

Nevada Section Society for Range Management

Winter Business Meeting - Minutes

December 6, 2018

8:00am-11:00am

Nevada Department of Wildlife Office
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

1. Call to Order – at 8:10am. A quorum was present.

Introductions – Maria Ryan, President-elect

Melany Aten, Zone 2 Council
Ann Bollinger, Secretary
Lyndsey Boyer
Charlie Clements, Past President
Kathryn Dyer
Erica Freese, Treasurer
Dan Harmon

Don Henderson
Chris Jasmine
Génie MontBlanc, Zone 3 Council
Kaelie Peña
Barry Perryman, SRM Board of Directors
Maria Ryan, President-elect
Dave Voth, Zone 1 Council

- a. Changes to agenda
- b. Other considerations

2. Report from the Board of Directors – Barry Perryman

Board phone call yesterday.

Membership: Membership is up 16% from last year (950-1,000 members), possibly related to the SRM annual meeting in Reno. In addition, there is a membership drive. 2018 is/was the “Year of the Member.” Questions to address – how can we make our members feel more valuable? New Farm Bill should be passed. The committee created an associate-level Range Professional in the CPRM process to get people certified. The initial entry into the program is a range degree and/or experience. The language in the new Farm Bill states that a certified Range Professional is required for NRCS EQUIP and other funding.

Revised annual meeting procedures: 2020 in Denver, 2021 in Boise, 2022 maybe in Albuquerque. The Board has discussed the hiring of a meeting professional, especially to help small sections.

The Board has discussed a virtual advisory council (for the Section President and President-elect); can send a proxy. SRM now has a conference line available for all sections and committees to use – contact Vicky or Mary Jo to reserve ahead of time.

Legacy Giving: SRM is prepared to accept legacy gifts.

The SRM Board approved budget for Directors to stay in town an extra day for business, networking, etc.

3. Approval of Minutes from summer business meeting (July 2018)

Charlie moved, Dan seconded – approved.

4. Financial Report: Erica Freese

See attached.

Erica: Budget is fairly good. The return from annual meeting was approximately \$50,000. The above amount does not include the donation of \$16,000 from the Nugget for scholarships, currently in the checking account. What/how should the budget be allocated, invested, etc.? **Action item:** Maria will send email to the Finance Committee to provide suggestions at the summer meeting.

Melany asked if funds and/or people can be used as match funds on grants. Maria asked Melany to forward information.

Due to the revenue, Erica recommended the hiring of a tax professional. Motion to hire a tax professional may have been approved a few years ago, in anticipation.

The Section lost some money on summer meeting; but anticipates income from this winter meeting.

Charlie: Goal is to achieve 4% return on investments. There hasn't ever been a vote (by the Executive Committee) about the hiring of an investor. **Action item:** Charlie will send proposal – with deadline to vote. If needed, a phone call can follow. Goal is to complete by Spring 2019. Did the scholarship committee have bylaws?

Barry: Is there a requirement for audits for non-profits? Melany: An internal review can be acceptable.

5. 2019 Budget – Maria Ryan

Range Camp

Registration is due on the Range Camp Trailer, which was donated by NBU. Kathryn has the title, which is needed for registration. Chris motion, Charlie seconded – to update the title to NVSRM, complete registration including the expenditure of approximately \$200 for a three-year period.

Is there a need for the Hope on the Range trailer? All agreed – no. It could be moved on a flatbed back to Reno.

Action item: Maria asked Barry to help gather all the details on the Hope on the Range trailer. Charlie motion, Dave seconded – to research surplus of the trailer.

Range Camp: Approximate costs – \$500 per year for porta-potties; \$400 for staff swag, recognition awards, etc.; \$20 for insurance; approximately \$3,000 for food; \$3,000 for two students to the HSYF; and \$1,000 for the cook. No large expenses anticipated this year. Dave moved, Charlie seconded – \$9,025 total budget. Motion passed.

Erica motion, Chris seconded – increase camp registration to \$225. Motion passed.

Outreach/education opportunities

Dan – Outdoor Experience in Carson City (good comments) and Silver Springs Ag Day (lots of kids and really fun). Maria took Hope on the Range booth to Farm Days in Carson City. Melany shared previous discussions with range youth in Winnemucca and suggested the Winnemucca Ranch Hand (rodeos are in March and October). Melany will research details including cost. Maria will be attending the March rodeo anyhow and can help with the outreach, if desired. Booth fees – \$550 for NV Cattlemens and \$250-\$350 for Winnemucca (spring rodeo). Swag – \$500. Charlie motion, Dave seconded – \$1,300 for booth fees and swag. Motion passed.

National Wild Horse and Burro Coalition – Barry

Approximately 18-20 NGOs, professional societies, etc. have participated. The first meeting was in Fall 2017 in Salt Lake City by invitation only. At the last meeting, the State of Utah committed \$20,000-\$25,000. There has not been another meeting since then. Many of the participants simply can't take the lead to coordinate a meeting. Needs: day-long meeting and day-long fieldtrip. Ideas: hold meeting in a place where the D.C. representatives (i.e. SPCA and Humane Society) can attend and easy transport to field sites. Next SRM advisory board is in the Spring 2019 in D.C. Maria said the Cole Spring area located near Las Vegas would be easily accessible in March (but limited cattle grazing). Section participation would be minimal; requested assistance is logistics and tour coordination. Coalition has not contacted local federal agencies. Kathryn, Melany and Dave are willing to assist. Maggie Orr will likely be interested. Don made a motion, Chris seconded – to budget \$5,000 to sponsor, \$2,500 for planning expenses (includes travel for section members). Motion passed. Gary McCuin is the lead of the sub-committee.

Additional comments: The BLM state lead should join tour. Meeting and tour dates are flexible.

6. Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee should be re-convened, with the hope to award scholarships for Fall 2019. Charlie suggested \$2,000 for incoming freshmen and \$2,500 for current college students. Barry thinks criteria may already be written and may allow students to study out-of-state.

Action item: Maria will contact Sherm and gather details. Goal to complete scholarships details by January.

When did the Section last award a scholarship?

Maria asked for volunteers to join Sherm. Chris Jasmine and Lyndsey Boyer volunteered. Charlie will help, if needed.

Robertson-Fleming applications are available in February.

7. Zone Council Reports

Zone 1 – Dave Voth: Elko has not had Ag in the Classroom for several years. He’s looking for assistance – in April. Layout is 15-minute lessons.

Zone 2 – Melany Aten: Attended two Ag in the Classroom-type events, but the science-focused elements were missing. In Battle Mountain, none of the 47 students were entering science fields.

Zone 3 – Génie MontBlanc: No report.

Zone 4 – Ty Minor: Not in attendance.

Zone 5 – Katrina Leavitt: Not in attendance.

Zone 6 (Eastern Nevada) – vacant

Zone 7 – Cayenne Engle: Not in attendance

Maria asked Melany and Dave to provide more information about the education events.

Kaelie: Briefly discussed the YouTube videos from the Range Science Education Council.

Kathryn: All high schools require volunteer hours. High schools may carry necessary insurance.

8. Committee Reports

9. Awards

Genie will bring Section Awards for the tonight’s dinner, which includes – Bob Blank and Chris Mayer as well as a special recognition for Mark Freese and Ryan Shane for their co-leadership of the annual meeting.

Kathryn: Sherm is retiring so she’s recommended a special recognition for him.

10. Elections/Ballots: Charlie Clements

Dave Voth won the election for president-elect. Maria needs to send official proxy letter.

11. Young Professionals Conclave: Kaelie Pena

Kaelie: The Young Professionals Conclave made up of seniors, graduate students, and young professionals (first five years of employment). A goal is to have a section liaison that is responsible for student outreach and member retention, student activities i.e. job fairs, and other outreach activities. The Section can help identify responsibilities. Don nominated as the Lewis Mendive as the YPC liaison. **Action item:** Don will contact Lewis. Kaelie would be willing to serve as NV Section liaison, in addition to current commitment to Cal-Pac Section. Apprentice membership is no longer available. Membership Report should be able to identify young professionals. YPC has a monthly phone call; can include section liaison when available.

12. Summer Meeting Ideas

Fire rehab: Martin Fire: east side to view seeding efforts and targeted grazing. Different districts but most permittees are on the west side. Chris suggested Sugarloaf Fire for high precipitation zone; ecological effects; overnight in the Owyhee. Suggested date: mid-July

13. University of Nevada Range Club Update

14. Other Items:

Parent Society & Nominations Committee

Barry: Would like nominations for SRM parent society committees and encouraged nominations for the highest awards. The nominating party needs to complete a video. Génie mentioned that the UNR students can help with the video because they have access to campus resources.

Action item: Add standing, specific item for summer business meeting.

Kaelie: Cal-Pac has decided to automatically forward the section nominees to the parent society.

