

Nevada Section Society for Range Management

2019 Summer Business meeting

June 28 2019

USDA NRCS Service Center

3275 Fountain Way

Winnemucca, Nevada 89445

8:00am Present Dave Voth, Melany Aten, Ian Collier, Maria Ryan , Blake Duncan ,Dan Harmon, Charlie Clements, Gary McCuin and Kathryn Dyer (call in)

1. Dave motions to accept Winter business meeting minutes, Charlie seconds

2. **Outreach activities, youth events and PR material.** Dan summarizes events already attended in 2019 and upcoming events. Reoccurring events attended are, Capital City Farm Days (Carson City early April), Nevada Outdoor experience (Carson City late June), UNR AG Field Day (Reno October), Silver Springs Middle School Field Day (Silver Springs October). This year water bottles (100), frisbees (100), stickers (500), coloring pages (300) and a rack card (200 each) for the section and for range camp were purchased for \$675. The winter proposed budget for event booth costs will likely not be met, more PR material is approved for purchase. Dan would like \$300 more to purchase Hats, Bumper stickers and a Table banner that combines the NV SRM section logo and the UNR Range club for the Range club to use at events like the Ranch Hand finals etc. Other non-youth event NV SRM will likely attend are NV Cattlemen's (Elko Nov 20-23 /trade show 21-22) and the NVACD meeting Oct 23.

Dave discussed the NDA Ag in the classroom March-April program. The program has two aspects. First instruction to teachers providing CEU credit to be able to then have them instruct on agricultural topics. And second speaking directly to classroom students about agricultural topics. We feel it is important to include rangeland grazing topics as that is Nevada number 1 agricultural industry. Gary suggests getting extension involved contact Ivory Lyles, Holly Gatzke, Eric Killian. Dave informed the timeline to achieve this for next year which involves contacting schools now to have time to plan for next year. 1st step is modifying NDA Ag in the classroom to include rangeland education. Blake reminded the group that UNR is now SRM accredited. Dave Maria Gary and Blake will communicate to move forward on this.

Dave informed group that SRM is not included in the Nevada Collaborative conservation network (NVCCN) and we should be.

3. **Range club update.** Blake update on the UNR Range Club. 33 members in Range club 20+ very active. 8 new students in Range Ecology and Management department (REM). Range club wanting to run an FFA rangeland and soils competition. These would be Spring and fall events, rotates location year to year. Blake informed group that Dr. Washington is the new range club advisor, replacing Dr. Stringham whose new chair position does not leave enough time to be advisor. Blake informed group on YPC. Young professional conclave is interested in getting a YPC representative to sections without ones, which includes us. Group discussed forming a YPC with Lewis leading possibly. A national YPC representative is coming to the winter business meeting to discuss. Blake also informed group that

national is also considering expanding the Bridging the Gap event at the national meeting. Range club is hoping to send 20 members to Denver. The club will send formal request with more info for NV SRM sponsorship at later date. Blake discussed a new UNR sponsored competition, at the national meeting. the competition involves being given a problem and then each club will have to present a solution. Melany re brought up the mentor program with professionals mentoring a student that was proposed at last year's business meeting. Blake stated he would look into if there is interest in moving on that.

4. **Membership.** There are currently 132 Nevada section members need to reach out to more of those folks to get involvement. Dan suggests using the membership spreadsheet with contact info to reach out to folks and categorize groups by location and employment field.

5. **Finance.** Nevada section made \$50,289.33 on Reno national meeting. National considering putting Reno on the rotational meeting list every 5 years.

Charlie reiterated the lack of investment gains in checking and savings, putting a proportion into investment funds to make income to support cost of trailers, youth items etc. Need to determine how much to invest and who will be signatory person, likely treasurer. Maria will send email with details of investment strategies. Executive board need to sign off on the investment to happen. Executive board needs to vote on it.

Dave informed group that USFW is sponsoring \$20,000 to hold stockmanship school and they need an entity to hold the money. NV SRM would need a DUNS number to do this, NVACD could be another possible entity to hold the money.

6. **Scholarships.** Need 2-3 person committee to select incoming UNR student and current student. Application needs to include "how" much active in range club and SRM activities. UNR current cost is 17 credits semester \$4000. Need to determine how much given and to how many students. Need an application development committee (write what scholarship application includes, 2 applications, incoming and current student). A sperate selection committee (2-3 people) eliminates any conflict. Maria proposes to give 2 scholarships 4000 total. Blake stresses the importance of helping 4-5 year current students whose scholarships or other funding may have run out. Try to get this going to offer a spring semester scholarship. Charlie motions to proceed on this Blake seconds. Dave motions to form committees Charlie seconds.

7. **Meeting attendee sponsorship.** Dave discussed the Redd Fund, a program where SRM National sponsors registration for a producer. NV section nominates 1-2 producers and national chooses who they sponsor. Some suggested Nevada producers include Ron Cerri, John Griggs, Sam Mori, Frosty Tipten, Denton Cook, Ray Caulahan, Jake Carter. The producer needs to fill out an application (NV SRM section person nominating them needs to help with this) and NV section person who nominates them writes "why". Step 1 reach out to potential producers to see who is interested. The NV section person who nominates should also be attending the meeting that year. Kathryn is also having Outcome based grazing symposium and has BLM funds to send producers, so let's not overlap the same people. Need to check on application deadlines. Start with this above list of producers this year.

8. **Range camp.** Kathryn informed group that camp had 29 students a relatively good year with only a few issues. Need a new Sonoma cover >\$2000 or a Conex box \$3100 to store items. Gary prefers Conex. Need to get it ASAP because nothing is sheltering the Sonoma kitchen currently. Gary moves to purchase Conex, Charlie seconds. Kathryn informed group that this was Sherm Swanson's last year in the lead educator role as he has retired from teaching this year. Need to fill Sherm's role which is fairly large. Gary suggests writing a letter to Dr. Lyles explaining the camp to clarify that it is NV SRM camp not extension camp even though the educators and councilors are likely extension employees. Gary suggests that Dr. Lyles can help find a person to replace Sherm. Kathryn mentioned that extension folks are a good fit however does not need to be extension to fill Sherm's role. Kathryn informed that Kade Crookshank was this year's camp trailboss and Lian Sarman was runner up. Gary informed the group that Don Henderson is communicating with the Nugget about them supporting Range camp and that it could be large amount of money so NV SRM needs infrastructure to manage that money. Maria and others will be meeting with the Nugget in July to discuss details.

10. **Awards.** National will send a call for nominations soon. SNV SRM needs to send email in July asking for nominations for winter meeting awards then reminder email in October. Also, we need to put on webpage the call for nominations (Dan will email to Genie for details on awards nominations).

11. **Winter meeting.** Winter meeting ideas- Need to not overlap with other events around that time which include NV cattle Nov 20-24 Elko, NVCC Reno 10-11. CA Cattlemen's Dec 4-6. Dave suggests possible date of Dec 13-14 in Elko. We can then promote it at NV cattlemen's meeting. Reach out to producers for a potential topic, keep producer involvement heavy.

11:30 am Adjourned