

**Society for Range Management, Nevada Section
Business Meeting
Bridgeport, California
July 10, 2004**

Attendees:

Lesley Radtke	Ann Harris	Chuck Saulisberry
Jim Linebaugh	Ryan Shane	Sherman Swanson
Agee Smith	Jay Davison	Cub Wolfe
Tracey Jean Wolfe	Sheila Anderson	Rick Orr
Les McKenzie	Trina Meredith	Ann Bollinger
Jessica Dhaemers	Shayne Roche	Angela Mushrush
Brad Schultz	Barry Perryman	James Potts
Maggie Orr	Tracy Dianda	Ben Bruce
Gary McCuin	Diane Weaver	Stan Hunewill
Liz Warner	Benny Romero	Jim Gifford

The meeting was called to order by president, Angela Mushrush at 8:30 a.m.

Les McKenzie moved that the winter meeting minutes be approved. Jim Potts seconded. Motion passed.

Maggie Orr moved to accept the agenda for today's meeting. Brad Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

I. Reports from Officers

A. President – Angela Mushrush
No Report.

B. Executive Vice President – Chuck Saulisberry
At the time of the winter meeting in Ely, the section had 143 members. We now have 161 members. The section gained 26 new members, many of them were UNR students. Chuck named the new members and where they were from. We also lost 4 members during the same time period. Chuck displayed the 50 year history book and explained that new members receive a copy when they join the section.

C. Treasurer's Report and Budget – Brad Schultz

General Fund

FY 2004 Actual Income:	\$4,065.73
FY 2004 Actual Expenses:	\$2,355.09
Income minus Expenses:	\$1,710.64

Youth Fund

FY 2004 Actual Income:	\$6,453.00
FY 2004 Actual Expenses:	\$6,298.43

Income minus Expenses: \$ 154.57

Endowment Fund

FY 2004 Actual Income: \$251.00
FY 2004 Actual Expenses: \$751.00
Income minus Expenses: \$-500.00

Scholarship Fund

FY 2004 Actual Income: \$0.00
FY 2004 Actual Expenses: \$0.00
Income minus Expenses: \$0.00

FY 2004 Non-Investment Totals

Gross Income: \$10,769.73
Expenses: \$ 9,404.52
Net Income: \$ 1,365.21

Investment Valuation and Cash Accounts: \$68,063.39

Section Funds January 2004: \$64,443.74
Section Funds July 2004: \$68,063.39
Change: \$ 3,619.65 (5.62%)

Brad handed out the treasurer's report. There were no questions.

D. Zone Councilmen

No reports.

E. Newsletter Editor

Do we need a newsletter editor? Discussion: If members submit an item, it can be sent out in the form of an email to the membership. Maggie Orr volunteered to help with the newsletter, but she might not have the appropriate software. It was suggested that Maggie can use whatever software/format she would like to do the newsletter.

F. Youth Activities - Ryan Shane

The SRM UNR Student Chapter is becoming more and more active. The chapter is selling shirts for \$12 to raise money for their activities. See Trina Meredith to purchase a shirt. Ryan introduced the six students that attended the meeting. More information about the student chapter can be found in the Reports from Committees section of the minutes.

II. Reports from Committees

A. Endowment- Rick Orr

Rick reported a balance of \$12,816.97 in the fund.

B. Awards – Cub Wolfe

Cub asked the students for ideas for new awards. It was suggested that Gerry Emm receive an award for his presentation at yesterday's field trip, as well as for his past achievements. A question was raised regarding, are we required to have a section award before a national award, and the answer was no. It was noted that only one Young Professional award has been given in the past few years. The age limit for the Young Professional award is forty. Cub needs nominations from the membership, he can't be hunting them down all the time. Usually a group of people nominate someone for an award.

Gary suggested that the section join with agencies and associations in their awards programs. Sherm asked if these awards were based on good land stewardship, etc.

Gary McCuin moved that the section provide a member to assist BLM, Forest Service, Nevada Cattlemen's Association, etc., to select the person who receives an award such as the Cattleman of the Year award. Agee Smith seconded. Motion passed.

C. Scholarships - Barry Perryman

There have been very few applicants for scholarships. Scholarships should be advertised more. It was suggested that information be sent to FFA and 4-H, but the scholarships are intended for the university level, usually above the sophomore level. Some university scholarships have been awarded, but not from SRM. Discussion followed regarding awarding scholarships to applicants who did not receive the Fleming Scholarship from UNR.

D. Range Camp - Brad Schultz and Sherm Swanson

In general the camp was a great success; 38 students registered, 37 showed up and there were nine counselors. There was good agency participation, except NDOW is still not providing a counselor. This might change in the future. Last year we voted to raise the fee to \$100, but the brochures still say \$75. They need to be changed. Jessie Evans was the Trail Boss and Caleb Evans was the Big Buckaroo. Are we still sending two kids to the national meeting? Generally the answer is no. We send the Trail Boss only. If the Trail Boss can't go, then the Big Buckaroo would go in their place. The section needs a report on the NRA funds. Chuck, Brad and Sherm will work on the report.

E. Section History - Les McKenzie

Still working on past projects.

F. CEU Committee

Should members get CEU's for this meeting? The general consensus is yes. A sign up sheet was passed around.

G. SRM UNR Student Chapter - Ryan Shane

Ryan reported on the student chapter activities. Seven of the 35 total members attended the 2004 Annual Meeting. About 20 members regularly attend meetings. The club consists of about one-third graduate students and two-thirds undergraduate students.

There are three elected officers and two advisors. The club has official club status with UNR-ASUN and also non-profit status. Fundraising consists of selling shirts. The club provides networking opportunities and also regular job opportunity mailings. They have interaction with other UNR clubs such as the SAF Lumberjack Team, which gives members broader knowledge and experience. They can also act as a student ambassador group for the school. The club has many future needs including additional fundraising opportunities, more refined club structure, additional membership and additional meeting attendance. The club also wants to expand their academic support framework for scholarship opportunities, etc, and establish a professional career support framework for internship opportunities, etc.

One of the main goals of the club is to have a plant team to participate at the annual meetings. The team would need coaching. Christy Malone was mentioned as a possible coach. UNR hasn't had a team since the early 1980's. The team would also need funding to attend the annual meetings. The student chapter is looking into ways to raise money. UNR potentially will pay up to 80 percent of the cost for a club to attend competitive events. It was suggested that the section provide some funding for the plant team to attend the national meetings. The money would come from the Endowment Fund.

Sherm Swanson moved that the section support the UNR Student Chapter by funding the remaining 20 percent that UNR won't fund, to attend the national meetings, with a maximum cap set at \$1000. Jay Davison seconded. It was clarified that the students must compete in the plant identification or speech contest. Motion passed.

III. Old Business

A. JRM Name Change

Barry Perryman reported that the new name of the Journal of Range Management will be Rangeland Ecology and Management as of January 2005. Another possible change in the future is the name of the parent society.

B. Section Home Page

Gary McCuin reported that the website is up and running. The scholarship information needs to be added. The minutes will go on the website.

IV. New Business

A. Rosachi Ranch

Gary McCuin suggested that a section member participate on the Rosachi Ranch working group. John McClain added that SRM would be a great party to provide advice. Cub suggested that NRCS also have a member on the working group. Ryan suggested that the working group should write down their ideas and then submit them to a section committee for technical review. Sherm added that the working group should be a small,

dedicated local group and try to minimize the bureaucracy. Send suggestions to Diane Weaver.

Gary McCuin motioned that the Nevada section support the Rosachi Ranch working group. Sherm Swanson seconded. Motion passed.

B. Washington DC Office

Angela received a letter from the parent society asking for contributions so they can publish issue papers and career brochures, and also maintain the website. Is the section interested in contributing? Discussion: It is good to have a voice in Washington. Students should be a top priority and we should take care of our section first, and maybe contribute in the future.

Sherm Swanson moved that we contribute one-third of the extra income (after costs and designated revenue) from the winter meeting to the parent society in Washington. Sheila Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Further discussion ensued. The money should be for a specific reason, not just for general operations. Ann Harris explained some of the costs, but also the benefits of the Washington office. John added that it is good to have someone there to go to committee meetings, agency meetings, etc., we definitely need a person in D.C. This could impact agency budgets and it gives SRM notoriety. Sherm suggested this person needs to be more aware of western, and especially Nevada issues. What will we get for our money?

C. Deer and Elk Workshop – January 14-16, 2005 in Reno

Do we want to have a booth at this workshop? Discussion: How much does a booth cost? Do we have a display to put in a booth? The Denver office does. Yes, we should have a booth there. Someone needs to man the booth. It is important to partner with groups like this. There are many potential members at these workshops. Cost of the booth is the big issue.

John McClain moved that we should investigate further. Rick Orr seconded. Motion was dropped.

Sherm Swanson moved that we trade booths if possible. SRM gets a free booth at their workshop, and they get a free booth at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Reno. John McClain seconded. Motion passed.

D. Parent Society

Angela reported that the parent society would like a write up from all sections about their summer meetings and tours. Jay volunteered to complete the write up.

E. Awards

Cub recommended two changes to our awards system. First, Cub proposed we change the name of the Rangeman of the Year Award. Second, he proposed we give two awards per year because there is a large backlog of people to give awards to. Discussion: People

should be recognized for their efforts and contributions to range management. New types of awards were discussed and also new names for the awards were discussed. The Great Basin Award was thought to be too vague. Les suggested a committee make the decisions on this topic. The original intent of the Rangeman of the Year award is to recognize someone for a significant contribution that year. Rangeland Manager of the Year award should not be restricted to producers only.

Cub Wolfe moved that the section give out two awards per year. Brad Shultz amended to three awards per year: 1) Sustained Achievement in Rangeland Management, 2) Rangeland Professional of the Year, and 3) Rangeland Manager of the year. Gary McCuin seconded. Motion passed with one opposed.

F. Winter Meeting, January 2005

The group confirmed the location would be Las Vegas due to the test site tour. Mesquite and Pahrump were also mentioned as possible locations. Discussion ensued about what the tour should consist of. Possible locations for the summer meeting/tour were also discussed.

G. Membership

Lesley Radtke reported that the Nevada section had the best retention rate of all the sections. We lost only four members since our last meeting. Student membership is very important. Two hundred new student members were signed up at last year's annual meeting. The process was very easy. All sections have already, or will increase the cost of regular membership by \$5.00. Nevada already has. In May the Board increased other memberships as follows: Student \$22-30, Apprentice \$34-55, Emeritus \$25-55, Family \$22-30, Sustaining \$20-50, and Life membership is still \$1500. There have been no category changes since the 1980's.

H. 2007 Annual Meeting

Group decided to hold this as a separate meeting after the regular section meeting. See separate minutes and planning committee list.

I. Other Upcoming Meetings

CALPAC Meeting on November 10-13, 2004 in Kona, Hawaii. Angela, Cub and Tracey are planning to attend.

2005 Annual Meeting on February 5-11, 2005 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jim Potts moved to adjourn the meeting. Gary McCuin seconded. Motion passed at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Gifford