

Society for Range Management, Nevada Section
Business Meeting
Austin, Nevada
July 12, 2003

Attendees:

Kent McAdoo	Brad Schultz	Angela Mushrush	Gary McCuin
Les McKenzie	Chuck Saulisberry	Jim Linebaugh	Floyd Rathbun

Meeting was called to order by President, Floyd Rathbun.

The winter meeting minutes were approved.

Gary McCuin motioned for approval and Jim Linebaugh seconded the motion.

I. Reports from Officers:

A. Annual Meeting and Advisory Council - Floyd Rathbun

As reported in the newsletter, Nevada will host the 2007 Annual meeting in Reno.

B. Treasurer's Report and Budget - Brad Shultz

General Fund 2003 total income = \$1,224.34

General Fund 2003 total expenses = \$1,089.04

Youth Fund 2003 total income = \$2,713.51

Youth Fund 2003 total expenses = \$3,255.08

Endowment Fund 2003 total income = \$1,421.62

Endowment Fund 2003 total expenses = \$0.00

Scholarship Fund 2003 total income = \$5,240.47

Scholarship Fund 2003 total expenses = \$0.00

Total Income, Fiscal Year 2003 = \$10,482.84

Total Expenses, Fiscal Year 2003 = \$ 4,378.04

Total Section Funds as of 7/9/03 = \$62,878.97

Discussion regarding changing investment strategies.

1. Brad recommends we move money from American Century Value to American Century Equity Income for better return.
2. Move prime reserve monetary market into equity income (stock-bearing).
3. Move scholarship investments into two different funds; Meridian Value (60%) and Fidelity Balanced (40%), based on past performance of these funds.
4. Move most of our investment from American Express (\$13,419) to Dodge and Cox Income, leaving a balance of \$2,500 for Range Camp expenses.

Kent motioned to accept these four proposals and Jim seconded the motion.
Thank you, Brad!!

Chuck motioned to accept treasurer's report and Angela seconded the motion.

C. Zone Councilmen - None Present

D. Newsletter Editor - Not Present

Next newsletter will be out soon, deadline to submit articles is July 26. Need Range Camp information submitted. Need to put last issue and upcoming events on the website.

E. Youth Activities – Rick not present

FFA and 4H teams from Nevada did well in Soils and Range competitions. Rick will have detailed report this winter.

F. Executive Vice President – Chuck Saulisberry

Currently working to update roster with email addresses, etc. Will contact parent society about absence of Trail Boss logo on the last newsletter.

II. Reports from Committees

A. Endowment – Rick not present

There is approximately \$12,100 in the corpus (money we can't spend), leaving about \$6,400 that can be spent according to Brad.

B. Awards – Cub not present

Nevada should submit nominations for some national awards (e.g. Renner Award for John McClain). Need newsletter article on this topic. Maybe a website entry form is appropriate. Floyd will send a letter to zone councilmen encouraging them to submit nominations.

C. Scholarships

Range Camp scholarships are already funded. Range Camp Trail Boss college scholarship – committee headed by Jim Linebaugh will meet to discuss this. Other committee members are Sherm, Barry, and Cub.

D. Range Camp

We had 23 sign-ups for the 2003 Nevada Youth Range Camp and 19 kids showed up. Trail Boss is Tess Wipfli from Smith Valley and the runner up is Samantha Matranga of Carson City. We are sending both of them to the national meeting in Salt Lake City where they will both compete in the High School Youth Forum.

Kent motioned to provide both students with travel expenses, lodging, and registration, Chuck seconded – approved.

NRA grant application – the application has been sent and we are waiting for a response. It has been approved at the state level for \$3,500 and we are waiting for national approval.

E. Section History – Les McKenzie

Chuck is sending out the 50 Year History documents to all new members. Chuck will discard most of the out-dated 30 Year History documents.

F. CEU Committee – Kent McAdoo

Workshop is being pursued. Ely is the preferred location. It will probably occur in April.

III. Old Business

A. FFA and 4H soils and range judging was discussed above.

B. Nevada section to host 2007 Annual meeting.

The presentation in Casper went well; we competed with Albuquerque and won. What needs to be done during 2003? Need to set up committee before the winter meeting. There will be a lot of work to do including logistics and programs. These things should be prepared at least two years in advance. Need public information committee to set up a booth at the national meeting in Salt Lake City in January.

Chuck will write an article for the newsletter containing a list of committees needed to plan for the national meeting.

Floyd will contact Cub and Tracey about being co chair for the Reno meeting and setting up a planning meeting in September.

C. Desert tortoise position statement – Floyd Rathbun

Should this be a parent society position statement or possibly a letter? Maybe a letter should come first, and then pursue the position statement. Get comments to Floyd.

D. SRM representatives to public planning (e.g. sage grouse)

Those interested should contact Floyd. Chuck will write news release regarding sage grouse planning, etc.

E. Website – Gary McCuin

Nothing has been revised yet, but the old webpage still exists. Ben Bruce will help Gary make some changes. Work will be done on some parent society direct links, etc. Need to add information regarding membership, reasons to join SRM,

zone councilman contact information, etc. Members can send electronic information submissions to Gary McCuin or Ben Bruce.

F. Certified Professional in Rangeland Management (CPRM) – No Report

G. Farm Bill Update – No Report

IV. New Business

A. Department of the Interior Ethics Standards – Floyd Rathbun
Floyd handed out a copy of the standards for information. Expect upcoming announcement for public comment on this topic, especially as it pertains to consultants and contractors. We noted that SRM is not included on the scientific organization list. Floyd will call parent society about this.

B. Association of Range Consultants position on BLM grazing regulation changes. Does the Nevada section want to take a position on this topic? Need to wait for proposed rule, then review it, but ask for parent society to do this and/or take a position.

C. Membership Brochures – Floyd handed them out.

D. Montana Sagebrush Guide – Floyd Rathbun
Floyd passed out an overview. Does Nevada section want to do something like this? Can we buy some, Floyd will check.

E. Winter Meeting
Nevada Section winter meeting will be January 9-10, 2004 in Ely, possibly at the Holiday Inn. Topics will include the elk management plan, county economic and agricultural development, Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition, and pinyon/juniper management. Angela will contact John McClain and start setting up speakers. Floyd will make arrangements for the facilities.

F. Possible fall get-together at the Gund Ranch – Cub is working on this.

G. Summer Meeting
Ideas are, touring the Elko/Deeth area to look at sagebrush treatments relating to sage grouse habitat, or Shoesole Burn tour. Kent will pursue these ideas. Tentative date for the summer tour is July 11-12, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Gifford