

**NEVADA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
CARSON CITY, NEVADA
JANUARY 15, 2000**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Gerald Miller
Eighteen members participating

Minutes - Rathbun

Gerry moved and Rick seconded that minutes be approved. Unanimous

Reports by Officers

President Gerry - attended SRM summer meeting in Colorado which included following topics:

1. OPM entry level requirements lack technical qualifications
2. Endangered Species Act listing proposals include prairie dog
3. Professional Certification was important topic

Secretary - none

Treasurer - none

Don Henderson asked for discussion of how to build enthusiasm for meeting attendance. Discussion included comment that Zone Councilmen should call members.

Brad Schultz

Pete Christianson is President Elect

Executive Director - Chuck

Winter meeting income is \$1245 and net is \$450 with 40-50 participants

Two people attended but didn't register

Kent McAdoo (appointed to replace Willie in Elko) will contact wildlife Society and suggests sending newsletter to Armentrout and Yokum.

Cub led discussion of declining membership and activity as common problem for SRM, SWCS, WS.

Pete - no report

Nancy - Modoc Forest is with out a Supervisor

History - Les McKenzie

Les has completed draft of history and asked for volunteers for editing.

Volunteer editors include: Gerry, Chuck, Cub, Jim, Brad, Charlie

Printing will require a new estimate since Elko newspaper has changed hands

Endowment Fund - Rick Orr

no deposits have been made for some time or at least not reported to Rick

Gerry has a list of contributors and will send the list to Rick

Awards - Cub Wolfe

Cub proposed sending plaque/award to Bob Abbey for BLM fire rehab effort also proposed letters of appreciation to congressmen and others who supported effort.

Decision postponed to budget discussion

Range Excellence - Gerry Miller

Gerry nominated Gracian Uhalde for Parent Society award. Poster will be displayed at Boise

Newsletter - Nancy Ballard

Publishing is getting better and now has ability to scan documents.

Nancy suggests occasional color flyer, illustration, or photo

Gerry commented that the Nevada SRM Newsletter looks very good and is better than any of the other Chapter newsletters.

Chuck suggested newsletter include Section membership list once a year.

Nancy reports that 210 newsletters are mailed and asks if anyone is being missed.

Discussion included request that Zone Councilmen provide names of area people who should receive a copy.

Membership - Chuck

As of November the Section had 113 members

OLD BUSINESS

Gerry reports no progress on Home Page

2004 Annual Meeting proposal

Gerry met with Las Vegas convention people and reports that Gov per diem will be met. Las Vegas location will required less labor than the Reno meeting. Utah Section is also interested.

Discussion included concern that most of committee members are in northern Nevada. Gerry explained that now the Parent Society does most of the contracting.

Don asked for show of hands of people who will go to Las Vegas a week ahead of meeting week. About 1/3 of those present volunteered.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Meeting discussion included topic as Fire Rehab in Winnemucca Area Kent and Pete will organize

Rick Benson will help with Wildlife Society coordination

First choice of dates are June 9-10; alternates include July 7-8 or July 14-15

Winter Meeting includes invitation from Ely BLM office

Topic will be Sage Grouse Biology and Management

Date proposed for January 19-20, 2001

Pete, Kent, and Gerry will organize

Gerry discussed Annual Meeting (Parent Society) in Boise
Advisory Board participants will be Don, Gerry, and Brad.
Letters for Proxy votes are needed from Chuck for Don and from Desi for Brad.
Trail Boss recipient Brian Orr will be accompanied by parents.
Katie Johnson (Elko) will be transported to Boise by Gerry and chaperoned by
Tracie and Cub.
Kent will help Katie with presentation
Debbie Hoffman reminds group that Youth Forum needs to be asked to include
Katie in agenda
Kent will contact Debbie and Katie

Discussion of Section election ballots included suggestion that next election
Section will send out stamped return envelope or postcard. E-mail will be possible
soon.

Nominations went well. Rick congratulated Don for his successful effort in
identifying nominees.

Range Camp - Gerry
Debbie will continue as Youth Chair
Sandy will continue as Camp Director
Kent discussed curriculum change to have each instructor teach one topic while the
kids rotated to various instructors. System worked well, especially for students.

National Range and Soils Judging
Rick - Lincoln County sent 4 teams last year (2 in Range and 2 in Soils) and they
placed 16th in Land Judging, 11th in Homesite Evaluation in a field of 74 teams.
Lincoln Co FFA team placed 14th in Range and the 4-H team placed 5th in Range.
Rick and Don Halloway organized the Nevada State contest in Lovelock and
provided training to FFA instructors.
Don has prepared a Soils Manual and is working with Rick on a Range Manual.

Parent Society Report - Jim Linebaugh
Parent society sold office building for \$670,000 with \$440,000 net
Office is now in rented space
NRCS assigned Jeff Burnell (sp?) to SRM office, probably a 3 year assignment for
Public Info and Certification programs
Dues schedule will be moved to calendar year basis
Video project is progressing in planning phase and the Parent Society is
appreciative of Nevada Sections commitment of \$2000
Gerry has set of Riparian Management Tapes from SRM and they are being routed
around the state.

Treasurer's Report - Desi Zamudio

Desi has replaced Jim Linebaugh and is being helped by Jim - see handout
University scholarship account balance is not certain, Desi will get Sherm's help
Range Camp donations totaled \$575
Parent Society sent \$16,000 which is balance and interest on notes to SRM
Desi will put the money in Money Market account until final decision at Summer meeting; \$2000 goes to Youth Fund

Don moved and Nancy seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted
Unanimous (in spite of the \$0.31 discrepancy)

Budget - Desi

Gerry proposed \$300 for awards which will include plaque and appreciation for BLM and other agency fire efforts.
Don moved and Nancy seconded that the budget be approved as amended.
Unanimous

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Adjourned 12:45 P.M.

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