

SRM Nevada Section Summer Meeting

June 30, 2007

Minutes

Attendees:

Tracy Benson
James Gatzke
Gary McCuin
Rick Orr
Maggie Orr
Cub Wolfe
Tracey Jean Wolfe
Jack Alexander
Brittney Askew
Agee Smith
Heather Mobley
Duane Coombs
Ed Ryan

Ryan Shane
Chuck Saulisberry
Jo Saulisberry
Gale Dupree
Sherman Swanson
Don Henderson
Nicole Hansen
Sam Lossing
Jeremy Drew
Justin M. Ely
Bob Wilson
Jim Linebaugh
Diane Linebaugh

Meeting called to order at 8:40 by Gary McCuin.

Minutes were read. There was a question about the wildfire brochure. The brochure will be covered later in this meeting. Motion by Jim Linebaugh to approve minutes. Seconded by Bob Wilson, Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was read by Gary McCuin. There were two handouts, one for the Section, and one for the annual meeting. Gary mentioned that Brad has done an excellent job as Treasurer, but he has been doing it a long time. He suggested we recruit someone for next year. Motion by Jim Gatzke to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Sherman Swanson. Motion passed.

Membership

Chuck has turned over the membership information to Patty Novak. He has the roster from 4/29/07. We now have 204 members, and won \$1,000.00 from the parent society for the most new members. Chuck suggested we recognize some members as honorary, the Gale Duprees, Charlie Fisher, and John Finley were three he mentioned. Chuck thought we should consider a by-law revision. Jim Linebaugh suggested we make it part of the Officers and Committee handbook. Motion by Bob Wilson to include honorary members in the handbook, seconded by Sherman Swanson/Rick Orr. Motion passed.

Discussion followed to include congressional delegation, emeritus status for charter and other standout members. Don Henderson suggested that Jack Alexander get with Patty for a by-law amendment proposal.

Range Camp

James Gatzke reported on Range Camp. People to help out will apparently be on a year-to-year basis, because few are able to commit for the long term. Greg Beasley was the director this year, and has volunteered again for next year. Trail Boss was Guy Stearnn, and Runner up is Kali Evanson. James would like to send both to the Louisville Meeting for presentations. Tracy Benson will help Kali, and Cub Wolfe will help Gary to prepare. Gary McCuin has asked Amy Ruhs to draft operating procedures handbook for Range Camp to preserve the institutional memory.

Awards

Cub Wolfe reported the section is caught up with one exception this year. In the future he plans for everyone receiving an award to be notified in advance so they can plan to attend the presentation. There will be four more Great Basin awards to be presented at the winter meeting. Cub has nominations for all categories for the 07 winter meeting.. No awards were sent in to National, the deadline for those is April. There are also appreciation awards that can be presented any time.

New Business

Annual meeting income

There was somewhere close to \$16,000 from the annual meeting. There was a lot of discussion, a motion made, seconded, and tabled for later in the meeting.

Scholarship

Scholarships from the University managed account can only be awarded to UNR students.

Scholarships from the Section account can be awarded to any student in Nevada. Sherman will bring a report to the November section meeting. Tracy Benson will work with him.

Range Camp Kitchen

The current Sonoma Kitchen has several problems: Broken gas lines, burners, other maintenance needs. Discussion followed regarding numerous options available, and potential costs. Tracey Wolfe moved that the president appoint a task force to look at equipment needs and costs for Range Camp and have the Task Force report at the November meeting. Seconded by Don Henderson. Motion passed.

By-laws

Jim Linebaugh thought the by-laws may need some minor tweaking. He prefers to keep them open and get specific in handbooks so the by-laws don't require much change.

Committees

Gary is still trying to get some of the committees established, there doesn't seem to be a lot of interest. Jeremy Drew has volunteered to chair a Wildlife Habitat committee. Discussion followed. Motion to establish a Wildlife Habitat Committee. Seconded by Rick Orr. Motion passed.

Urgent needs Paper

There are a number of people getting close to retirement e.g. Jim Young and Robin Tausch. John McLain has proposed they produce a document regarding the current Great Basin condition, how we got to that point, and suggestions for improvement. A portion of the cost would come from the section to be decided by the board, and some from ARS. Sherman Swanson moved to support this. Seconded by Ed Ryan. Motion passed. Don Henderson, Jeremy Drew, and John McLain will draft the resolution.

Regional Summer meeting for fire

Kent McAdoo is putting on a seminar; Fire and Vegetation Management Fair 7/12-14/2007. Bob Wilson moved to go forward with a proposal to the parent society for a regional meeting in 2008. Seconded by Tracy Benson, motion passed. Committee will be established to report on the proposal at the November meeting.

Progressive Rancher

Maggie Orr reported that we have had two articles published so far, with three or more already lined up for future publishing. We have space set aside for SRM every other month. New articles welcome any time. Submit to Maggie Orr. Progressive Rancher is available to all online at progressiverancher.com.

Producer Affairs

There was discussion about the SRM booth at the Cattleman's convention. It went well so we will have a committee put together a booth for the Reno Cattleman's meeting this year. We will also ask the CalPac Section for assistance financially and manpower.

Jack Alexander has been nominated for SRM President. Cub moved that the Nevada Section endorse Jack for Second Vice president, and Rick Orr for Board of Directors.

Winter Meeting

Duane Coombs has set up a group reservation room block at the La Quinta in Bishop for 11/1,2,3/2007. We will need to have 10 rooms reserved by 10/13 to maintain the block and the price. He also has a room for the business meeting on Saturday morning. Rob Pearce has offered to give an informal tour of Owens valley. Cub Wolfe will get the info on the website.

Budget Items

Cub volunteered to get a banner with the new SRM logo for our functions. He will need about \$150.00. All agreed.

Jim Linebaugh asked for a budget item for \$500.00 to publish the updated handbook.

UNR Range club will have a plant team this year. They are requesting \$1,000.00 to support getting them to Louisville.

Chuck mentioned we are out of histories. He has a master file copy. He also still has SRM cookbooks. We will have them at the Cattlemen's meeting and announce the availability on the website.

Meeting adjourned 11:10