



Regular 1st quarter meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. **Present were:** Ken Cearley – President, Jeff **Goodwin** – 1st Vice President, John **Walker** – 2nd Vice President, Matt **Wagner** –Past President, Linda **Campbell** – Director, Tony **Dean**—Director, Bill **Fox** – Director, Brian **Hays**—Director, Robert **Moen** – Treasurer, Natalie **Wolff** –Secretary. Also present were Dandy **Kothmann** and Justin **Dreibelbis** to report on their respective committees.

Cearley called meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Cearley welcomed everyone and shared his 2012 visions for the section: prominence, up-to-date information, renewals, refresh for new and old members/information, outreach, purpose, recruitment (producers/land managers), and recommitment.

Agenda was reviewed and items added were:

- Old Business: Reinstating TSSRM officers, Nominations & Elections, Recruitment of members discussion
- New Business: Mentorship Program, Awards Sponsorships

Cearley discussed the reinstatement of TSSRM officers for 2012; it was moved by **Fox** that Lee **Knox**, Robert **Moen**, Tyson **Hart**, and Natalie **Wolff** be reinstated to their duties of Archivist, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Secretary (respectively). Motion was seconded by **Goodwin**. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 1/5/2012. Minutes were amended as follows: Committee Reports: Endowment: Last Paragraph: **Pinchak** made a motion to accept the above proposal with Terry Whigham, Ray Schimcek and Steve Hartmann as the initial committee members and to authorize Treasurer, Robert **Moen**, to contact IPI. Discussion: board authorizes dispersals and distributions. **Goodwin** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion to accept the minutes, as amended, by **Wagner**. Motion seconded by **Walker**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report, plus additional attachments, provided and reviewed by **Moen**.

- Board needs to think about using surplus display money, as there is some left over after the new display purchase; new banners or back to endowment? Maybe use \$ for display give-away items. No decisions necessary now.
- TNLA acct has been set up in Hondo.
- 2010 taxes-Robert to hire a CPA to work on new forms so he'll be able to complete the same forms for 2011.
- 2010 and all other funds reviewed. Board gives great thanks to Robert for all his hard work.

Current Balances as of (11/28/11):

TSSRM General Fund	\$33,086.78
<i>(Usable bank balance = \$29,559.77)</i>	
<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>	
<i>(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$2,027.01)</i>	

Current Balances as of (12/31/2011):

TSSRM Endowment Fund	\$58,509.84
TSSRM MSF	\$77,106.50
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF	\$63,015.52
TSSRM YACEF	\$25,101.00

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, by **Campbell**. Motion seconded by **Hays**. **Motion carried unanimously.**



NEWSLETTER: Hart requested approval to send electronic polls to TSSRM members to keep them engaged and to ensure the content that is put out is interesting to members. Motion by Goodwin was made that Hart have the board's approval to send electronic polls on various topics to members once approved by the President. Motion seconded by Fox. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on past newsletter editor roles receiving a stipend was brought up. Hart's newsletters are receiving great reviews. A motion for Hart to be paid \$50/edition (\$300 total-6 editions) was made by Goodwin; seconded by Campbell. **Motion passed unanimously.**

WEBSITE REPORT: Wolff reported online updates; requesting updates from chairs. BOD is still working on securing a Website Coordinator position who can update the section's online appeal while working with website updates and Ann T. Jeremy Hasty has converted the TSSRM Annual Mtg page to the TSSRM Page on Facebook. The board is happy to have a Facebook presence and is hoping friends on FB will freely post comments, relevant TSSRM topics & ideas, as well as any other information pertaining to the interest of the group.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominations & Elections: Email instead of mail? Online voting? Post card instructions/info for website vote would need to be sent out if using online tools---Linex to decide since he's the committee chair; report to board.
- Recruitment of members discussion: TSSRM to provide more benefits (workshop associations, field day assistance), youth/young professional emphasis (highlighting young professionals making a difference), etc. Fox/Goodwin charged with talking to Hart about additional newsletter info pertaining to these efforts. Reach for new/non-traditional audiences.
Media Outreach Task force: Fox, Walker, Hays, Campbell, Wagner, Hart

10 min break—resume 10:36am

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

- TSSRM booth (needs to be student friendly) at TWA Mtg & Cattle Raisers Mtg—both in Fort Worth; Goodwin to set up, Dean to help. TSCRA Mtg (booth). Handouts needed for booth setups: membership cards, newsletters, koozies with TSSRM info, "find us on facebook" info, etc. QR code reader suggested. Money to be allocated in budget for items—left over money from display purchase.
- Budget for event sponsors (breaks, supplies, etc); GLCI, TPWD, field days—include booth budgeting. TSSRM will work to assist with different events to increase awareness of the section and its intent, as well as to increase membership.
- Spokane: GLCI to host Riparian Grazing Forum (Goodwin-chair); request for donations to help get speakers/ranchers to the meeting (travel funds). GLCI hosted Riparian Grazing Schools in April.
Motion by Goodwin: TSSRM to match Nevada's \$500 donation (co-sponsor) to assist speakers with travel-related costs for 2012 SRM AM—Seconded by Campbell. **Motion passed unanimously.**



ANNUAL MEETING:

(Cearley) 2012—Fredericksburg: Oct 10-12; Theme: "Building on the Past to Prepare for the Future". Inn on Barrons Creek. Lady Bird Johnson Park, Pioneer Pavilion at LBJ Park-renting tents for extra space

- As requested from 2012 AM Committee Chairs, a motion to authorize the creation of a checking account for the 2012 Annual Meeting with an opening balance of \$1,000.00 was made by **Walker**; seconded by **Campbell**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- It has been authorized in the budget for the treasurer to issue a check from the General Operating Fund to the Inn on Baron's Creek for \$325.00 for a 50% deposit for meeting rooms. Check delivered 1/6/2012.
- Robert Moen has been chosen to be the treasurer for the 2012 annual meeting in Fredericksburg by the 2012 Annual Meeting Committee; he will be the only one able to sign on this account.

(Goodwin) 2013—Fort Worth: Oct; Dedication to Chuck Merrill. (\$115/night) Radisson Hotel: Fort Worth North-Fossil Creek; tours being scheduled, accommodations good to go

(Walker) 2014—Waco?

(National Mtg) 2016—Corpus Christi. Rasmussen to chair.

AWARDS:

Fox-Parent society focused on section award winners; need to increase our nominations. BOD & officers charged with making at least 1 nomination for a specific TSSRM award. Make fill-able forms for award nominations, have on website; link on newsletter.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: Report included in agenda.

ENDOWMENT: Report included in agenda. Handbook and website updates needed.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: 379 members as of 1/5/2012; up from 365 on 9/1/11

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: No report at this time.

ORM: Committee being assembled.

PLANNING (2015 AM): College Station? San Marcos? Will be looked into.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: At the suggestion of Tony Dean, a review of the handbook, as well as other documents, were made to more effectively address current and future public issues effecting Texas Rangelands. Dean discussed TSSRM's role in providing sound rangeland facts to those parties interested; especially since the section is made up of range professionals. Dean requests the section respond to entities who ask for technical guidance and respond to position statement requests; publishing answers to technical questions as well as position statements/resolutions. Public Affairs Committee needs to become more active, working with other agencies and assisting TSSRM to provide technical advice. Public Affairs/Resolutions committee charged with making sure any position doesn't contradict SRM position.



A motion was made by **Goodwin** that a letter from the TSSRM President should be sent to directors of organizations of TNLA (TSCRA, FB, Sheep & Goat, etc..) and any other appropriate organization, letting them know TSSRM is available to provide technical information regarding rangeland issues in Texas. This motion was seconded by **Cearley**. Discussion: direct inquirers towards the public affairs committee for contact. Downfalls: additional work, member negativity (but overall positive). **Motion passed unanimously.**

- **TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance):** Justin **Dreibelbis** reported TNLA was doing well and let the board know he's happy to help any way he can.

PUBLICATION AWARDS: No report.

RESOLUTIONS: Letter to be sent to TPWD supporting/concurring with SRM's position statement on Wild Horse & Burro Mgmt; in reference to Big Bend Ranch State Park.

SCHOLARSHIP: Report included in agenda.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: No report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Report included in agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Writing Professional Range Mgmt Articles Proposal-Kindra Gordon:** A request from the parent society to purchase/use range mgmt articles was announced at the 2011 AM, then tabled until additional information. After reviewing additional information, the BOD feels TSSRM has technical professionals and outlets within & throughout the section; allowing that kind of information to be put together without a high expense and lack of exposure.
- **Paul Loeffler-SRM Director Nomination:** The BOD is excited about Paul representing the section for SRM BOD candidacy. A motion was made by **Dean** to concur to the nomination and send a letter of recommendation for Paul's candidacy for BOD to the SRM. **Hays** seconded; **motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mentorship Program:** Idea was brought up at the Young Profession Breakfast at the 2011 AM. The idea is to develop a mentoring program to engage & support younger/new members of TSSRM. Pairing "seasoned" members with new or young members will help support younger members in not only TSSRM-related endeavors but also with career opportunities. The thought is to assist young professionals with their personal/career-oriented goals, to provide additional service for TSSRM members, and to strengthen the section. A motion for **Goodwin** to take the lead on the mentorship program for next AM was made by **Fox** and seconded by **Dean**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Awards Sponsorships:** The board is to keep in mind, there are entities and business of the section who would like to donate/provide sponsorships for awards given at the AM.

BUDGET:

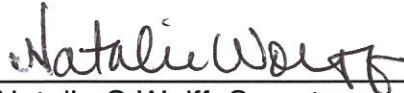
- After committee reports and budget discussion, proposals for each category were entered into the budget spreadsheet; deficit ~\$3,900 but not all budgeted items will be used. A motion was made by **Walker** to approve the budget; seconded by **Dean**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- A motion by **Fox** for intentions of having TSSRM representation at the SRM AM Advisory Council Meeting, moved that a line item be created in the budget, for the Section to pay for airfare and registration for officers (up to \$1000/officer [or proxy] as needed), which must attend the advisory council meetings. The motion was seconded by **Wagner**. Discussion: can be expensive and may start to dig into the section's reserves. Can be budgeted but may or may not be used every year. BOD feels it's important to have representation at advisory council. **Motion passed unanimously.**



Future Meetings: 2nd Qtr April 27, 2012— 9am Mason Mtn WMA
 3rd Qtr July 27, 2012— 9am Mason Mtn WMA
 4th Qtr October ?, 2012—? Fredericksburg AM

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by **Goodwin** and seconded by **Walker**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
Meeting Adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.



Natalie G Wolff, Secretary