

**Society for Range Management, Nevada Section  
Business Meeting  
Ely, Nevada  
January 10, 2004**

**Attendees:**

Floyd Rathbun	Kory Kulinsky	Maggie Orr
Les McKenzie	Laura Hartley	Rick Orr
Sheila Anderson	Gary McCuin	Karen Prentice
Ryan Shane	Shane Roche	Shirley Johnson
Tracey Wolfe	Barry Perryman	Kent McAdoo
Chuck Saulisberry	Gerry Miller	Maria Ryan
Chuck O'Rourke	Brad Schultz	Duane Coombs
Steve (Tom) Stefani	Cub Wolfe	James Potts
John McLain	Sherman Swanson	Rex Cleary
Tracy Dianda	Tim Westfall	

The meeting was called to order by past president, Floyd Rathbun at 8:35 am.

**Les McKenzie moved that the summer meeting minutes be approved. Chuck Saulisberry seconded. Motion passed.**

**Approval of the Agenda – Floyd asked to move the 2007 discussion to the first item on the agenda. Les McKenzie moved to accept the agenda. Kent McAdoo seconded. Motion passed.**

Everyone in the room introduced themselves.

**2007 Meeting Discussion**

Floyd explained the need to select a chairperson and co-chairperson almost immediately to prepare for the meeting. The Handbook for Organizing and Hosting a National meeting was passed around.

**7 Committees that need chairperson**

1. General committee
2. Program committee
3. Local Arrangements – Responsible for trade show. Need one person just for trade show. Other responsibilities include hotel arrangements, entertainment, local transportation, general membership and awards, volunteer coordination, registration, etc.
4. Finance
5. Publicity – Diane Weaver (FS) Sparks, Gary McCuin – will bring Nugget material to Salt Lake.
6. Host Activities – Responsible for organizing the tour, spouse tea, past president luncheon
7. Student Events

<b>Committee Name</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
1. General Planning Committee	Jim Linebaugh - Chairman John Capurro – Co-Chairman
2. Program Committee	Kent McAdoo, Barry Perryman, Ben Bruce
2a. Technical Sessions	Sherm Swanson, Karen Prentice, Maria Ryan
2b. Poster Sessions	Les McKenzie, Chuck Salisberry
3. Local Arrangements	
3a. Trade Show	Floyd Rathbun, Maria Ryan, Gary McCuin
3b. Registration	Ed Petersen, Shirley Johnson, Maggie Orr
4. Finance	Brad Schultz, Jim Linebaugh
5. Publicity	Diane Weaver, Gary McCuin
5a. Raffle/Auction	Gerry Miller (Chair), Maria Ryan, Sheila Anderson, Duane Coombs, Gary McCuin
6. Host Activities	Tracy Dianda, Tracey Jean Wolfe
6a. Plenary Session	Rex Cleary, Rick Orr, John McLain
7. Student Events	Jack Alexander, Cub Wolfe, James Potts, Duane Coombs, Shane Roche

Parent society is very watchful of the entire process, and budgets have to be turned in for every committee. Parent society gets about 70% of the income from annual meeting. Ken Fulgham from California is willing to help the section on this meeting. Chuck Salisberry would like to put the local arrangements committee needs in the newsletter. Everyone will have to be on a committee, so chose yours now instead of having it assigned. Will need to and be able to recruit people to help work for the committees during the convention. The volunteer coordinator will need to work on this. Make lists of people and start recruiting people when at the annual meeting.

There will be a meeting at Salt Lake for future convention planners. We have put together what we need to present to the Board in Salt Lake. Tell Jim Linebaugh if you would like to be on a committee. Also, send intentions to either Ben Bruce or Gary McCuin so that they can put committee members on the website.

We will need to put a booth or display at Salt Lake to promote our convention. We have a banner and materials from the Nugget. Duane Coombs has offered to make a saddle for the silent auction for the Nevada meeting. He needs \$1,500 for his material cost. The saddle can go to the Vancouver meeting for the silent auction promotion. A traditional Nevada buckaroo saddle would normally be sold for \$2,500. He could work a logo into the floral pattern on the saddle, and he may even have it finished between the winter meeting and Vancouver meeting. Logo could be a concho on the cantle. Gary McCuin's mom does the silver work to be put on the saddle. Should maybe be a high-dollar raffle item instead. The section is very happy to accept the offer from Duane. Can get pictures to put on fliers for earlier meetings, will have to start the saddle six months before the Vancouver meeting. We should support the offer and should pay the material cost up front. Silent auction is for the endowment fund. A live auction can be done and the money stays with the state section. Maybe we should have a live auction instead for the

saddle. Duane would prefer that the money stay with Nevada Section. So either a live auction or a raffle will work to keep the money here.

**John McLain moved to provide the material costs for both Duane and Gary's mom at the time that they order their materials to raffle the saddle. Rick seconded. Motion passed.**

Les questioned whether or not we could sell tickets to the general public. Yes, we can sell raffle tickets to the public, not just SRM members. Rex suggested that the saddle goes to the Cowboy poetry meeting to sell raffle tickets. Maria discussed the possibility to having an entire Nevada buckaroo style auction, including John McLain's music. Planning committee should work on these items. Shirley suggested that her brother makes furniture from juniper and could also provide items if he was provided materials.

Gary McCuin likes Maria's idea, but would like a raffle on the saddle and an auction on the other types of items.

**Sherm moved that a committee be formed for promoting SRM in the auction/raffle and that they come back to us with a plan and budget (maximize money making). Kent seconded. Gerry Miller (Chair) and Sheila Anderson, Gary M, and Maria Ryan, Duane Coombs will be on the committee. Motion passed.**

Cub questioned the value of a raffle or an auction. How do we get the highest price for the saddle? John McLain discussed the spending behavior of SRM members at auctions. Kent discussed the fact that the annual meeting and cowboy poetry will not be the same week for the year of Vancouver. Duane should bring a picture of other saddles to the Salt Lake meeting or will send them to Floyd. Duane could have the saddle done as soon as this time next year. We could showcase the saddle at the Nugget until the meeting. Don't want the build-up time to be too long.

Chuck brought up the need for a section logo and a theme for the meeting. Rex would like to put together a list for meeting themes. Themes were brought up when we presented the bid last year (winters meeting) Kent has these. We will need to have a theme and logo by this time next year. The theme and logo should be on the summer meeting agenda. The general planning committee will need to have the logo and the theme as the first item of business. The logo for the convention is not the same as the need for a logo for the section. Jim Linebaugh. gets back from Argentina on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. Additional names were added to the list for committees.

## **I. Reports from Officers**

A. Annual Meeting and Advisory Council – Floyd Rathbun  
Election results were read by Floyd. 35 people voted in the election. President Elect – Barry Perryman, Zone 1 – Mark Coca, Zone 3 – Don Lancaster, Zone 5 – Gary McCuin, Zone 7 – Maggie Orr. Postpone discussion on election procedures to summer meeting.

B. Executive Vice President – Chuck Saulisberry

Chuck sent copy of the roster to everyone soliciting changes. Chuck still needs comments. The roster has two freebees that we are carrying, John Fenley from California and CJ Hadley (they are not members). They are kept on the mailing list for our section. No one has a problem with sending them information. Fenley pays his California dues. Should we put the newsletter on the website instead of sending as an email? Chuck will send an email reminder to check the website for the minutes and the newsletters. Some people commented that they would just rather get the newsletter on email, not on the website. It was decided to still send out emails with the newsletter.

**Gary McCuin moved that we should donate a membership to the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC). Motion was not seconded.**

Discussion: Others didn't believe that we should pay for them, but that we should send them our newsletter. Society of Conservation Biology, buys the subscription for the journal, not membership. Paying for Journal of Range Management Subscriptions should be used to get members (National level). Topic should be discussed with the Advisory committee.

**Sherm moved for Maria to develop the wording for two proposals to the Advisory committee at Salt Lake. Proposal 1: to change membership procedures so that people could subscribe to the Journal of Range Management and will get membership in addition to it. Proposal 2: Include the cost of membership in the annual meeting registration. Gary McCuin seconded. Motion passed.**

Discussion: Another proposal is to have membership included in the cost of meeting attendance, and structures for promoting membership instead of restricting it.

**Sherm moved to send our section newsletter by email to anyone who signs up for one of our section meetings as well as a personal letter inviting them to join our section. They should also receive a call from the Zone Councilman. Gary McCuin seconded. Motion passed.**

Duane Coombs commented that our meeting costs should be cheaper for members than for non-members. Postpone discussion until later in the agenda. Betsy McFarland should be added to the newsletter email list. Barry challenged everyone at the meeting to recruit at least one member this year. Did we get names and addresses from everyone who came to the meeting yesterday? Yes.

C. Treasurer's Report and Budget – Brad Schultz

General Fund

Income: \$1,389.34

Expenses: \$1,389.34

Youth Fund

Income: \$3,364.70

Expenses: \$3,363.90

Endowment Fund  
Income: 1,540.32  
Expenses 1,540.32

Scholarship Fund  
Income 5,284.89  
Expenses 5,284.89

Total Income: \$11,491.95  
Total Expenses: \$4,680.39

Funds increase for FY 2003 \$6,811.56  
2002 FY Balance - \$56,774.17  
2003 FY Balance - \$63,585.73

Brad did change the American Century account from the Value Fund to the Equity Fund after it was approved at the summer meeting.  
Mutual funds - Meridian Value and Fidelity both did well last year.  
Moved IDS to the Dodge and Cox income (bond fund) with average 7% return.

FY 2003 changes in Funds

General	111.77
Youth Activities	0.40
Scholarship	5,284.85
Endowment	1,540.32
Special projects	-87.26

**Chuck Salisbury moved to accept the treasurer's report. Barry seconded. Motion passed.**

Maria Ryan asked about the travel account. Brad explained that we pay \$200 towards travel for president-elect, president, and past-president to annual meeting. She questioned whether or not it is enough. If we have more income in certain years, then more is usually budgeted for it.

It was asked whether or not we should be members of the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC). SRM membership is \$85 per person. ENLC is \$25 per person or group. Nevada Cattlemen's Association (NCA) gave them much more money than that. Our section should not be a financial contributor, but would like to have some contribution.

**Sherm moved that we should pay our ENLC membership for this year. We should also pay for previous membership years and maintain our membership in future years. Rick Orr seconded. Motion passed, with one abstention.**

Gary McCuin brought up the possibility of giving ENLC a membership to SRM. Membership would be \$800 for an organization and the idea was dismissed. Should we support all other groups? And should we join Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group? Kent said that they don't have a membership.

Sherm recommended that we rearrange the room. The room was rearranged so that everyone could talk to each other. A break ensued.

#### D. Zone Councilmen

Duane Coombs did not have anything to report. No other reports were made.

#### E. Newsletter Editor

No report from Nancy Ballard. Barry asked about the national newsletter name change. The membership was not asked about the name change. Should the advisory council be asked to discuss this topic at the convention? The Advisory council will bring the question up at Salt Lake. Floyd will email Sandra Fabrits to have the question added to the agenda.

#### F. Youth Activities

Tracy Dianda gave the report on Range Camp. 21 students signed up and 19 students attended. The Trail Boss and Big Buckaroo was Tess Wipfli. Tess went to HSYF last year and is not eligible to attend this year. Trail Boss runner-up was Samantha Matranga. She has a band conflict with attending HSYF, so she will not attend either. Nevada will not have a HSYF participant this year. Tess Wipfli will attend the annual meeting as a student, and stay with Katie Johnson and others from the University of Idaho. The possibility of providing the Trail Boss with a scholarship will be addressed in the Youth Activities committee. States can send up to 3 HSYF participants. We could send other students from 4-H or FFA judging teams. We could allow them to come, but their way may not be paid, and we could give opportunity to individual state winners. The youth activities committee should have two motions to bring forward at the summer meeting regarding these topics.

## **II. Reports from Committees**

#### A. Endowment- Rick Orr

Rick reported \$12,165.97 balance plus \$500 donation (corpus). There is \$6,297.92 available for use. Corpus amount is the original donated funds given to the fund that cannot be touched - can only use the interest.

#### B. Awards – Cub Wolfe

Cub made it clear that he did not receive the support he needs for getting nominations. Cub will put the nomination forms on the website. He proposes to change the awards to two awards for range manager of the year (one in the profession, and one in the ranching industry). He wants people to make nominations for the national meeting. Gerry thinks

that the Excellence in Range Management Award should be given by SRM instead of BLM. Rex would still like to have the nominations on the newsletter.

**Tracey Jean moved to change the young range professional award age limit to 40 so that it follows the parent society. Rex seconded. Motion passed.**

**Sherm moved to have national and state award nomination forms included in both the section newsletter and the website. Rex seconded. Motion passed.**

C. Scholarships

Topic was discussed in the youth activities section.

D. Range Camp

Topic was discussed in the youth activities section.

E. Section History

Les McKenzie is putting the section history on CD-rom so that people can access it. Sherm has some historical pictures from Charlie Fisher and he will call Les and send them to him.

F. CEU Committee (Rick, Tracey Jean, John, and Kent)

Kent reported for the committee. The committee was planning on having a CEU course in April with the purpose of the meeting devoted to pinyon-juniper. The winter meeting yesterday was p-j oriented and so now they will have to find a different topic. If we offer CEU's, then we will get more attendance of outside people. Almost half of the attendees yesterday were not members. Only one person signed up for CEU's that was not a section member. Would like to see the committee figure out how to get CEU's to meet the needs of other types of professionals (teachers, SWCA, etc.). If we offer CEU's for other organizations, Gary McCuin thinks that they should become members of the society.

Rick clarified that SRM members can get CEU's from SRM sponsored events. If someone wants to get CEU's from our event, but they are not members of SRM, then they would have to work through other organizations (community colleges) to offer the CEU's and would have nothing to do with the national SRM organization.

Rex asked to have the committee obtain approval for CEU's for the Sage Grouse Conference in March. Individuals can also submit CEU requests to Leonard Jolly for meetings attended.

Gary mentioned CEU's as an additional benefit of membership. Sherm mentioned possible future rangeland health program focusing on state-and-transition models and landscape scale processes, either as a separate meeting or the next section meeting topic.

### III. Old Business

#### A. FFA and 4-H soils and range judging

Rick Orr gave the report. The FFA soils team had 3 kids place in the top 25, with highest individual placing 7<sup>th</sup>. The 4-H team took 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation with Jessica Orr taking reserve champion at the national competition. The soil and water conservation society has proposed to donate additional money to the state teams. Wells FFA won the state range competition this year, and Pahrangat Valley took the soils competition. Lincoln County 4-H took the whole soils competition. James Potts helped with the competition this year.

#### B. Desert Tortoise Letter

Floyd reported. A letter was sent to the USFWS after the actions taken at the last winter meeting. The letter contained technical comments by the Nevada and Arizona sections on the Revision of the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan. The comments will probably be discussed at Salt Lake. Is there a need for a position statement to be made by the society? No need was identified.

#### C. Section Web site

Update by Gary McCuin. Ben Bruce is the main person in charge. Send items to him. We do not have the ability to accept credit cards on our website. Gary would like to pursue this idea with Brad. Pay Pal is one company that helps you do it. We may want to accept either electronic checks or credit cards. E-bay waives fee for non-profit organizations.

**Les McKenzie moved that Gary McCuin and Brad Schultz look into the credit card acceptance on our website. Rex seconded. Motion passed.**

We would like to put minutes, awards, and committees for the 2007 meeting on the website. Gary will check into security issues and any liability as well on the credit card issue. Pay pal provides the security.

#### D. Certified Professional in Rangeland Management (CPRM)

Topic was covered in the CEU discussion.

#### E. SRM representatives to public planning (sage grouse planning)

Floyd asked if we should have SRM reps at public planning meetings. Floyd encouraged people to participate and there is a procedure for participation – Contact your Zone Councilman. Maria brought up the need for the membership to know if anyone is going to be officially representing SRM in public planning processes.

There will be a peer-review of the State Sage Grouse Plan. SRM could offer to be a peer-reviewer for the plan. We would have to let them know that someone should be selected and recommended to Sheila Anderson and Gary Back as reviewers.

Do we need a policy for people who want to represent Nevada SRM? The policy seems to already exist. People representing the section must stay within the boundary of any existing policy or position statements. You can read position statements on the website.

Is there an interest in making the people who are SRM members more visible when they attend other meetings for their employer? There didn't seem to be any interest.

#### **IV New Business**

##### **A. Advisory Council proxy**

There is a need to write proxies, and leave them blank so that other people can fill in. Kent needs a proxy. (Kent, Floyd, and Angela are supposed to be the Advisory Council representatives). Cub will ask Angela to right a letter for Barry to proxy for her. Our executive vice-president is typically used as our proxy when possible. Floyd will send Kent's proxy letter to Sandra. Chuck or Brad can fill in where needed. Officers will have to finish up obtaining proxies at another time.

##### **B. BLM grazing regulations**

The comment period is going to end soon. Do we want to prepare comments on this issue? Sherm thinks that the section should send in any official policy or position statement from SRM. Anything else would be inappropriate. There will be comment meetings at the SRM Salt Lake convention on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Is the national society going to prepare comments? We don't know. Maria thinks that our section should prepare comments in line with anything that the national society may prepare. A committee would have to be formed immediately. In the past, the method was to prepare a position statement to have the advisory council take to the annual meeting for approval. Would have to make some phone calls so that we know what the national society is doing. The national society made it very clear that nothing would be heard in a quick way, everything has to go through the correct process. It should be brought up as an advisory council agenda item. Would have to comment on both the new rules and the DEIS on the new rules by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The DEIS is available on the web (57 pages).

**Barry moved to have comments to the regulations put on the advisory council agenda in Salt Lake. Duane seconded. Motion passed.**

##### **C. Nevada Rangeland Monitoring Handbook revision**

There is a committee formed for reviewing the revision. How should our section participate in this comment? Rex Cleary is attending the monitoring handbook revision committee as section representative. The time frame for this project is unclear. The first meeting will be in February. The revision should incorporate the state-and-transition paradigm. Rex is asked to give a report back to the section at the summer meeting.

##### **D. Proposed re-establishment of Youth Section at UNR**

Ryan Shane gave a report on the desire of students to form a student section. Barry Perryman and Ben Bruce are the advisors. Les McKenzie and Sherm clarified the process that has already been formed within the Nevada section bylaws. The student

chapter would have a member that would sit on the Nevada section board of directors. Ryan requested support from the Nevada section for sending students to the National meeting. Graduate students are usually funded, but undergraduates are generally unfunded.

\$251 was donated last night to the youth activities. Have the students signed up as members yet? Students that are funded to go to the annual meeting must be members. Wyoming has an active student section of the national SRM. All others are affiliated with their university. Arizona section used to provide financial support, but students had to work at the national and section meetings. Student registration is \$75 for Salt Lake.

**Gary moved that \$500 be donated to send six students (grad or undergrad) from UNR to Salt Lake. Gerry seconded.**

**Gerry amended that \$751 be donated this year to be used as appropriate. Maria seconded. Motion passed.**

Discussion: In the future the student chapter should match the donation made by the Nevada section, in addition to working for future meetings. There will have to be fundraising in the future. It was decided the check will be made out to Barry for him to distribute.

#### E. Summer Meeting 2004

Gerry suggested Tahoe for the summer meeting. Range Camp will be held on June 20-26. Three of the last five summer meetings have been in Elko. We should have the meeting in the Sierra's and should also invite the California section. Bridgeport may work with Benny Romero. Tracey Jean and Gary McCuin will work with Barry to have the section meeting in the Sierra's.

Topics could include soil survey and ecological site description procedures. Watershed planning in the Tahoe Basin (with the \$30 million in research) was another proposed topic. CEU's could also work for soils, maybe joint soil/range meeting. July would be the best month for the meeting, sometime after July 4<sup>th</sup>. Second or third week of July was proposed, maybe 9-10<sup>th</sup> of July. John McLain is performing July 9<sup>th</sup> in Bridgeport.

#### F. Winter Meeting, January 2005

When is the national meeting for next year? It should be in February in Fort Worth. The winter meeting should be at the end of January or the first part of February, right after the semester starts if possible. We could do a test site winter meeting. Base the meeting in Las Vegas, and bus out to the test site. Stay at the Santa Fe at the North end of Vegas for about \$19-25 per night. A contingency plan should be made in case the test site gets closed. Tour of the test site should be a bonus. Should the technical session be part of the meeting? Should the topic be landscape prioritization methods for spending restoration money? Yes. The meeting would be either a 3 day or 2.5 day meeting.

Test site, you may need to bring social security cards and copy of birth certificate. Tour would most likely be on Thursday. The tours are all day. Derrick Hall would be the contact.

FACE project would be a good alternative topic.

**Barry moved to adjourn the meeting. Gerry seconded. Motion passed at 12:45 pm.**

Special thanks to Tracy Dianda for taking excellent notes in my absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Gifford