

**Regular winter meeting** was called to order at 10:05 am. Present were: Charles **Anderson** – President, Paul **Loeffler** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jerry **Payne** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Hoyt **Seidensticker** – Director, Bill **Pinchak** – Director, Cody **Scott** – Director, Robert **Lyons** – Director, Phillip **Wright** – Director, Robert **Moen** – Treasurer, Bruce **Healy** – Secretary. *Absent were: **Tim Reinke**– Director, and **Bob Knight** – Past President.*

**MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes of the regular winter meeting were distributed to the board via email in March. **Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Loeffler. Second by Seidensticker. Motion carried unanimously.**

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** (*Moen*) Audit Report for 2004 and 2005 presented from Bill Connor. The records were found to be accurate and in good order. Annual Meeting chairs reminded to be cognizant of monetary transactions and that proper documentation is essential.

Balances listed below *as of July 10, 2006:*

GOF Checking	\$25,825.48
TSSRM Endowment Fund	\$41,273.06
TSSRM Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$57,406.75
Bill Wyche Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$49,700.67
TSSRM Youth Endowment Fund	\$10,001.00

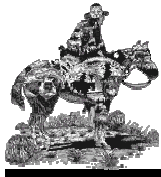
2005 SPI Annual Meeting profit was \$4130.70.

**Motion by Pinchak to accept the treasurers report as presented. Second by Loeffler. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer’s Requests:**

\$10,000 CD – can he shop around for a better interest rate and the 2 year investment period (currently @ 3%)? **Motion by Payne to shop around and invest for one year at financial institution of his choice. Second by Loeffler. Motion carried unanimously.**

- Renew challenge for Youth Activities Endowment Fundraising level? Misunderstanding on investment level needed to establish a separate endowment fund is \$50,000 at Frost Bank, not \$10,000 as originally thought. **Motion by Seidensticker to continue the challenge – when the Youth Activities Endowment Committee will transfer the \$5000 to the Endowment when the Committee reaches \$20,000 – transfer to take place at the next maturity of the CD. Second by Payne. Discussion held. Motion carried (Loeffler abstain).**
- Letterhead paper – electronic version of TSSRM stationary available from Secretary – Treasurer to purchase a ream of the paper.
- Legal papers received. We need a safety deposit box to store these items. **Motion by Scott, second by Wright to authorize Treasurer to obtain a safety deposit box to store legal papers. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Investment Policy received. Everything in order to present at the fall board meeting. *When ready (ahead of the fall meeting) Moen will email the information to the board to review.*



## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stewardship Video:** 2006 video sales rebate currently \$69.30. *Suggestions from Ms. Sarah Webber and Mr. Kenneth Carr on the development of a teachers guide has been referred to the I&E Committee. **Scott will check with Mr. Carr on teachers guide development.** Mr. Carr expressed a concern over the price of the video to the teacher curriculum budget.*

*Motion by **Pinchak** that the future direction, organization, distribution and marketing of the Stewardship Video is to be assigned to a committee or task force, under the direction of the president, and a report be presented at the Fall Board Meeting. Second by **Seidensticker**. Discussion held: Whom is this assigned to??? Who should be on the committee? What is the impact on the current contract with Cornerstone? **Motion carried unanimously.***

## **2006 Budget:**

*Motion by **Seidensticker** to move 2006 proposed budget numbers over to the final budget column. Second by **Moen**. **Motion carried unanimously.** Budget to be emailed out to the Board and to post on the website.*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

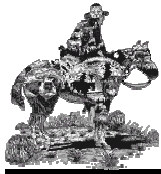
**Activities (Loeffler):** Booth was at TSCRA meeting in San Antonio. Booth will be at the Wildlife Expo (10/7-8) in Austin. Booth will then be at the TSSRM Annual Meeting in Del Rio (10/11-13) then at CAST in Wichita Falls (11/9-11). Other possible meetings: TSGRA (7/20-22); Ag Science Teachers (7/28-30). ***What are we getting out of attending a particular conference? What are we providing to conference attendees?** Loeffler proposes to only spend ½ of the current budget. It is recommended that he use the remaining funds for updating the booth. Involve Knight, Moseley, etc. in the discussion.*

**Comments** – we understand the value, repetition is important. We have changed landowners - we need information on wildlife, absentee landowners, using cattle to manage the wildlife, etc. to adapt to our current/future clientele. We need to better capture young professionals, etc. and not worry about the rancher, etc. How are we different from NRCS, TCE, etc.? How do we take all of the agency information and adapt to get into the mindspace of individuals that are individual to us as a society (independent of other organizations)?

**We're here to promote professionalism on rangelands and how to use the science to help the rangeland user.**

## **Annual Meeting:**

2006 TSSRM Annual Meeting – Del Rio (Ellis): Meeting theme is *Sustainability on Rangelands*. Everything is going well and ahead of schedule. We have a good - and committed - annual meeting committee. We have the program completed and we are



making final touches (e.g. banquet meal). This year, instead of a tour, we will be having a Rangeland Sustainability Workshop (\$10 COST, on Wed, 1-5pm at the Civic Center). August *Grass Roots* will be specifically targeted to the Del Rio annual meeting.

**RAMADA RESERVATIONS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS: 830.775.1511.**

**NRCS Ethics Update** – Any employee on GT&E at a meeting are not to receive a door prize. Anyone attending on GTO, can receive a door prize. Any raffle open to the public, employee can purchase tickets and take the prize.

2007 TSSRM Annual Meeting - Lubbock (Loeffler): Meeting is coming forward. Meeting planning is good. Working on hotel contract, etc. AM Co-chairs are Jennifer Pluhar and Ron Sosebee. Following weekend is the A&M/Tech Football game. Dates are October 10-12. We are considering spending the 10<sup>th</sup> in the field rather than in the hotel.

2008 TSSRM Annual Meeting - Nacogdoches (Payne): Hotel is older but nice. There is only one elevator in the hotel. Meeting rooms are nice & large. Spoke with the caterers. Hotel restaurant is excellent. We need to consider a pasture/grazable woodland and/or agroforestry program. October 7-10 are the proposed dates.

**Awards (Caudle)**: Five nominations were submitted for SRM Honor Awards. We are currently soliciting nominations for TSSRM Awards to be presented in Del Rio. We need to explore opportunities to better promote our TSSRM Fellow Award. It is recommended that the nomination packet be expanded to 5 pages. Committee recommends July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for Fellow & Special Recognition Award – balance due to August 15<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Wright to accept proposed Awards Committee changes as written. Second by Scott.** Discussion held. Currently the TSSRM Board meets in June, then asking BOD approval after July 1<sup>st</sup>. **Motion to Amend** current motion by Pinchak to change due date for the Fellow Award to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Amendment seconded by Scott. **Motion on amendment carried (7-1). Motion to accept committees request, as amended, carried unanimously.**

**Secretary and Awards Chair will work to update handbook, website, nomination forms, etc.**

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:37 pm.

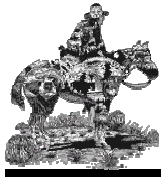
Meeting reconvened at 1:08 pm.

**College Activities (Miller)**: no activity at the present time. **Scott** will contact Miller regarding assistance needs.

**County Level Awards (Arnold)**: Anyone have a past list of winners?

**Endowment & Scholarship Fund Investments Write-up (Bryant/Moen)**: covered earlier in Treasurer's report.

**Endowment Fund (Walker)**: Letters being sent out soliciting donations for auction. Needs to coordinate with Annual Meeting to not ask same donors.



**Financial Audit** (*Bill Conner*): covered earlier in Treasurer's Report.

**Information & Education** (*Linex*): no committee report provided. Discussion held on the update/reprinting of *Land Management Tips for Small Texas Ranches in Texas*. There is confusion in the roles between/among I&E, Public Affairs, and Activities committees. We need to solve this. *Does this need to be a 2-year committee assignment? Maybe a longer term appointment is necessary.* Motion by **Wright** that Chair be given the responsibility to submit grant funding requests (GLCI, G Rollie White, etc.), and work on the updates to the Land Management Tips publication. Second by **Scott**. Discussion held. Call for the question by **Seidensticker**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Membership** (*Stellbauer*): Email from Jason Campbell (SRM EVP) regarding payroll deduction. TSSRM membership as of June 7<sup>th</sup> is 462; since October 2005 – 112 expired. Request from chair to email BOD list of expired members.

**Pinchak would like us to develop an outline of a detailed membership survey to determine what members expect from us, issues, recruitment, etc.**

**Newsletter** (*Goodwin*): no report. Thanks for getting them out in a timely manner.

**Nominations and Elections** (*Rector*): He plans to mail out the ballot ~August 1<sup>st</sup>. Members will be allowed to mail in ballots through the end of September. Committee has a list of potential candidates.

**ORM** (*Seipp*): One nomination on file for the ORSM. No nominations for ORM.

**Planning Committee** (*Knight*): No report.

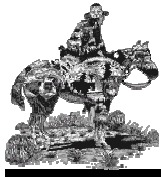
**Public Affairs** (*Moseley*): 1) We developed a basic strategy to implement a media campaign for the Texas Section. 2) We are working to restore the designation of October as Range Management Month in Texas.

**Publication Awards** (*Briske*): Activities under control, no major changes proposed.

**Resolutions** (*McGinty*): **No resolutions/no activity.** BOD will ask the committee to look into considering electronic voting of directors, officers, bylaws issues.

**Scholarship** (*Hohlt*): The TSSRM memorial scholarship was NOT awarded by State 4-H Foundation. Let's look at staying with the State 4-H Foundation next year for the scholarship award, but not award 2 scholarships next year – reinvest the \$1500 in the corpus of the scholarship fund as per established procedure. No Board action required.

Discussion held on including college level applicants – discussion held – based upon previous experience; the Board chooses not to open it up to college students once again at this time.



**Youth Activities** (*Knox & Seidensticker*): YRW Student Survey results presented – 37 new students. Itemized budget reports provided to the Board and Treasurer.

- YRW has been so successful – are we missing opportunities to serve other audiences with a similar workshop?
- Youth Activities Endowment – more contacts made to solicit funds within the last 90 days. We now have the Youth Range Workshop Video. Positive feedback, verbal commitments, but no specific donations as yet. Contact list is being expanded. It is expected to speed up. Jenny Pluhar will work with Moen to finish the youth endowment investment language.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Rangeland Coalition Task Group** (*McGinty*): We should pursue this task group to “make a difference” on Texas rangelands, I recommend that two Past Presidents be appointed to serve as TSSRM representatives to this. We must not micromanage it. I anticipate this being a 3-year project. We need to be willing to put forth a financial commitment to make this work. Pinchak has a concern over us making a long term financial commitment that will impact future boards. *We need to think about this more and make a final decision after learning more about how this task group will be fleshed out more.*

- You need to have people that are passionate on the subject. Maybe also consider organic foods.
- Do a good job up front of designing the coalition. We need to think outside the box on what rangeland groups to include in the group.
- **Motion by Pinchak to move forward on the formation of the task force. Second by Payne. MCU.**

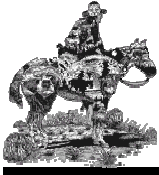
**Last Will & Testament of Mrs. Don Pendleton:** Anderson received a certified envelope from the estate of Mrs. Don Pendleton. Mr. Pendleton has a life estate; our TSSRM Endowment Fund will be a future beneficiary (a certain percentage of the estate). Moen has the original paperwork.

**Discuss options on the website and take action:** What is our target audience for the website? How can we repackage what is already out there? What links need to be included?

- **Take info from Land Mgmt Tips publication...**
- **Secretary to take the lead and ask for his input.**

**Special Recognition Award:** Motion by **Loeffler**, second by **Seidensticker** to present a plaque for *Exemplary Service to the Section* for their leadership of the Texas Section in hosting the SRM Annual Meeting in Fort Worth.

**Review changes to the Administrative Handbook & take action:** Motion by **Payne** to have the Handbook reviewed by the President and Secretary the proposed handbook changes and make the final updates and post them. Second by **Wright & Scott. Motion carried unanimously.**



TSSRM YRW – Rector was recognized at the 2006 Youth Range Workshop for serving 25 Years as Workshop Coordinator. Rector asked if the Board will formally appoint a co-coordinator of the Workshop – he nominated Hoyt Seidensticker. Rector outlined that previous YRW co-coordinator appointments were approved by the Board of Directors at the time. *With the past history of YRW coordinator (and co-coordinator) appointments by previous Boards of Directors, Motion by Payne to approve **Seidensticker** as co-coordinator. Second by **Loeffler**. **Motion carried unanimously.***

**Next Meeting:** October 10<sup>th</sup>, Ramada Hotel, Del Rio 8:00 am.

***Motion to Adjourn by Scott. Second by Pinchak. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:58 pm.***

Bruce S. Healy, Secretary