

**Society for Range Management Business Meeting Summer Tour
Cottonwood Ranch July 23, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by Section President, Barry Perryman at 7:30 AM.

The meeting was attended by: Barry Perryman, Rick and Maggie Orr, Gary Mcuin, Brad Schultz, Bob Wilson, Jim Potts, Jay Davison, Sherm Swanson, Jim Linebaugh, Ryan Shane, Ann Bolinger, Chuck Peterson, Diane Weaver,

Brad presented the treasurer's report (attached). He also announced that Jim Linebaugh had donated \$5000. To the section and recommended that it be used as a challenge grant that would be matched by other donations. Brad donated the first hundred dollars with the recommendation that it be used for a youth fund to send additional kids to the High school youth forum. Any amount that can be matched will go toward HSYF fund to be used on an interest only basis. This challenge will go to December first. Any amount not matched will go the regular endowment fund. Rick Orr will set up the bylaws for the endowment fund.

The winter meeting will be in the south and Bob Wilson will look into the Armogosa Inn. Bob will also look into one or more tours. Several ideas were mentioned but the idea of addressing the threshold-crossing event of red brome fires seemed most important. The first part of December seemed most appropriate. Perhaps with a program that would attract attention.

The Section letters from our winter meeting have been delivered to the Secretary of interior.

Someone from our section will be recognized with an award at the Vancouver Meeting.

Discussion about nominating a candidate for the SRM Board of Directors resulted in a short list that will be pursued by Barry. Jay Davison, Rick Orr, Cub Wolfe, Brad Schultz, Kent McAdoo, Don Henderson, and Sherm Swanson were mentioned.

Committee Reports:

Youth activities: Range camp went well. Twenty seven campers. The trailer was difficult to get out. The Nevada Wildlife Federation donated \$1000 and Nevada Bighorns unlimited donated \$600. this year. Two campers tied for Trail Boss, Leah Estill, Morgan Davis and the runner up Max Helling should all be sent to HSYF. A motion was made by Jim L. to budget \$1500. to send at least our top two campers and three if possible. The details including the number of campers to send will be decided.

The Robertson Flemming Scholarship had two applicants, Jess Costello was recommended by the committee for the award and will be awarded the scholarship. We will use the UNR funds first.

The awards committee report was made by Gary Mcuin. We are a joint participant in the presentation of the Outstanding Rancher award with Nevada Cattlemen's, Farm Bureau, and BLM. We need nominations for this award. We will soon have our Section awards on the Section Website. An appropriate time will be found to present the award from last year to Ed Depoli. Gene Kolkman was as proud of our award as any other on his wall. And Cub presented the award to Jerry Emm. Nominees need to be written up for deserving people and given to Cub to send forward.

The action item from last summer to form a CRM/working group at Rosache Ranch. Diane reported that a new District Ranger will soon report to Bridgeport and Gary (Zone Councilman) will work with her to put this idea into action.

A beverage wagon will be reinstated for next year's summer tour. We'll decide where to tour at the meeting next winter.

On August 3 and 4, There will be a tour at the Gund Ranch to show and discuss the recent changes to management made at the Gund ranch and to discuss the methods used for permittee monitoring that have been tried in recent years at the Gund Ranch.

On August 4 and 5th there will be a Creeks and Communities workshop by the national Riparian Service Team at Paradise Valley going to the field to discuss functionality and objectives on the 4th and working up the objectives and preliminary management ideas at the Extension office on the 5th.

Jay Davison will be putting together a group to teach BEHAVE principles in Nevada and will be looking for team members.

Dick Eckert has donated some books of historic value to the section. These will be silent auctioned at the Reno Meeting.

Adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes taken by Sherman Swanson