



Regular 3rd quarter meeting was called to order at 9:04 am. **Present were:** Bill Pinchak, President; Matt Wagner, 1st Vice President; Ken Cearley, 2nd Vice President; Tony Dean, Director; Jeff Goodwin, Director; Linda Campbell, Director; Kent Ferguson, Director; Diaz Murray, Director; Robert Moen, Treasurer; Natalie Wolff, Secretary. Also present were: Cody Scott, Annual Meeting and Publication Awards Committee Chairs.

Pinchak called meeting to order and a quorum was established. Pinchak welcomed everyone who was present.

Pinchak reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions/corrections needed; no adjustments. The board approved the agenda with a motion by **Ferguson** and a second by **Cearley**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the Board on 5/25/2010. **The minutes were read, as emailed, by Wolff.** Motion by **Goodwin** to accept minutes as read. Motion seconded by **Murray**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report, plus additional attachments, provided and reviewed by **Moen**. Discussion held on information and items presented in attachments; i.e. **General Operating Fund, balances, and investments.** **Moen reported he will have a complete report by the annual meeting and we'll have a better idea on the exact balances.** He also reported the fund balances on the investments took a hit but were headed back up. Contributors for the Odessa meeting are looking good.

Current Balances as of (4/19/10):

TSSRM General Fund	\$27,843.07
	<i>(Usable bank balance = \$9,817.74)</i>
	<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$20,000.00)</i>
	<i>(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$9,763.56)</i>
TSSRM Endowment Fund	\$41,716.60
TSSRM MSF	\$64,492.90
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF	\$54,767.60
TSSRM YACEF	\$15,101.00

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was submitted by **Ferguson**. Motion seconded by **Goodwin**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEWSLETTER: **Goodwin** reported the **next edition would be the Annual Meeting Edition**, which articles and meeting information are needed. The Section, with the help of Jeff, has **found a new Newsletter Editor; Derek Scasta will be replacing Jeff** and everyone is glad to have him on board. **Goodwin** also reported there had been some problems with some members not receiving the newsletter, to which he feels has been taken care of; **a note will be put in the next newsletter concerning the matter.**

WEBSITE REPORT: **Wolff** reviewed the current status, as she and **Goodwin** will continue to be the website coordinators and relay any information needed to Ann Tanaka for website updates. **Wolff also reported needing any and all AM info so she can have it uploaded to the website.** **Pinchak** drafted a Website Coordinator position announcement, to which all agreed was suitable for the position and the direction the BOD wanted. **A copy will be sent out via Newsletter and Range Flash.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Website Coordinator Announcement will be published in the Newsletter.** Newsletter position has been filled by **Derek Scasta, who will take over January 1, 2011.**



- **Pinchak** will pen letters to Committee Chairs in reference to the investment changes the Section is going through and any goal/objective revisions needed.
- Kathleen Traweek and Terri Walker are both coordinating the Photo Contest this year and have come up with some great ideas to get members excited about participating. An informational flyer about the submission date, rules and the new blog spot for up-to-date information will be sent out to members via Newsletter and Range Flash.
- **Pinchak** penned a letter to the Sunset Committee in support of the State Board and their conservation efforts; this letter was sent in May.
- The Endowment Committee will be hosting the fundraiser at the Odessa meeting; which will be a reverse raffle, similar to last year's. The Endowment Committee Report is ongoing with Frost; changes will be needed—will be discussed in Committee Reports. **Pinchak** reminded the BOD of the institutional memory of the Endowment, pointing out the importance of keeping things solvent while continuing to provide the goods and services to our members and to society.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

- **Wagner** reported activities going well. There was discussion on obtaining a new display for the Annual Meeting and for other activities; thoughts on extendable banners. The committee budget was visited and Matt will look for a replacement display to hopefully share at the AM.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- **Scott** reviewed the AM agenda and a few scheduling changes were made. The registration form is being updated and will be sent for web posting ASAP.
- **Scott** reported there had been some requests from booth vendors and members to look in to using PayPal for payments and registrations. A motion by **Pinchak** was made to charge **Scott** and the planning committee to come up with costs, structure, etc... to use PayPal for all AM registrants and exhibitors for this year's AM. Annual costs for PayPal setup and ease of use were discussed. The motion was amended—If cost effective for & within TSSRM guidelines, **Scott** and committee is approved to set up PayPal for this year's AM, which should be transferrable to future meetings; if the cost for setup is over \$200, **Pinchak** and **Moen** should be contacted prior. A second from **Goodwin** was received. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Scott** also reported information for 2011 AM in San Angelo. The proposed theme is Range Stewardship and Ranching Heritage. Preliminary planning will be held in Odessa, an alternate hotel may be needed if renovations are delayed. Will be thinking of having TSCRA, GLCI, Sheep and Goat Raisers, etc invited as collaborators with TSSRM.

AWARDS:

- **Reinke** spoke with **Pinchak** about lack of nominations. Nomination process will be considered so more nominations will be submitted for next year.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

- **Kothmann** reported she is working on getting the Plant ID Contest set up for the AM. She is working to have committed plants for the contest. A room should be set aside in Odessa for the contest; however, transportation should be arranged in case the contest will be held in the field. **Pinchak** suggested the committee look into the plant contest rules to make sure no changes need to be made for instances such as field contests.

ENDOWMENT:

- **Whigam** reported via email that the committee requested action recommendations for the BOD to consider. The Endowment Fund Committee feels that the management of the account transfer is unacceptable and that Frost Bank needs to resolve the issue. The Endowment Fund Committee will be providing recommendations for the management and asset allocation of the Endowment Funds to the BOD pending the resolution of the issue.



- The EFC requested the TSSRM Board of Directors consider adopting the revised 2009 Endowment Fund Proposal which revises the Endowment Fund Committee's duties and establishes Endowment Fund Guidelines for fund management. The BOD has considered the adoption but could not come up with a decision due to not having enough time to look at all documents. An email will go out to the BOD with attachments from EFC, concerning the proposal. Email discussions are encouraged.
- EFC requested the BOD transfer \$9,000 of earlier withdrawn monies from Endowment Fund, currently held in trust by the TSSRM treasurer, back to the Endowment Fund. This transfer is to remain as a cash reserve until the Endowment Fund Committee makes a recommendation as to its investment with concurrence of Robert Moen to the BOD. BOD will review the financial situation at the 4th quarter meeting and plan to return \$4,500 to the Endowment Fund.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:

- Hohlt reported via email, nominations for Extension Agent, Friend of TSSRM, and NRCS Employee have been received and the committee is currently reviewing them. Findings will be reported ASAP for award actions to be taken care of.

MEMBERSHIP:

- McClintock reported current membership at 434 active members as of 4/12/10; at which they are continuing with recruitment efforts and expired member renewals. Assistance is appreciated.
- The BOD discussed the dues, which some expired members have been directing attention to. These dues are to the parent society (only \$5 given back to the section) and the BOD feels the only way they know how to compensate for the dues are to continue to provide services for members and society through the annual meetings, workshops, youth camps, etc...

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

- Conner reported via email, stating a committee is pleased to submit Jenny Pluhar as a candidate for 2nd VP of SRM. A motion by Goodwin to accept the committee's nomination, second by Cearley. Motion passed unanimously.

ORM:

- Goodwin reported receiving several nominations and is pleased with all of them.
- Goodwin also made a motion to replace the last sentence in the Purpose Section of the ORS Award (in TSSRM Administrative Handbook) with "The recipient must be a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA); membership in the TSSRM is desirable, but not specifically required." A second by Ferguson. Motion passed unanimously.

PLANNING:

- Sikes reported she is still working on bids, specifically within the core area but also a few outside. Bids will be reviewed and analyzed prior to the meeting in Odessa; recommendations will be made at that time.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: No report.

PUBLICATION AWARDS:

- Scott reported collecting nominations up until the August deadline; info will be sent to Goodwin.

RESOLUTIONS: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP:

- Stockett reported via email, identifying Caleb Bargfrede, from Seguin, as the recipient of the TSSRM Scholarship. He will be attending TAMU-Kingsville and majoring in range/wildlife. Dr. Baron Rector presented the award to Caleb.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:

- **Keyser** reported the committee is working on developing new informational handouts and coordinating with **Scott** on the Professional Development and Planning session planned for Odessa.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Kothmann** reported on the 2010 State 4H Range Eval and Grass ID contests, the 2009 Audit Materials that were submitted—which she has copies of receipts for 2010 Range Workshop for **Moen**. She also reported on the 2010 Youth Range Workshop, which went extremely well; record attendance and new activities worked out. **Kothmann** also reported on YRW in the media and High School Youth Forum Delegates—which Texas' own Erin Reid will be serving as 2011 President, as well as attendance from 2010 paper winner, Ely Long.
- A request from the Youth Activities Committee was submitted for BOD action. YAC reported their endowment fund is now over \$20,000 and in response to a motion passed in October 2005 at the South Padre Island Annual Meeting, YAC formally requested the pledge be honored. The BOD will honor the pledge and \$5,000 (from 6-month CD) will be transferred to YAC.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Prescribed Burn Meetings:** **Goodwin** refreshed the BOD on the status of the RxBurn Meetings/Burn Ban Work Group GLCI has taken lead of. Since creating the 3 focus groups (Technical, Training, and Policy), a three-phase approach has been adopted to meet the work group's plan. The work group is currently developing the necessary tools to provide training to those who will be training the county officials, who will be targeted, as well as working on the approach to be taken at the Texas Association of Regional Councils. The Burn Ban Work Group has created their action plan, which is to reach the goal of helping Local County Officials (LCO) become more comfortable with invoking and lifting burn bans.
- **Website Updates for AM:** **Scott** to email **Wolff** with updates.
- **SRM 2015 International Meeting:** **Pinchak** reported he had been contacted by SRM, inquiring if TSSRM would be interested in hosting the 2015 SRM AM. The BOD thought that to be fine and suggested a couple of cities that may be appropriate for holding the meeting. More information will come from SRM at a later date.
- **Donation Requests:**
 - **Pinchak** reported he had been contacted by SRM, inquiring if TSSRM would donate/provide the winning team jackets for the National FFA Plant/Range Contest. Discussion was held about donation amount, budget, and adding the TSSRM logo on them. It was moved by **Ferguson** that the section donate the \$725 needed to fund the jackets, and the TSSRM logo be added if possible. A second by **Wagner**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
 - The Tri-State Fair Range and Pasture Plant ID Contest requested TSSRM to make a one-time donation to help the SWCDs putting on the contest get back on their feet from a recent situation. The BODs thoughts were to help the youth contests as much as possible. It was moved by **Murray** to donate \$500 to the Tri-State Contests. A second by **Campbell**. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Future Meetings: 4th Qtr October 13th , 9am, Odessa, TX
 2011 Mtgs ??

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by **Campbell** and seconded by **Ferguson**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
Meeting Adjourned at 12:33 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie G Wolff, Secretary