

## **AGENDA and Draft minutes**

**Regular summer meeting** was called to order at 1:25 pm. Bob **Knight** – President, Charles **Anderson** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Paul **Loeffler** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Charles **Hart** – Past President, Hoyt **Seidensticker** – Director, Bill **Pinchak** – Director, Cody **Scott** – Director, Ray **Schimcek** – Director, Tim **Reinke** – Director, Bruce **Healy** – Secretary. *Absent - Willy **Conrad** – Director, Robert **Moen** - Treasurer.*

**MEETING MINUTES:** **Scott** moved to approve the winter board meeting minutes as distributed via email on 01/26/2005 (preliminary approval). Motion seconded by **Pinchak** on 01/26/2005 at 4:18pm. Email vote completed on 01/31/05. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes posted on the website (01/31/05 at 11:07 am). Motion to officially approve minutes at summer meeting by **Hart**, second by **Anderson**. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on electronic approval process – it is suggested that we follow the process similar to the SRM Board of Directors (electronic meetings). **Healy** will contact the SRM Office on details.

**Section Membership Reports** – available online via the SRM website. Contact **Knight** if you need access.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Moen):** Not available.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Thank You Notes from Students** – **Knight** presented for review.

**2005 Budget:** (see attachment)

**Tax valuation for agriculture and rangeland** - **Loeffler** researched the article and author - *Rebuttal at this time is not appropriate.* Appraisal offices are presently taking a hard look at wildlife management plans, there is also some discussion at the state level. **Not sure where the wildlife exemption is going to be in the future.** *A position statement may be in order* – we need to clarify our exact position before we start commenting on the process (too many possible scenarios). The exemption is not important, the value of rangeland is.

### **Videos:**

- *Report provided by Cornerstone on the Legacy of Rangeland Stewardship.* One copy sold and 10 sent with John Walker to Ireland to sell. Marketing efforts are underway. **Anderson** suggested we notify SWCDs of the video's availability – districts can help local ag clubs (Cornerstone to contact them) – **Schimcek** and **Seidensticker** to contact.
- **Hart** recommends YAC puts an external review committee of the 50<sup>th</sup> **YRW Video** project before final approval.

**Archives:** **Healy** asked what needed to be sent to the archives. Send everything. Archivist will sort.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**



**Credit Card Usage for Annual Meeting Registration:** Are we going to accept credit cards for Annual Meeting Registration? We cannot handle credit cards, thus we will only transact TSSRM business via cash or check.

**TSSRM Website Update (Healy):** The website is in need of a long-term update. Draft example presented for review. Motion by **Anderson** the Secretary continues to remain the point of contact for anything to be posted on the website. Each committee is to design and monitor their own webpage and send to the secretary for review/posting – if Secretary feels something is questionable, he will consult the President prior to posting. The Information & Education Committee is to monitor the website to keep it current. Motion seconded by **Seidensticker**. Discussion held. Call for the question by **Hart**. Motion carried unanimously.

**Anderson** will contact John Walker to discuss the list server, and an electronic newsletter. He will inform **Knight** of results of the meeting – **Knight** will update the Board on the situation. *It is proposed that Angie Conrad maintain the webpage and the email group.* **Knight** will develop an email group for distribution (Currently have 70 members without email. No problem to distribute, we just set up a process.)

**Enjoy Texas Rangelands:** Who has the pamphlet proofs? *Do we need to revise – what is the intended audience?* Discussion held. Motion to table by **Loeffler** until tomorrow under Strategic Planning. Second by **Hart**. Motion carried 7-1.

**Martin Gonzalez memorial article:** Poncho Ortega & Wayne Hanselka working on.

*Robert Moen – Treasurer arrived at 3:15 pm.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:** (Anderson) Oral report.

- Events:
  - TSCRA Expo Booth: Booth cost is ~\$800, *is continued attendance worth it?* There is no other single venue where we have the opportunity to be exposed to the greatest number of rangeland users, and we have the new joint ORSM award. We also need more publications in the booth (NRCS, TCE, etc.).
  - Wildlife Expo: This is the other major expo we are involved at. (October 1-2, Austin – ~40,000 people attend).
  - VATA Booth (Galveston) – 2 weeks: **Anderson & Seidensticker** will clarify joint booth space with Cornerstone. As we can't change the booth, have a PowerPoint show on the Section. Cornerstone will be there to promote/sell the LRS video.
  - Other Events: Prescribed Fire Symposium (Kerrville, Sept 14-16). TSSRM Annual Meeting (October 4-7, SPI). Conference for Advancement for Science Teachers (week of October 24<sup>th</sup>).
  - Needed for the Booth: At the Wildlife Expo, handouts for prescribed fire, weed & brush mgmt, wildlife (upland game birds, white-tailed deer). For other events we need to target topics in the booth. Overall, we need more information in the booth.



- 2006 Symposia Proposal (**Anderson**): *Importance of Rangeland to Texans* - 2 day symposia and tour in the Austin/San Antonio area. Request commitment of \$2000. Need hard hitting presentations. It is time we sponsor another symposium? Target audience? Meeting Goals?
  - Wildlife, water, ecotourism. *Texas is dependant on rangelands...*
  - **Anderson** requesting input/direction. Establish committee to develop an outline and seek out co-sponsors. Motion by **Hart** to support the symposia as developed. Second by **Seidensticker**. Motion carried unanimously.

**Annual Meeting:** Oral reports

- Knight - 2005 *SPI*: Volunteer paper sessions on Friday. Technical Tour set up. 40-50 person party boat (CVB pays ½) – bay fishing. **Seidensticker** reviewed Reserve Raffle YAC fundraiser process. *We will need to issue a 1099 to the grand prize winner – keep **Moen** informed.*
- Anderson - 2006 *Del Rio*: Ramada is the headquarters hotel (La Quinta also available). Thursday/Friday Session & Awards Luncheon at the Convention Center. Banquet at the Ramada. Moen will be finance chair.
- Loeffler – 2007 *Lubbock*: We will be at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza.
- Hart-*Bids* (2008): Awaiting information from last year before initiating contacts – **Anderson** will provide to **Hart** at this meeting. (Northeast area is the target.)

**Awards:** (*Fox*) Request to vote on two new awards. See attached.

- TSSRM Outstanding Achievement Award – Proposal reviewed. Motion by **Pinchak** to approve the award as corrected. Second by **Schimceek**. Discussion held. Call for the question by **Anderson**. Motion carried unanimously.
- TSRSM Outstanding Young Professional – Proposal reviewed. Motion by **Pinchak** to approve as corrected. Second by **Scott**. Discussion held. Call for the question by **Hart**. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5 TSSRM members were submitted for SRM Honor Awards. No selection

Would you please press the BOD on getting nominations for TSSRM Awards? If everything goes well we should have 4 awards to present: OCRM, Fellow, Outstanding Young Range Professional, and Outstanding Achievement – two categories (last two if approved by the BOD) **Nominations will close early in September.**

**College Activities:** (*Ortega*) No report.

**County Level Awards:** (*Elrod*) Bob: We anticipate having four awardees this year. Plaques should cost about **\$260** (\$300 allocated). We have had two calls through the newsletter for nominees have corresponded by email &/or phone. Final call will be in late August. The committee vote will be completed and the President notified well in advance of the annual meeting.

**Endowment Fund Investments:** **Moen** will provide during the Treasurer's report.

**Financial Audit:** **Moen** will provide during the Treasurer's report.



**Information & Education:** (*Ligon*) No report.

**Membership:** (*Goodwin*) Expired member list attached.

**Nominations and Elections:** (*Rector*) See attached. We have potential list of candidates on 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Director, working to narrow the list. Ballot will be distributed on time.

**ORM:** (*Zuberbueler*) no report.

**Planning Committee:** (*Hart*) - discussed previously under Activities.

**Public Affairs:** No chair & no report.

**Publication Awards:** (*Knox*) The publications awards committee has placed two announcements for nominations in *Grass Roots*. Nominations will be accepted until 1 August 2005. We project that we will need \$400 to purchase awards (allocated \$400).

**Resolutions:** (*Ueckert*) No activity in 2005.

**Scholarship:** (*Loeffler*) Scholarship was presented at the State 4-H Foundation Roundup – she plans to major in wildlife at A&M.

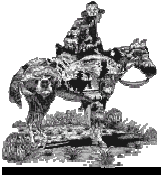
- Budget - \$1500 for scholarship. Loeffler submitted an invoice for \$45 to cover Knight's meal expense related to the scholarship presentation. **Motion by Anderson, second by Scott to pay the \$45. Call for the question by Hart. Motion carried unanimously.**
- \$50 donation to the TSSRM Memorial Scholarship received from Charlene Gilbert.

**Youth Activities:** (*Seidensticker*) Several YAC/YRW handouts provided.

- *Reviewed reserve raffle process under Annual Meeting.* Seidensticker will provide information to Reggie Quiett for the preregistration materials. *Cannot post on the website.* Tickets are available for purchase and for you to sell.
- Comparison of the *Brigades* to YRW – brought back the *Opportunity to Return* to YRW as a **Range Rider**. Pre-test average score was 35%, post-test average score was 71%.
- YAC also provided semi-annual 2005 audit and transaction reports. *Shiloh Long will serve as the HSYF President.*
- Do we need to change the application criteria to eliminate contact with Extension Agent and/or Vocational Agriculture Agent? Committee will discuss.
- Youth Range Workshop Foundation (*Loeffler*) – the committee is working to establish a foundation to support the YRW. Plans are proceeding quickly, and we are currently developing steering committee: *Trail Bosses* (Pluhar, Loeffler & Majeres), *Wranglers* (developing contact list), plus a couple of SRM members to serve on the Foundation Board. There will also be a *Remuda* (donors). If things happen right, a YAC Foundation could be established by the end of the year. **No Board action requested, just informing the Board of its activities.**

**Treasurer's Report/Budget:** (*Moen*) *Financial Documents provided.*

- Kerrville 2004 profit was \$7553.37. SPI financial support has been sent to Diane Arnold. Big difference between Salt Lake City and Fort Worth annual meetings was the number of non-member registrants.



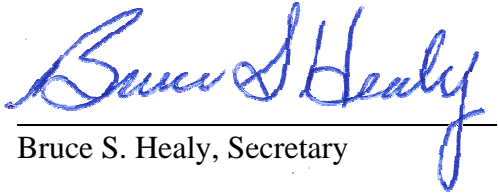
- 2005 Budget reviewed. Motion by **Pinchak** to accept budget as outlined. Second by **Seidensticker**. Discussion held. Call for the question by **Hart**. Motion carried unanimously.
- Financial Audit – has not been completed as yet – **Moен** will get completed report to **Knight** and **Healy** when available.

Motion by **Hart** to pay for meals associated with the Board Meeting. Second by **Anderson**. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> - Sheraton South Padre Island - 8:00 am.

**Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.**

Motion to adjourn by **Hart**. Second by **Seidensticker**. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

  
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Bruce S. Healy, Secretary