

Meeting Minutes Business Meeting December 7, 2020 Virtual – via Zoom

Regular Business meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.— President: Stephen Deiss—1st Vice President: Morgan Treadwell - 2nd Vice President: Bill Fox, Treasurer: Robert Moen Secretary: Kathryn Brady-Director: Kevin Derzapf — Director: Megan Clayton—Director, Pepe Martinez-Director: Michael Willson, Director: Caitlyn Norris, Director: Rob Cook

**Deiss**—called the meeting to order; a <u>quorum was established</u>. **Deiss** – welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda.

**MINUTES:** Minutes were posted to the website for the membership to review Kevin Derzapf made the motion to approve the minutes as presented Jenny Pluhar seconded the motion No discussion, minutes approved

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report, plus additional attachments, provided and reviewed by **Moen**. See report **Bill Fox** made motion and it was seconded by **Treadwell** 

No discussion, motion carries, treasurer's report approved

Website: Report by Michael Willson

He has been working with Tanner Bryant and Morgan Treadwell. We pay Tanner Bryant \$40.00/month and sent a bid for \$750.00 to re-design the website. Photos will be changed out and posting minutes before meetings and then after once approved. If the membership has any ideas for how the flow should be or for improvement, then let the board know.

Jenny Pluhar suggested putting a calendar to keep membership up to date with up-coming events

Social Media: Report Carrie Seiler

Facebook had 2300 followers in January 2020 and in December 2020 there were 2567 followers. Most of the likes are from the United States and Texas, but also from Mexico and Australia. Will be posting workshops and contests. If the membership would like; feel free to contribute by posting or sharing with Jenny and Carrie.

### **Archivist**:Lee Knox:

invitation to archive newsletter, etc. Will be taking to Texas Tech where the archives are located

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dispersal of Return on Investment Report by Bill Fox: At the request of the investment committee transfer \$20,00 into operating fund and body from endowment. These changes are still in draft. Will come up with standard policy- how dispersed and utilized.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Report from SRM: Charlie Hart:

Vicky Trujillo retired now there is not a physical office for SRM, no one will be working out of one physical location, so they will let go of the lease. And have re-configured the staffing.



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2021 will be a virtual meeting and will include all aspects of the traditional annual meeting as much as possible. The annual meeting website is live. Planning to return to normal in 2022 in Albuquerque and Boise in 2023.

Continuing training and outreach along with partnerships and on-line courses.

There is a task force to discuss open access of the journal.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee has been established and is working on the handbook nas structure.

Taskforce for International Year of the Rangelands

New officer and job descriptions for nominations committee

Eco-System services taskforce being put together

One main mission has been strengthening the Young Professionals Conclave as the future of SRM and the benefit to the society, as well as encouraging committee involvement.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

# **ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:** MorganTreadwell

Upcoming Events: registration fees re-funded and rolled over to 2021 for TSCRA and Beef Cattle Short Course

## **ANNUAL MEETING:**

2021 will be in Victoria with Committee including, Megan Clayton and Jenny Pluhar the theme will be celebrating partnerships and will be held at the Hilton Garden and Emerging Technologies with awards as the Diebel Ranch 20220 will be in Denton with Goodwin and Hays as co-chairs. It will be held at the Embassy Suites they are putting the program together.

### **ENDOWMENT & INVESTMENT: Bill Fox**

\$20,000 to be placed into General Operating Fund, see above.

\$49,000 in rainy day (contingency find)

# **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:** Stephen Deiss

2<sup>nd</sup> VP nominees are Doug Tolleson and Chuck Stanley Director nominees are Carrie Seilier, Matthew Coffman Aaron Williams and Robert cox

Please vote, link sent out as range flash. Good luck to all the excellent nominees

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Caitlyn Norris

The 2020 Youth Range Workshop was cancelled

2021 is scheduled for June 20-25, if possible

in 2020 there were three Texas delegates to the SRM meeting in Denver:

Peter Cole, Emma Waters and Taryn Mitchell who was the president of the High School Youth Forum

NatGLC reallocated the money for 2020 to 2021

A new website is being developed in partnership with Ranch House Designs and a new log has been developed too

Applications are now open

Had a planning meeting in Matador in October

Alternatives: a mini-youth activity at TSCRA

## **GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:** Erin Miculka

County Extension Agent: Dale Rankin of Atascosa County NRCS: Gary Fuentes-Culberson and Hudspeth Counties



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**Scholarship:** Whitney Gann TSSRM Memorial: Tristan Sullivan

Bill Wyche: Zane Allen

**COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:** Jeremy Hasty

**Outstanding College Student:** 

From Angelo State: Ian Witt with a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Mgt. and Sebastian Schreiber From SWTX Jr College: Chris Aza of Eagle Pass in applied Science and Wildlife plans to transfer to ASU and Cooper Weaver from Lorena, TX in Wildlife Mgt plans to transfer to A&M Kingsville

From Texas Tech: Trevor Sullivan in Natural Resources Mgt. and Annie Bracck in Natural Resource Mgt. From Texas A&M: Shiner Webb in Rangeland Ecology and Mgt. and Alexander Williams in Rangeland Ecology and Mgt.

# **PUBLICATION AWARDS: Humberto Perotto**

Technical Award: Venderburg, et. Al.

JP Weid et al

1st Place Fulbright et. Al.

Popular Article: 3rd Place: Jenny Pluhar, 2rd Place: Kevin Knapick, et.al, 1st Place Keith Pawelek

Poster: Megan and Tim Steffens

**TSSRM Honor Awards**: Nick Alejandro and Stephen Deiss

Outstanding Young Professional: Pepe Martinez Outstanding Achievement: Dr. Doug Tolleson

Fellow Award: Dr. Bill Fox

Outstanding Contribution to Range Management: Frank Price

TSGRA Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship: Hoover K Bar Company owned by Carol Ann Stapper of Crockett County

TXGLC, TSSRM, TSCRA Outstanding Rangeland Stewardship: Dry Creek Ranch Owned by Carl and Pat Schlinke of Irion County

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by **Pluhar** and seconded by **Fox**, Motion passed unanimously. **Meeting Adjourned at 1:28pm** 

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

ISSRM President

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