

**NEVADA SECTION – SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT
WINTER BUSINESS MEETING
BLM STATE OFFICE
DECEMBER 10, 2008
MINUTES**

Tracey Jean Wolfe	Cub Wolfe	Kent McAdoo
Barry Perryman	Ben Bruce	Maggie Orr
Leslie Morris	Christo Morris	Karen Prentice
Laura Weltz	Mark Weltz	Lee Schmelzer
Ann Bollinger	Ken Conley	Rixey Jenkins
Charlie Clements	Jeremy Drew	Ryan Shane
Matthew Tuma	Allen Rasmussen	Jack Alexander
Linda Coates-Markle	Ken Johnson	Karen Johnson
Doug Busselman	Don Henderson	Amy Ruhs
John Ruhs	Sherm Swanson	Gary McCuin
Jim Linebaugh	Boyd W. Hatch	Ingrid Drieling
Garry Brown	Jean Carbon	Tamzen Stringham
Gareth Fisher	Scott Soletti	Justin Ely
Adrienne Lipka	Sam Lossing	Bob Welling
Wally Butler	Ed Monnig	Ken Visser
Jerry Annis	Joe Wagner	Patti Novak-Echineque
Mike Holbert	Bruce Petersen	John Swanson
Ryan Leary	Justin Rodgers	John Artz
Rex Cleary	Todd Swickard	Loretta Swickard
Ed Ryan		

President Duane Coombs called the meeting to order after supper.

Election Results:

President Elect – Ken Visser Treasurer – Denise Atkins
Zones – 2 - Boyd Hatch, 5 - Jeremy Drew, 6 - Jake Tibbits, 7- Maggie Orr.

Awards:

Great Basin Award >20 years @ Range Camp	Chris Freeman
NV Rangeland Management Sustained Achievement	Rex Cleary
NV Range Manager of the Year	Todd/Laurie Swickard
NV Rangeland Professional of the Year	Tracey Jean Wolfe
President Acknowledgement	Duane Coombs

Treasurers Report was read by Gary McCuin, and approved.

Tamzen had the range club members introduce themselves. The club has made \$3,500 so far with expenses expected to be \$4,200. They may wind up with \$200 in the clear.

They started the year at zero. Tamzen suggested the section set aside a sum of money for the club to apply for each year, since they don't know what their expenses will be a year in advance. The club could ask for some or all of the set aside amount depending on their need. Linda Coats- Markle also thanked the club for their help at the conference and gave them \$200.

Tamzen also presented Invest in Nevada Rangelands which will hopefully establish an endowment to implement the recommendations of the Great Basin Wildfire Forum for 10 years.

Membership Task Force

We need more people. We need feedback that would show the value of being a member of SRM. Many requests for feedback have been in the newsletter, and have gotten no response. We also need feedback from members who have left as to why. Email any info to jack@countgrass.com

Progressive Rancher

We have had great articles this fall, and the first three articles for next year. Next 3 articles are: July 10 Gary McCuin, September 10 Kent McAdoo, and November 10 Sherm Swanson.

Board of Directors

SRM is the co-sponsor of:

Climate Change on American Rangelands with ARS, WY Section, CSU, UW
New Approaches to Managing Semi-arid Grasslands: Promoting Habitat Diversity while Supporting Livestock Production with Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory, TNC of WY, WY Audubon and environmental Defense Fund
Grazing Strategies or Systems: Ecological Process Management with CO Section and several other co-sponsors

Policy:

We are starting to see payoffs of our activities in DC
White House Conference on Wildlife Policy

Joint letter with 50 societies on wildfire fighting funding

SRM is meeting with agriculture-based societies to talk policy and develop plans

Renewable Natural Resources Foundation - continued involvement

ESD-policy and handbook will soon be released; SRM has been promoting joint adoption by federal agencies

Oregon Pilot Project - How the National Resource Inventory and Forest Inventory and Analysis programs can inventory rangelands (note that neither has been operating on BLM lands)

soil survey completion

Annual Meetings

ABQ 2009, Denver 2010, Billings 2011
2012, Advisory Council evaluating
2013 maybe with AFGC again, joint meeting

Range Club Funding

Motion was made and seconded to give \$500 to the Range Club. Discussion followed. Motion passed. Barry suggested the executive board get together with the Range Club to create a proposal for funding to be voted on at the summer meeting.

Motion was made and seconded for the Nevada Section to support the Range Club Speaker Series. Motion passed.

Duane asked for volunteers for a committee to come up with ideas to rejuvenate interest in SRM. Gary and Ken will put together the committee. He also asked the Zone Councilmen to look into rejuvenating the Zone Council system.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Ryan
December 21, 2008