



Regular 2nd quarter meeting was called to order at 9:02 am. **Present were:** Ken Cearley – President, Jeff **Goodwin** – 1st Vice President, John **Walker** – 2nd Vice President, Linda **Campbell** – Director, Tony **Dean**—Director, Alfonso **Ortega** – Director, Mandi **Ligon** – Director, Brian **Hays**—Director, Robert **Moen** – Treasurer, Natalie **Wolff** –Secretary. Also present were Paul **Loeffler**—SRM Director Nominee, Matthew **Coffman**, Hampton **Pratka**, Jacob **Shaffer**, and Tyson **Hart** to report on their respective committees.

Cearley called meeting to order by welcoming everyone to the Mason WMA; a quorum was established.

Agenda was reviewed and items were added under **New Business**; Handbook edit and Start process on bylaw changes for electronic voting. It was suggested the BOD receive a draft agenda prior to the meeting. **Ligon** moved to approve agenda, **Goodwin** seconded it. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 4/4/2012 & 4/16/2012. **Goodwin** made a motion to accept the minutes as mailed out. **Hays** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- **Moen** will send an electronic copy of the interest policy to the committee.
- **Moen** will send the pink TSSRM hoodie info to Poncho, Mandi, Jeff, etc.

Current Balances as of (4/27/2012):

TSSRM General Fund \$27,550.28
(Usable bank balance = \$24,650.77)
(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)
(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$1,399.51)

Current Balances as of (3/31/2012):

TSSRM MSF (IPI) \$79,339.47
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI) \$67,218.76
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI) \$60,723.16
TSSRM YACEF (IPI) \$24,816.22

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

NEWSLETTER: **Hart** reported the newsletters are going well and he enjoys working on them. As always, he would gladly accept any feedback or reports to include in the letter.

WEBSITE REPORT: **Wolff** reported online updates. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Media Outreach-Task Force: **Fox** is leading the charge for the task force—he's working on developments for media announcements.
- QR Code: TSSRM has a QR code now. Once scanned, it takes the user to the TSSRM Home Page. **Walker** to send to the BOD/Committee.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

- TSSRM to co-sponsor an animal behavior workshop
- The TSSRM Booth was set up at the Texas Chapter & Southwest Cattle Raisers Association events
 - Dean reported the booths went well; the TSSRM ear tag key chains were "flying off the table". The key chains were \$1.25/pc for the initial order but will be less with the next orders
 - The display was easy to talk through based off the headings; a picture rotating machine showing "eye-catching" photos of TSSRM photo contest winners, Range Camp, etc would be ideal
 - Schimcek will mail TSSRM bumper stickers to Moen for future booth/table dispersal
- TSSRM Booth to be set up at the TWA Convention at the end of June (Booth 318); two full registrations available to members who are interested in manning the booth.
- TSSRM will be co-sponsoring Riparian Mgmt Workshops (with GLCI)

ANNUAL MEETING:

Fredericksburg (2012)

Summary of Work:

The chairs and program committee have met twice by phone to discuss the Thursday and Friday program. We have received confirmation from all persons we have invited to speak on the Thursday program. The program will include time for poster presentations.

Remarks:

We are investigating the possibility of having a "Heritage Tour" on Wednesday. The committee is also committed to making the meeting spouse friendly. We have a very good bid for catering. The caterer requires a 25% deposit to hold the date. We are in the process of contacting the caterer to determine when the deposit is needed and if we can hold with a lesser amount.

Meeting plans are going well. Heritage Tour will be on Wednesday. This is a spouse-friendly mtg. A full day of presentations is planned, as well as a lot of young professional events. Trying to have a higher Youth emphasis; Uvalde and Blinn Community Colleges will be in attendance—more awards are planned. Ortega to forward/forwarding Warnock all information.

Dean to confirm Bamert Seed Co as an additional sponsor. Ideas for other sponsors for range relays, etc are welcome.

Fort Worth (2013)

Discussion/Summary of Work:

- Everything is going to schedule and going fine for the Fort Worth Meeting. We are ahead of schedule. Thursday is nailed down; a committee meeting is coming up to finalize the rest of the events. GLCI may sponsor a Young Professionals event/full day workshop (grazing mgmt theme). Ramada Inn Fossil Creek Hotel (Loop 820/I-35)

2014 Annual Meeting

Talks on a co-sponsor of the meeting between Marfa & Alpine—have a bid, Waco/Temple area—no volunteers for that; no volunteers for BCS.

Alpine—meetings will have to be on campus (catering may be \$\$ at Sul Ross Campus). Past room costs/comp rates for future meeting negotiations.

2016 National Meeting

Call national and figure out what they're doing and what we're responsible for. Stay in contact with them. Rasmussen is chair.



AWARDS:

- Committee in place and working on obtaining nominations from various sources
- Committee Members include: Aaron Williams (aaron.williams@tx.usda.gov), Jason Hohlt (jason.hohlt@tx.usda.gov), Haden Keyser (haden.keyser@tx.usda.gov), Tina Meador (tina.meador@tx.usda.gov), Melony Sikes (melonytssrm@zipnet.us), Robert Lyons (rk.lyons@tamu.edu) & Phillip Wrights (phillip.wright@tx.usda.gov).

- Special recognition award has been submitted by Jason Hohlt. Award suggestions from board? Goodwin has 2 nominations. The committee will consider nominations in a closed session at next meeting.
- Authorize BOD to take action electronically (needs to be in bylaws [which requires, resolutions, voting membership 2/3 vote] not just in the minutes)
- BOD challenged to have at least one awards nomination from each BOD member
- Awards nomination forms should be in a fillable pdf form

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

- The Ranger Relays will be improved on and incorporated into the annual meeting; schools have been notified. There will be competitions for undergrads and graduate students.
- More professional involvement is wanted; plant id tests, more poster awards, etc

ENDOWMENT: No report.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:

- A committee has been put together for review of applicants—August 1st deadline
- Nominations are requested from BOD and anyone else within the section
- Awards nomination forms to fillable pdf

MEMBERSHIP:

- 351 members as of 4/3/12
- Sending out letter to expired members; new members welcome note—use newsletter emails
- Encourage leadership within section
- Committee Chair encouraged to develop relationship with Allen Press

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Seeking nominations soon.

ORM: Landowner nominations are needed—August 1st deadline. Goodwin and Wolff on committee

PLANNING (2015 AM): No report. Alpine bid is being reviewed.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

- Advocacy; need aggressive leadership
- Technical position statements—TSSRM needs to answer specific questions through statements
- Position Statement Categories: someone needs to be in charge of each category
- Blog post for questions online? Instead of position statement from section. Blog spot on website???



TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance): No report.

PUBLICATION AWARDS:

Summary of Work:

TSSRM members have been contacted and invited to serve on the publication awards committee.

RESOLUTIONS:

A peer review is needed for all TSSRM position statements; Matt and past 10 Presidents to review.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Discussion:

Possibility of offering two \$1500 scholarships in the future if we continue to have successful fundraisers and the scholarship fund continues to grow.

Summary of Work:

Completed paperwork for the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship detailing the requirements for the TSSRM Scholarship. The Texas 4-H Foundation will select the scholarship recipient following the criteria. We will be notified of the recipient at a later date.

Remarks:

The 4-H Foundation Scholarship banquet will be held at Texas Tech this year on June 11th. I will pass the invitation along to Ken Cearley.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:

- Claybird shoot plans
- Wednesday social for young professionals planned
- Horse shoe/washer tourney?

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Report included in agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Handbook edit- Under 1st VP duties, Resolutions should be added
- Electronic voting – Start process of bylaw change (**Walker**)

Campbell made a statement to remind the BOD and others to keep up with Farm Bill discussion and to be/stay involved.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 4th Qtr **October (Wednesday?), 2012—? Fredericksburg AM**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by **Goodwin** and seconded by **Hays**. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at **11:48 am**.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie G Wolff, Secretary