

**NEVADA SECTION
SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
At Joint meeting with Cal/Pac Section, Bishop, CA
November 2, 2007**

Present:

Gary McCuin	Jay Davison	Cub Wolfe
Sherm Swanson	Rixey Jenkins	Ingrid Drieling
Cheryl Probert	Duane Coombs	Barry Perryman
Maggie Orr	Rick Orr	James Gatzke
Kevin Piper	Ken Conley	Joe Wagner
Benny Romero	Tracey Jean Wolfe	John McLain
Angela Mushrush	Ken Visser	Jim Linebaugh
Kristen Schmidt	Dot Merrill	Brittney Askew
Maria Ryan	Gareth Fisher	Casey Boyd
Sam Lossing	Heather Mobley	Michelle Burrows
Jack Alexander	Chuck Saulisberry	

The meeting was called to order by President Gary McCuin at 4 PM who reported that:

~the Great Basin Forum, which the Section voted to support with \$2000, was attended by John McLain, Gary and Sherm. An Experiment Station Bulletin will come out and ARS and UNR will hold a seminar maybe next June.

~Rex Cleary has been appointed to the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Council.

~Thanks go to Chuck and Jo Saulisberry for the fantastic job he has done as Executive Vice President for many years for the Section. Motion by Rick Orr to empower the Executive Committee to find a replacement for Chuck for a five year appointment. Seconded by Cub Wolfe. Motion carried.

James Gatzke moved to accept the minutes as submitted to the website. Seconded by Jay Davison. Motion carried.

Budget

Brad has prepared a proposed budget. We will consider budget items at a Section Christmas Party/business meeting on December 1 in Fallon when we have a more reasonable time frame to discuss business.

Two items from the summer meeting will be deferred to the Fallon meeting: what to do with the funds from Reno 2007 meeting and scholarships. Brad said we don't have to be in a hurry to decide what to do with the money. Sherm will have a conference call to discuss the Robertson-Fleming Scholarship. He will include Tracy Shane of Great Basin College. Ingrid Drieling, Duane Coombs, Sherm and Jim Linebaugh will be on the call.

Brad Schultz has gone beyond the call of duty as treasurer. His replacement cannot be a federal agency person. Anyone interested tell Duane. Brad suggests a finance committee to work with the treasurer. Chuck suggested a stipend for the treasurer to

encourage someone to take the job. The finance committee idea needs to be put in the Handbook.

James said Brad had \$2000 in the proposed budget to get High School Youth Forum kids to Bishop and Louisville. Barry made a motion to validate that. Rick Orr seconded. Motion carried.

Range Camp

Gary said Pete Anderson of NDF has committed one Sonoma kitchen to the sole and specific use of NvSRM for range camp. It is now at the Wells Conservation Camp and we will have an estimate of what is needed for it by November 9. We can tell Larry Johnson of Nevada Bighorns what we need when we bill them for range camp.

Gary proposed we create an enduring memorial to Tom Stefani who was killed in Afghanistan. Tom cared about youth training so Gary suggested we create an on-going scholarship to range camp in his name and invite his family to range camp. Rick Orr moved to follow Barry's suggestion that the Zone Council, Executive Council and Youth Activities Committee figure out how to make the award happen and report at the December 1 meeting. Seconded by Duane Coombs. Motion carried.

We need to start advertising range camp in January. We are not prepared at this time to discuss the idea of a university scholarship for the Range Camp Trailboss.

By-laws Update

Jim Linebaugh has been working on it. Jim had suggestions and there was much discussion. Probable updates include: an added page for the EVP which takes some of the secretary's jobs, the treasurer will be the chair of the finance committee, the Student Chapter will include Great Basin College and it is not going to be called Student Affairs but the Student Activities Committee. Jim asked Ben to write up a webmaster committee statement, Ken Conley wrote one for Producer Affairs, the Endowment Fund committee will stay the same. We will continue to leave the changing of officers to after the International meeting as that meeting is more consistent on dates. Jim has the document in digital format; he will send specific parts to specific people and the final draft to all members for review. We will act on it at the summer meeting.

Gary asked the question again, "How do we want to do business?" By consensus we decided: operations committees, specifically if they have money assigned to them and an assignment every year will be standing and all subject matter ones will be appointed by the president on an Ad hoc basis with a sunset clause.

Membership

Patti Novak-Echenique is the current chair. Chuck reported we have lost nine members since January. He used to send postcards to remind people to renew. He said Barrick Goldstrike has joined as a commercial member and 3-4 of their ranch managers have joined. Gary Sundseth is their new lands manager.

We will have a booth at the Nevada Cattlemen's meeting next week in Reno. Ken Conley will be there and the range club who will sell Barry's book will help as well. We

can continue to use the old banner until we get a new one with the new logo on it. Someone suggested we should have a float in the Nevada Day Parade!

Barry

Barry reported on the committee looking at the Annual Meeting for the parent society. The issue is getting a venue of the right size for our group. We maxed the Nugget out but we are too small for some places. A number of cities are courting SRM including Anchorage, Calgary, and Milwaukee. Any section could volunteer to do the meeting to earn the revenue. Barry firmed quelled ideas of Reno again soon.

Barry gave a big thank you to Chuck Saulisberry for all his work for the Section as EVP and all the years prior. Chuck is a Charter Member of the Nevada Section; he came in 1946!

Barry presented Maggie Orr with a check from the section for her work on the 2007 meeting stating it wasn't the original agreed amount but Jim and Barry and Gary wanted to recognize her efforts.

Gary and Barry announced the section got a Pendleton lap robe for Liz Warner's work at the 2007 meeting. Jim and Barry will present it to her.

Rosachi Ranch

Gary introduced Cheryl Probert of USFS who outlined the projects at the Rosachi Ranch near Bridgeport, CA. The USFS wants to do upland restoration. After much discussion John McLain made a motion to put \$1000 toward the project and the Section would participate in an advisory position on the Rosachi Ranch. Seconded by Benny Romero. After much more discussion the motion was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Maggie Orr.

Addendum

Hello range rats,

The meeting in Bishop was good and we got through more of our Section business than expected in 1.5 hrs., But we did not get through it all. Most importantly we did not talk about budget and some important operations for 2008. To that end this email includes info from Brad for you to review prior to our Section Christmas party and business meeting on Dec. 1 in Fallon, NV at the Eagles Lodge 7977 Reno Hwy. (West of town on south side of road). Time will be 1:00pm - 3:00pm at 3 the bar opens and party starts at 4 the Range club will cater a dinner for us (proceeds to help them in getting to Kentucky). Further details to be provided.

As an FYI to the Section I am leaving the Department of Ag. and Starting with Extension as the Eureka County Educator on January 2, 2008. Pete Anderson thinks I need a party so this function can serve as my "not going away too far party". Therefore, I am personally asking one and all to show up to support the Range club and share a toast in my not going away party. Gary McCuin