

Society for Range Management, Nevada Section  
Business Meeting  
Laughlin, Nevada  
January 16, 2003

Attendees:

Kent McAdoo	Brad Schultz	Angela Mushrush	Tracy Benson
James Potts	Sherman Swanson	Cub Wolfe	Tracey Jean Wolfe
Richard Orr	Maggie Orr	Mario Garr	John L. McLain
Staci Emm	Chuck O'Rourke	Jim Linebaugh	Barry Perryman
Nina Lynch	Kory Kulinsky	Tom Steban	Floyd Rathbun
Derek Hall	Quinton Barr	Gary McCuin	Chuck Saulisberry

Meeting was called to order by President, Kent McAdoo at 5:12 p.m.

The summer meeting minutes were approved,  
Floyd Rathbun motioned for approval and Jim Linebaugh seconded the motion.

Reports:

Floyd Rathbun – President Elect

Floyd proposed a position statement on the desert tortoise, possibly in conjunction with Arizona section if the group decides to do one.

Grant Program – Floyd put in for a grant with the NRA for the purchase of supplies for Range Camp. It was a last minute application but Floyd feels we have a good chance at it. We should hear in February. The application was for \$3400.

Chuck Saulisberry

Chuck reviewed membership and 8 members did not pay their dues. They have been notified. There are a 132 members.

There are some problems with notification from Denver. People are not getting anything in the mail reminding them to pay their dues. Chuck spoke with Aaron Barr, Anne Harris, and Sam Albright about this and they say they are working on the situation.

Chuck suggests that everyone check on their CPRM because they are behind on those also. If you haven't heard anything you may want to call them.

Barry Perryman

Barry wanted to let everyone know that the Governor's sage grouse group is coming out with a recommendation on stubble heights. They also addressed a letter from Dan Jaquet.

Sherm Swanson

Sherm agreed that we don't need an exact stubble height but screening cover was fine.

Sherm and Gary Back are the principle writers for the Governor's commission guidelines. There is agreement across the board at this point. BLM standard and guidelines will be used.

Brad Schultz – Treasurer

Total income – 4,533.44

Total Expenses – 6,723.11

The difference between the two is due to Investment losses

Funds for sage grouse brochures were taken from special project funds (\$500) and out of the endowment fund (\$500).

Brad wanted to know if we wanted to keep the special project fund since there is basically no money in it. It could be moved to the general fund.

Barry motioned to accept treasurer's report and Sherm Seconded the motion.

We did not pay dues to the Wildlife federation this time.

Jim is not happy about where our investments are located.

Brad had also been looking at this.

Jim would like to work with Brad to find some safer investments for the future.

Sherm said he would also like to help.

#### Budget

We saved \$700 this year due to e-mailing newsletters instead of mailing them.

This year

There will be no service charges on accounts

There will be a lower award amount

Newsletters and mailing will be less

Brad duplicated the youth fund for this year.

\$1067 for two students to go to the youth forum.

#### Endowment fund:

Chuck always gives back his salary

We lost on investments

We borrowed \$138 from Reserve in order to balance.

#### Scholarship fund:

\$835 went to General Fund, Brad isn't sure where it came from.

We received a letter of thanks from Lincoln county FFA.

We have sent letter of thanks to Range Camp contributors.

We may need to add Nevada Bighorns to our Range Camp pamphlet if they decide to contribute \$500 every year.

Brad has continued operating the scholarship fund in the same way he inherited it. UNR account has been paying the scholarships out of the interest it has earned. This may not always be the case.

Jim thinks that we should take a look at scholarships and see if we should do more?

Rick Orr motioned to accept the budget and Tracy Benson seconded that motion.

#### Committees:

Rick Orr said he would call Brad about the exact amount in the endowment fund.

#### Awards:

Cub brought belt buckles to sell. They are 25\$.

He is out of the medallions used for awards, so he is planning on buying as many as he can. He will probably use up his allotted funds buying them so he may need more money to do awards for this year. The medallions cost \$26 a piece.

Awards information needs to get back into the newsletter so that nominations can get into Cub. Chuck said they have been holding the newsletter to 8 pages. Sherm moved that award info should be in the Newsletter. Tracy and John McLain seconded the motion.

Cub doesn't know of any Parent Society Awards.

Jim said that we need to encourage those because we have people that deserve them. National awards are a lot of work, so the section may want to put a committee together.

#### Range Camp

Tracy said that 41 kids attended range camp this year. Tracy also said that she has the most active committee and she was grateful for that. Bill Wolf in Ely said that his crew would build a water tank for range camp this winter.

Two students are going to youth forum:  
Ady Lipka is doing wild horses  
Tess Wipfli is doing sage grouse

Chuck said that the effort to get the second person to youth forum should be commended.

It was recommended that next year 2 students go again since it will be in Salt Lake City and will be cheaper.

#### Section Website:

We need someone to manage the Nevada website. Chuck thought we should talk to some of the other sections and see how it works. Maybe we should hire someone? It is located on the College of Agriculture server at UNR. Sherm mentioned asking Karl Krouter if he would be willing to do it. The president will need to ask him. Ben Bruce was also mentioned as someone who might do it. Gary McCuin said he would help someone but couldn't do all of it. A contact will be sent out to everyone in the future.

If anyone has something interesting, please get it on the website or in the newsletter.

#### Nevada Section Bid for 2007

Anne Harris and Christian House came out and toured with some of the members. The Nugget was recommended as the hotel to have it at.

3 people have volunteered to present the bid at Casper – Floyd, Jim, and Quinton.

The Nugget is also sending a representative to the Casper meeting.

Chuck has a book on how to put on a national meeting if anyone would like to see it.

Is anyone interested in being on a committee for 2007?

We need Co-chairs if anyone is interested.

Maybe we should hire someone to plan the meeting. It may be too expensive to do that.

Kent nominated Cub Wolfe to the Board of Directors.  
Cub is interviewing on Saturday afternoon at the Casper Meeting.

#### Student Sponsorships:

Rick sent an e-mail about sponsoring FFA soil and range judging. He also mentioned CEU workshops for certified professionals. We don't offer anything to the public and we need to try to get our points across through kids and workshops. It is the only way to show what we are about and what Rangeland Management is about. We could also get involved in plant judging at UNR and UNLV. We have the opportunity to sponsor 20 students through FFA and 4H range and soil judging.

Sherm suggested that we could pay the trail boss's way to the youth forum and pay 2/3 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, and pay 1/3 for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Cub suggested we spend the \$1,000 in the scholarship fund and use it for these ideas.

Sherm also suggested that we give the trail boss a scholarship to UNR.  
Jim said that we have to be careful what the scholarship money is used for.

A scholarship committee was put together to look into this and report back at the summer meeting including specific uses of scholarship monies. The committee will be Sherm, Barry, Cub, and Jim.

Sherm motioned that if we exceed budgeted funds by 110% for meetings we should put it in to youth funds. It was revised to funds for the year not just each meeting.  
Jim seconded the motion.

Kent appointed Rick to look into more CEU workshop opportunities. Tracey Jean, John and Kent will help.

Chuck requested that everyone keeps his or her e-mail addresses current. It is very difficult and a lot of work for Chuck to hunt people down.

Officers were elected by acclamation.

#### 2003 summer meeting Ideas:

Vegetation Management, Pinyon-Juniper  
Livestock Grazing as it effects Sage Grouse habitat  
Smith Creek Ranch – low stress livestock handling, livestock grazing, wild horses, sage grouse, noxious weeds  
Gund Ranch Tour  
Austin Gold Venture Reclamation work  
Tentative dates: Weeks of July 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>  
John can maybe lead tour on Gold Venture.

#### Winter Meeting Ideas:

Elk  
State and transition Models and how they relate to soil survey  
Tentative dates: Week of January 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Other Items:

Quinton spoke about the 2002 Farm bill  
It's the most comprehensive bill ever to put resources on to private land.  
There is a provision for Technical Service Providers.  
Interim final rules are out and comments have been requested.  
SRM might want to look at them and get comments on certification being a part of the final rules.

NRCS can directly pay through a co-op agreement or payment could be made through the producer.

New officers will be announced at the banquet.

No further items.

Cub motioned to adjourn and Barry seconded the motion.