

**NEVADA SECTION SOCIETY FOR RANGE MANAGEMENT
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA
JUNE 10, 2000**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Brad Schultz

PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED:

Elsie Dupree elsie@nvwf.org
John M. Fenley jmorrisfenley@aol.com
Les McKenzie htt@Sierra.net
Brad Schultz brads@dri.edu
Pete Christensen pete.christensen@nv.blm.gov
John F. Ruhs John_Ruhs@nv.blm.gov
Chuck Saulisberry chuckjo@jps.net
Desi Zamudio dzamudio@fs.fed.us
Tony Zamudio
Jim Linebaugh linebahnvart@powernet.net
Diane Linebaugh
Tracey Jean Wolfe twolfe@nv.blm.gov
Nancy Ballard ballard@hdo.net
Cub Wolfe cubwolfe@nv.usda.gov
Quinton Barr westernrangeservice@elko-nv.com
John McLain john@rci-nv.com
Floyd Rathbun rathbunf@Fallon.navy.mil rathbun@phonewave.net

Minutes - Rathbun

Discussion of people to be added to Newsletter mailing list included Jim Jeffers and John (last name not recorded).

A few requests to receive the minutes more than a few days before the next meeting were all presented in a way that avoided volunteering for the Secretary position. Secretary responded with an apology but was careful not to make any rash promises.

Cub moved and Pete seconded that minutes be approved as corrected.
Unanimous

Officer's Reports

President - Brad Schultz

- Advisory Council won't meet at SRM summer meeting in Calvary.
- Brad has prepared comments on Stillwater Refuge EIS as a continuation of his

early involvement representing NvSRM.

--Brad and others continue to emphasize the need for management oriented articles in SRM publications and support members receiving CEU credits for article preparation. Discussion included coordination with Certification Committee and Jeff Burnell (NRCS rep at SRM Headquarters).

--Mrs. Joe Robertson has donated \$50,000 to SRM. Brad suggests individual letters to Mrs. Robertson. McLain explained that parent society will prepare letter and plaque for display at headquarters.

--Forming ties with Nevada Wildlife Society has been discussed in each of the last two meetings. Wildlife Society representative, Jim Jeffers was on SRM tour and Brad discussed potential joint efforts with him.

Newsletter - Nancy Ballard

--Schedule includes two more issues this calendar year - August and Fall

President Elect - Pete

--Ready and eager to organize for winter meeting

Past President - Brad for Gerry Miller

--Gerry has submitted Range Excellence award nomination for Carter Cattle Company

--Gerry is incoming Nominations Chairman

Executive VP - Chuck

--"Seeking Common Ground" program has some project money available. Program sponsored by agencies, Farm Bureau, Cattlemen's Assoc., and others. Money has been provided for Modoc Elk Project that involves planning for elk in the Warner Mts. and for CRM projects in Wyoming. Program is actively supported (endorsed) by SRM. CRM projects in Ely are potential for funding; presently Rocky Mt. Elk Foundation is funding some projects in Ely area.

--recommends that agenda for winter meeting be included in November (Fall 2000) Newsletter

--Discussed need for Section to provide nominations for Parent Society offices.

Treasurer - Desi

--Section made some money last year. See Report.

--Lincoln County 4-H club sent thank you letter for \$200 donation to range and soils team. Chuck mentioned that Surprise Valley students also did very well at National Range and Soils Judging and asked if anyone knew who had sponsored them.

--Parent Society returned \$15,000 principle and interest to Section. Desi asked group where we would like it deposited/invested. Jim explained that \$13,000 belongs in Scholarship account and \$2000 belongs in Youth Fund. Jim also suggested that entire amount be deposited in American Express Money Market account until other investments are identified.

--Jim moved that the \$15,000 be deposited in American Express money market

account pending long term investment and that the Treasurer is requested to bring three options for long term investment to the winter meeting for discussion.

Motion not seconded and not acted on due to this being identified as a Finance Committee decision/action.

--Desi was pleased to announce that account balances did not drop with fall of market last spring.

Zone Council - Brad

Kent has been working with Nevada Wildlife society

Membership - Chuck

Nevada Section has 134 members at this time

Youth Affairs - Cub

--traveled with Sherm to prepare Conservation Project for Range Camp students

--Brad explained that Winchel Foods donated \$100 for food

--Jim explained that Bighorns Unlimited financed steak dinner and will put on special program at Camp. Bighorns Unlimited provided scholarships for five students.

--With Elsie Dupree at the meeting, Jim took "this opportunity to publicly thank Nevada Wildlife Federation for their generous support."

--Cub reports that the trailer is painted and logos are in place

--Jim asked that \$200+ be budgeted for next year to have a gravel shield applied to the trailer

--Cub discussed how NDOW withdrew as supporters of Range Camp and that efforts are underway to get them to resume participation.

Awards - Cub

--Range Camp awards are made up and ready; including special awards for four people with over 15 years of service to Range Camp.

--Special awards being developed including recognition to agency people for fire rehab.

--A supply of belt buckles has been ordered for fund raising effort.

--Cub will be calling people soon for award nominations, especially the Zone Councilmen.

Scholarship - Brad

--Jim asked: what are we doing? How much is being awarded? and, who is Chairman?

--Brad will discuss with Sherm.

--John McLain suggested that Section consider broadening criteria or re-evaluation of how it is awarded. Also this may be a good time to explain to the new Dean that the scholarship money is available when UNR re-establishes its range program, as a way to encourage the Dean to establish a range program soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Homepage - Brad

- Nancy volunteered to develop the homepage
- John recommended a retired biologist (I missed the name) from California who helped the Parent Society develop the SRM site.
- Brad handed out an outline of webpage contents
- Elsie explained that the Wildlife Federation web site was mostly designed by college students and recommended that SRM allow students to develop the Section's. Wildlife Federation gets the most "hits" on the section that is for youngsters.
- General discussion of need for budget and coordination with agencies
- Nancy suggested that a committee is needed and the following are now on it:
Les, Tracie, Brad, Nancy
- Brad will meet with Dean of Ag to discuss possible use of UNR computer to house web site and assist with development

Winter Meeting - Pete

- Location at Ely is arranged with physical accommodations reserved
- Tracy suggested that Kent McAdoo be asked to present on both sage grouse and on Basque heritage.
- Elsie explained that the Wildlife Federation is involved with the NW Nevada Sage Grouse Working Group, and had recently been provided slide show by F&WS. Next meeting is June 26, 6:30 p.m., at Carson City BLM.
- John suggested that NDOW should be invited as well as Federal agencies.
- several people suggested that Don Klebenow should be on the program

NEW BUSINESS

Budget - Desi

- Cub explained awards budget and asked for more money.
- Cub moved and Nancy seconded that the cost of special awards for Range Camp be paid in the amount of \$250. Unanimous (and Desi wrote the check.)
Cub will submit budget request for \$300 for special awards and \$100 for regular awards.
- Nancy explained increasing costs of Newsletter
- Floyd explained history of why there are separate donations for 4-H and FFA Range and Soils Judging teams. Initially the Nevada Section was one of a number of groups that along with some individuals donated money to the winners of the NV State FFA Range and Soils Judging. The result was a renewed interest in the Range and Soils contests state wide. Lincoln County has developed so many enthusiastic students that they formed 4-H clubs to provide opportunities for every one to compete. They are the only Range and Soils oriented clubs in the State and NV Section is fortunate to be able to support them.

Summer Meeting 2001

--Nancy suggested tour relative to sage grouse and group favored third week in July in Elko NV area.

Annual Meeting of Parent Society - Jim

--Original convention hotel in Hawaii has gone out of business

--King Komehameha Hotel will be headquarters

--Probability is high that the annual meeting will remain in Hawaii

--SRM headquarters in new location is working well, but future moves are being discussed as part of long term planning

--Public Affairs Committee is working on several position statements:

1. introduced species

2. wild horses

3. off highway vehicle use

4. State Land leases (work on this topic has been canceled)

5. fisheries, especially salmon

--Dues are now \$50 plus Section dues

--Associate memberships are available for \$25

--Rangeland video project is progressing well

--Rangelands plans changes for more human interest content. SRM may hire an editor, Gary Frazier may be candidate.

--Journey to Change effort started by Kendal Johnson is working. Workshops with "seeking common vision" theme have been completed.

SRM President's report - John McLain

--Executive committee is very busy

--John met with NRCS chief Pearly Reed with topics including global change to NRCS. John emphasized Plant Materials Program especially: public interest in development of native species; realistic applications emphasizing soil stability first; need to reach out to public to explain programs' scientific basis and practical applications; NRCS should remain the leader in plant material development.

--NRCS asked for professional society review of Farm Bill

--Deen Boe is new SRM representative in Washington DC

--Membership is on upswing thanks largely to Helen Hall, bad news is that she plans to retire next fall.

--National Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative is intended to get more technical people in the field. Meeting December 5-8.

Cattlemen's Association - Brad

--Don Henderson reports that Cattlemen/Woolgrowers want #375 for booth at the convention (November 9-11)

--group agreed that it was too expensive for the Section

--Brad will ask Benny Romero for help getting the fee waived or reduced

Continuing Education - Brad

--Section needs to develop topics

--Extension Service will likely be key provider

--Floyd reminded group about earlier discussion that target audience should not be limited to SRM members, other groups like school teachers also need CEU's and most of them have money.

--Brad proposed replacing I&E committee with a Continuing Education committee. Resulting discussion concluded with agreement that both committees are needed.

Open Forum

Nancy discussed on going saga of Sierra Nevada Forest Service EIS

Adjourned 12:35 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Floyd Rathbun