reciprocal members of newsletters, events, conferences, webinars, etc. Access by a local section officer would be required to identify the particular organizations with which their section has a reciprocal member agreement and/or members of those organizations that were given a reciprocal membership. In the future, when membership lists are provided to the sections, it would include members and reciprocal members from those selected other organizations.

HOPE ON THE RANGE BOOTH INFORMATION

2016

There are two booths available for the NV Section – one is for outdoor use and the other is for indoor, table top use.

Outdoor booth – This booth is housed in a small enclosed trailer with a 2” ball hitch needed. Included in the trailer are the following items:

- 3 large (heavy) steel panels on which long posters can be attached
- 1 small folding table
- 3 metal folding chairs
- 1 sun shade (approximately 10x10’)
- 1 plastic box with miscellaneous materials (rope, tape, pens, pencils, printed materials for handing out)
- 1 pigtail adaptor for hooking lights up while hauling the trailer
- Sand bags to hold the panels or sun shade in the wind

Indoor booth – This booth is the standard 3-panel display board that is set on top of tables at conventions. Included with the display board are the following items:

- Cordura nylon carrying case for display boards
- Several large photos (approximately 18) mounted on cardboard with Velcro on their backs (in a large flat cardboard box)
- Bag of miscellaneous materials (tape, Velcro, markers, pens, etc.)

Note: the outdoor booth is very heavy and requires two people to set up. They can withstand some wind, but often the wind becomes too much. This could be hazardous to people, so use caution as the wind speeds increase and use the sand bags to secure them at the ground.

Both booths and trailer are currently in Ely, Nevada. Contact Maria Ryan at 702.480.4247 (lutra.2039@yahoo.com). Address: 403 West 283 Street North, Ely. (Maria’s address is not in any current on-line map.)

**NV SRM PROPOSED BUDGET
2016 – voted final 1/15/16**

As of December 2015
Endowment Corpus
28462.17
Endowment Spendable
17166.29

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | | |
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Proposed</u> |
| Endowment Fund Income | | | |
| Donation | 0 | 310 | 0 |
| Total Endowment Fund Income | 0 | 310 | 310 |
| General Fund Income | 22.86 | 23.71 | 20 |
| Dues Rebate | 455 | 280 | 250 |
| Hope on the Range Trailer | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Summer Meeting | 2,123.00 | 2649.56 | 3000 |
| Membership Drive | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Winter Meeting | 590.51 | 5920.24 | 4000 |
| Total General Fund Income | 3,191.37 | 8973.51 | 7270 |
| Scholarship Fund Income | | | |
| Donations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Scholarship Fund Income | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth Fund Income | | | |
| Donation NV Big Horns | 3,000.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Donation NWF | 1,000.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations | 45 | 6100 | 5000 |
| Range Camp Fees ³ | 2,684.50 | 3140 | 3100 |
| Range Camp Sponsorship | 3,990.00 | 0 | 0 |
| HSYF Donation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Youth Fund Income | 10,719.50 | 9,240.00 | 8,100.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 13,910.87 | 18,523.51 | 15,680.00 |
| <u>EXPENSE</u> | | | |
| Endowment Fund Expense | | | |
| UNR Range Club | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Hope the Range Trailer | | 691.06 | 1600 |
| Total Endowment Fund Expense | 500 | 691.06 | 1600 |
| General Fund Expense | 0.49 | | |

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Standing Awards | 300 | 149.32 | 300 |
| Long Time Members Awards | 0 | | 100 |
| Bank Fees | 0 | | 0 |
| Belt Buckles | 0 | | 0 |
| Cattlemen's Booth | 375 | | 375 |
| Clerical Supplies | 2.6 | 82.06 | 50 |
| Corporation Filing | 85 | 50 | 50 |
| Donation or Sponsorship ¹ | 460 | 0 | 500 |
| Election Items | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Executive VP Travel | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hope on the Range Trailer | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Member Promotion | 0 | | 0 |
| Newsletter | 0 | | 0 |
| Range Club ² | ??? | 2500 | 2500 |
| Summer Meeting | 605.15 | 2,095.82 | 1500 |
| Winter Meeting ³ | 0 | 2,548.47 | 1500 |
| Unknown ⁴ | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Special Symposiums | 2,720.98 | 0 | 0 |
| Total General Fund Expense | 4,548.73 | 7,525.67 | 6,875.00 |
| Scholarship Fund Expense | | | |
| Scholarships | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Scholarship Fund Expense | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Youth Fund Expenses | | | |
| Awards | 59.85 | 64.85 | 75 |
| Clerical-Postage | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Equipment Trailer | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Food | 4,070.97 | 4,697.74 | 4500 |
| HSYF | 1,757.40 | 2,755.20 | 2600 |
| Insurance | 0 | 425.00 | 425 |
| Miscellaneous | 954.42 | - | 0 |
| RC Refund | 180 | - | 0 |
| Sonoma Trailer | 2,582.60 | - | 0 |
| Supplies | 288.24 | 502.33 | 500 |
| Upgraded Equipment for Camp | -3,009.02 | - | 0 |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Youth Fund Expense | 6,884.46 | 8,445.12 | 8,100.00 |
| | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 11,933.19 | 16,661.85 | 16,575.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>13,910.87</u> | <u>18,523.51</u> | <u>15,680.00</u> |
| | | | |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 1,977.68 | 1,861.66 | -895.00 |

2016 Winter Meeting
Nevada Section SRM Student Chapter Report



January 14-15th

We would like to thank the Nevada section of SRM for your continued support. We are proud of our association as student members. Club participation has averaged 12-14 members at our bi-weekly meetings, though we are always actively recruiting more members. The University of Nevada, Reno Range Club and Student Section for Society for Range Management has been involved in a variety of volunteer, educational, and fundraising events in the year of 2015. The club is also sending nine members to the SRM Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas this year. To raise money for this event, we have sold almost 300 gun raffle tickets, participated in a fundraising event at the UNR Gund Ranch, raised money handing out flyers for Panda Express and U-Swirl Frozen Yogurt, as well as received generous donations. Other events the club has been involved in this past year include the 2015 SRM Annual Meeting in Sacramento, Science in the Sagebrush Steppe in Burns, OR, mock interviews, Roaring Springs Ranch educational tour, SRM Summer Meeting to Roaring Springs Ranch, Hope on the Range Booth at Capital City Farm days and Nevada Outdoor Experience, CABNR Field days, FFA Range competition set up, Nevada and California Cattleman's Convention.

At this moment, we have approximately \$12,000 with anticipation of another \$1,000+ from final ticket sales. The Annual Meeting trip, in which 9 students are attending, will cost the club an estimated \$6,000. Airfare has already been bought that cost the club \$5,000; however, hotels will cost around \$1,500 and rental car is another \$800. Our club balance after the Annual meeting will be around \$9,800. This semester we are also planning on attending the 2016 Science in the Sagebrush Steppe colloquium which is estimated to cost the club another \$3,000. To return the account balance to the comfortable \$10,500, the club will have to participate in several more fundraisers Spring of 2016 semester. Up and coming events and activities for the spring include Science in the Sagebrush Steppe, Mock interviews, Adopt-a-Space fundraiser through BLM, a Dutch oven food sale on UNR Campus, and club merchandise sales. The club is currently growing and increasing the amount of activities we are involved in annually. The future of the club looks very promising and we can't wait for what opportunities will be available to these young professionals.



Science in the Sagebrush Steppe collegiate event in Burns, Oregon hosted by Eastern Oregon Research Center. This colloquium will include hands-on educational instruction on soils in rangeland ecosystems, management of sagebrush and juniper ecosystems, plant ID, plant surveys, invasive weed management, and livestock interactions. Then each range club will work in teams to develop and present a management plan involving application of the knowledge learned. The management plans will be judged alongside a plant ID exam.

Thank you for time and consideration

Sincerely,

UNR Range Club