



Nevada Section Society for Range Management

Summer Business Meeting

Nov 17, 2017 8:00a.m.

- 1. Call to order – 8:00a.m.**
Introductions; Opening remarks – President Charlie Clements

Quorum was present:

Charlie Clements – President
Rixey Jenkins President-Elect
Dan Harmon
Sherm Swanson
Brad Shultz
Kathryn Dyer
Gary McCuin
Kay McCuin
Genie Montblanc
Melany Atin
Battina Scherer
Call In : Genie Montblanc

- 1. Call to order A) changes to Agenda** change #7 to outreach because no range club representatives present **B) Other considerations**
- 2. Approval of Minutes :** Charlie first Rixie seconds
- 3. Financial report :** Erica not present
- 4. Financial Committee / Investment Options:** Charlie Clements update; investment options that were discussed by the NV section financial board include a 1% overhead/year. Consolidate the funds and leave the Endowment alone, as well as put money into a scholarship fund. Use gains for scholarships and to fund range camp needs with the goal of still having left over gains for growth. Approving the changes Charlie first, Kathryn seconds. Charlie stated he will get with financial committee and get changes made by National meeting as well as assign a scholarship committee.
- 5. Range Camp Trailer:** Kathryn needs to submit a budget for purchase of a trailer
- 6. Range Camp News :** Location for 2018 not solidified, Kathryn suggested it would be best to choose a location that is long term, because it is difficult to move each year. Rick Orr is looking into any new food safety requirements. It has also been suggested the camp follow cooperative extension guidelines for background checks and clearance of counselors along with insuring that some folks have basic medical training and certification, which likely will

have costs associated with that. Could also take about 6 weeks for clearance, so need to get counselors going on that 2 months at least prior. Kathryn discussed location options and expressed a desire to keep the location remote. Rafter 7 positives include the facilities with refrigeration and bathrooms however it is not as remote as desired and not a central Nevada location for eastern Nevada kids. Other sites include Flying M, Pitch fork and Fletcher springs which all have potable water but again are not centrally located. She explained staying at Smith Creek is an option and it was a nice camp site, however it has bathroom and refrigeration needs. Kathryn expressed we need to decide soon because news release and reserving porta pottys. Kathryn expressed she is leaning towards Smith creek at least this year and following up with a Rafter 7 commitment for future. We need to continue upgrades on coolers and more tables etc. and that there could be higher attendance with the PR video coming out. Last year had about 20 kids in attendance with closer to 30 usual and a cap of 36 allowed. Charlie motioned to nominate Kathryn and Rixey as camp improvements committee, to submit budgets and purchase a new trailer and etc. Dan seconds.

7. **Outreach:** Discussion of making a priority of presenting a “sales pitch” for gaining members at every winter and summer meeting/tour. Developing a 15 minute presentation and handout to achieve that. Kathryn discussed clarifying the purpose of the Progressive Rancher monthly publications. Charlie clarified that they are intended as outreach for the NV section including range management topics and write ups on the winter and summer meeting/tours as well as on youth activities like range camp and the high school youth forum. However when the article covers a more research data based range management topic and especially when the authors are from a state or federal agency there is an internal peer review process and thus they may be categorized as such. We discussed increased efforts to interact with the UNR range club president and options to promote their involvement in the section. We discussed a mentor program for high school youth or young professionals. This could utilize the national section youth career options online information. Charlie motioned to assign Melany Atin as Mentor Committee, Gary seconds. Also there was interest in having a UNR range club member on this mentor committee.

8. 2018 International Meeting report: Sherm reported things are going well, it should be an amazing week long meeting with over 500 plus abstracts submitted and that volunteers are always needed.

9. Zone council reports: no council present. Charlie expressed a need for improved reporting of council terms to know who is up for term and nominated or reach out to potential replacements. Charlie, expressed a need to have 2 year terms for president. We currently seem to have a real difficulty finding nominations for the president role and this may alleviate that. Gary expressed that president terms may have been 2 year terms in the past. We also discussed a need to have 4 business meetings a year so that we are better prepared for nominations, range camp planning, student funding budgets and summer/winter meeting planning. We agreed that at the national meeting with larger group we discuss this and move on it.

10. Committee reports: none

11. Awards: Genie Montblanc concurred with the proposed idea to have a business meeting prior to the winter meeting to discuss and plan awards for the winter meeting.

12. Web Page Improvements: Steve would like to move in the direction of passing on the torch for web master. Dan Harmon is willing to work with him to achieve this transition. We discussed the benefits of having a committee for the web page including younger professionals from the UNR range club as well as more experienced section members. Dan expressed a need to have a professional design and build a new more interactive web page we can update. He said he will follow up with Genie to find a web designer to accomplish this hopefully by the National Meeting. The costs will likely be around \$1000 and a budget will be submitted for approval before any action is taken.

13. Elections/Ballots: Charlie stated that Maria Ryan agreed to a presidential nomination. Gary stated he believed that Dave Voth would also be open to a nomination. Both said they would follow up on those nominations and get ballots out as soon as possible.

14. Adjournment 10:00 am