

# **Nevada Section Society for Range Management**

## **Summer Business Meeting**

**July 14, 2018 8:00am**

**Bristlecone Convention Center**

**150 Sixth Street, Ely, NV**

### **1. Call to order – 8:00a.m.**

**Introductions; Opening remarks – President Rixey Jenkins**

Quorum was present:

Rixey Jenkins

Dave Voth

Dan Harmon

Blake Duncan

Rick Orr

Maggie Orr

Maria Ryan

Charlie Clements on phone

#### 1. Call to Order; Introductions

a) Changes to Agenda

b) Other Considerations

#### 2. Approval of Minutes, November 17, 2017 Rixey motioned Rick seconds

#### 3. Financial Report: **Erica Freese not present.**

Rixey provided financial report print out. Charlie provided a handout of the current financial investments and proposed changes to aim at a target gain of 4-6% that would fund annual scholarships, outreach and youth activities. Currently most funds are in a checking account with zero gain. Rick motions to proceed on investment policy changes Maria seconds. Motion passed.

#### 4. Question from SRM BOD: What can the parent society do for the NV Section?: **Rixey Jenkins**

A need to increase the BOD efforts for outreach at the state level, especially to agencies. While the BOD does meet at the national level with the BLM and other agencies there is

a need to have increased outreach at the state level to increase involvement with the state section. Also a need to include some of the local researchers, producers /who take part in national level but not the state level. Rick suggested that even though the state section officers meet with the BOD at the national annual meeting for goals/plans on national outreach possibly include a plan/goal for state level outreach too.

5. Range Camp: **Kathryn Dyer not present.**

Maggie provided overview of this year's camp. A 71 year old attendee from the first Nevada youth Range camp attended this year and was a great addition to the interaction with the youth. Twenty six youth attended this year. The year went really good with food purchasing which is getting more streamlined and efficient. Tim Rubald purchased food Wednesday which helps to buy more fruit and perishables and, helps to get an idea of food needs after camps starts instead of one big purchase prior to camp. Midas and Reno bighorn associations both contributed greatly this year with Midas purchasing a new trailer for camp and Reno purchasing 13 new large coolers. Also State Parks Department purchased 4 large pop up tents and are working on getting the Sonoma kitchen a new cover. Other improvements or repairs include the freezer may be failing and needs to be checked. Blake mentioned he has an appliance repair person the range club has used in the past and would provide contact info. Rick mentioned that a possible good idea would be to bring the fridge to Reno when the Kitchen cover is brought for repairs, to make one trip. While Smith Creek has been a great location if a new spot is ever needed then Fletcher Springs maybe possibility but Smith Creek is working great.

6. Scholarships: **Rixey Jenkins**

Most expressed a priority need to form a scholarship committee in order to present 2 annual scholarships, one to an incoming UNR student and one to a current UNR student in the college of Agriculture NRES and Animal Science departments. Maria commented the need for a person from UNR to be on the committee. Tracy Shane was proposed as a possible UNR committee member along with Kathryn Dyer who is the lead on Range Camp. The goal is to form the committee by the winter meeting and present scholarships in the spring. Rick motions to move forward with these goals, Maria seconds. Motion passed. Rixey will contact potential committee members.

7. Zone Council Reports: **No reports Dave Voth only council member present.**

Rixey will reach out to Tye Minor to check on his involvement. Need replacement for Ryan Kay he's moving. Rixey explained that according to the handbook zones 2, 5, 6, 7 are elected on the even years and zones 1, 3, 4 on odd years. Melany Aten, Katrina Leavitt, Ryan Kay (needs a new person) and Cayenne Engel need to be contacted to see if they want to run for re-election. If a replacement is need between the 2 year cycle then they need to be officially re-elected after one year to start the 2 year cycle like Melany Aten for example who started last year in zone 2. Maria expressed a need for non-agency emails for zone contacts because agencies can restrict email use for NV section activities in some cases. Also Yahoo emails do not work with the server list.

8. Committee Reports: **Maria Ryan**

Hope on the range booth attended 2 events this year so far, Capital City Farm Days, and Nevada Outdoor Experience. Both events were focused on youth involvement. The section purchased \$700 of new promotional outreach items including 2 new booth banners, logo water bottles, a kids coloring page with Nevada state animals and plants along with state facts, SRM logo football stress balls, and stickers. Hopefully we can attend UNR Ag day another youth outreach event in September. We will also be attending the NV Cattlemen's meeting in Winnemucca in November, and the Grazing Lands Coalition meeting in Reno in December. Maggie expressed a need to improve the information on updated NV section members list and a need to acknowledge new members.

9. University Nevada Range Club Update: **Blake Duncan club president**

The club has 4 officers that all have at least 2 more years at UNR. All club graduates got range related jobs this year. There are 30 members in range club with 20 core active members. Dave asked if zone council members could get info packets from the range club to bring to local high schools for potential UNR incoming students. Blake said they do have info packets they could provide. The Range club has been working on promotional outreach items and giveaways such as food etc. to increase member involvement at meetings and events. The club has open meetings every 2 weeks, anyone is invited, past president Charlie Clements has attended many meetings. They are in the process of choosing a day of the week for next semester's meetings and will inform everyone of that day when chosen. The club is also asking ASU to pay for all club members to have SRM student membership. The club presented the section with 10 students proposed to go to Minnesota and are asking 2000\$ to help fund this travel. The Section will rule on funding by the winter meeting.

10. Awards: **Rixey Jenkins**

Awards process needs to have a more standardized plan as some years have skipped awards at the meetings. There is a need to come up with some reoccurring award topics, as the topics in the handbook are very vague. Possible topics include, range person of the year (agency), sustained achievement (long term retiring person or long term section member), producer of the year, educator of the year, current member of the year (who went above and beyond for NV section activities). Need to define these topics better to make nominations easier.

11. Elections/Ballots: **Rixey Jenkins/Maria Ryan**

Need to start reaching out to find a new president elect immediately after summer meeting, recently there has been a last minute scramble even post winter meeting to find a new president elect for the year. It is the past presidents role to reach out to potential nominees. No nominees were suggested at this meeting. Charlie proposed we informally as a section group narrow it down to 1 nominee for election, as it seemed

sometimes in the past the losing nominees became much less active almost absent after losing the nomination.

12. Winter Meeting Ideas: **Rixey Jenkins/Maria Ryan**

Section needs to avoid overlap with the busy November December meeting season this year. The following groups have meetings during that time., NV Conservation Districts Nov 13-15, NV Cattlemen's Nov 15-17 Winnemucca, , Grazing Lands Coalition December 2-5, Eastern Nevada Landscape coalition Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. Possible date suggested for Dec 6 Thursday the day after the Grazing Lands meeting as many people might be in Reno for that meeting and it would be easier to stay an extra day as opposed to returning a following week before or after. Maria proposed a half day meeting half day business meeting then mixer awards banquet to follow. Possibly 4 presenters from 8-12pm, a business meeting from 12:30 – 4pm and then dinner awards at 5:30. A potential topic could be grazing to continue with the Grazing Lands theme of the week. Areas such as grazing related management aspect, outcome based grazing , fuels reductions, 2 years rest after fires (Martin fire) , and how relates to producer economics. Possible presenters include Berry Perryman fuels reduction, Sam Lossing, Chris Jasmine, Haines Holeman with outcome based Grazing project. A BLM person from the Martin fire to discuss the 2 year rest policy which may for the first time not be enacted at the Martin Fire, and James Rogers to present on the producer economics that all these activities have on operations. Can we put a promotional add in the Nov Progressive rancher article for the meeting? Blake suggested that UNR has new conference rooms that could potentially be used. UNR could be a good draw for attendance and the location is somewhat close to the Peppermill for people who attended the Grazing Lands meeting.

13. Adjournment 10:30 ; Thank you and Travel Safe