



Regular 4th quarter meeting was called to order at 7:04 am. **Present were:** Ken Cearley – President, Jeff Goodwin – 1st Vice President, John Walker—2nd Vice President, Cody Scott—Incoming 2nd Vice President, Mandi Ligon – Director, Brian Hays—Director, Tony Dean—Director, Alfonso Ortega – Director, Dandy Kothmann—Incoming Director, Paul Loeffler—SRM Director Nominee, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Natalie Wolff – Secretary. Also present were Jacob Shaffer, Tyson Hart, Bonnie Warnock, Matthew Coffman, Jodie Stockett, Santana Villa, William Juett, Mark Moseley, Steve Hartmann, & Ray Schimcek to report on their respective committees.

Cearley called the meeting to order; a quorum was established.

Agenda was reviewed and approved by Hays (1), Ortega (2) – all. New items were added under New Business; Investment Committee Report (which will be included in regular committee reporting in future meetings) and New Committee Chairs.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 10/1/2012. Goodwin made a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed out. Hays seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Current Balances as of (10/08/2012):

TSSRM General Fund	\$16,745.29
<i>(Usable bank balance = \$13,845.78)</i>	
<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>	
<i>(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$1,399.51)</i>	
Community National Bank-Hondo	\$8,764.44

Current Balances as of (9/30/2012):

TSSRM MSF (IPI)	\$80,900.23
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI)	\$66,722.36
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$61,610.66
TSSRM YACEF (IPI)	\$23,857.36

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, by Ligon. Motion seconded by Warnock. **Motion carried unanimously.**

-Moen requested budget requests from committees; he needs them by the January meeting so the BOD can discuss and approve those requests.

-More financial information will be available at the next meeting, after the first of the year.

-2010 taxes have backed up 2011 and 2012 taxes.

-Projected income for AM in Fredericksburg=\$5,000

NEWSLETTER: Hart requested newsletter entries. He also stated the “big” newsletter (awards and AM stuff) will come out in December.

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. **Annual Meeting updates will be up on the website by the next board meeting.**



OLD BUSINESS:

- Mentorship Committee/Program-Goodwin: Mark Moseley/Carrie Koennecke to be co-chairs of the committee. If you qualify for the YP Award, you'll be considered a young professional. Signup forms will be available at banquets at this AM. Patterned committee guidelines off Texas Wildlife Chapter. **Move to accept: Walker (1st), Ligon (2nd).** **Discussion:** pair when reasonably close in location to make it easier to get together (location and affiliation will be considered when pairing). Host a function at annual meeting—don't segregate members even more—all are to convene. **Unanimously passed.** Add to handbook.
- CPA suggestions for Handbook updates per IRS: CPA took a look at the information and new forms and it will cover the board if ever audited. Doesn't see a reason not to complete the new form. Keep it on file with the treasurer. Moen will have form ready for next meeting. No handbook updates needed at this time; just paperwork.
- Frame for TSSRM Display-Dean: Tony has priced a few and is looking into some. He will submit prices to the board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

Booth is here at AM and set up. Small landowner publications are available for AM as well as any member needing some for distribution. Not dated material..urls may need updating though.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Fredericksburg (2012)

Confident will be a good meeting. Tour will be on schedule. Business Mtg at 5. Registration opens at 1 at Tatsch House at the pavilion.

Fort Worth (2013)

Location: Radisson Fossil Creek, north side of FW (35 & loop 820). No parking fees, cheaper rates than down town. Lounge and restaurant on location. \$115/night. \$7000 F&B marker for meals (not bar)—meet that and all conference rooms will be free. Tour-Aledo/Bear Creek Ranch.

2014 Annual Meeting

Santana Villa, Michael Margo and William Juett will assist with bids for the 2014 AM. Bid proposal copies provided to the board.

Wichita Falls: no committee chairs volunteered or available.

Alpine/Marfa: committee chairs available. Want to spread over all the area/towns. Day 1: in Marfa, start at 2pm; bi-national program (including Mexico). **Ortega** is to make contacts with long-going projects happening in Mexico; invite them. Padres more affordable than USO Bldg for evening plan. Day 2: Tour plans for different regions/mgmt. Day 3: in Alpine; core of meeting. Sul Ross-banquets (dinner banquet on Thursday). End meeting Friday night; into 3-day weekend to follow. Hotels completely blocked for TSSRM Mtg. **Motion to accept Marfa/Alpine bid for the 2014 AM: Walker (1st), Ortega (2nd), Unanimous.**



AWARDS:

All awards filled. Outstanding Achievement & Young Professional Awards- change to non-member requirement for awards? Discussion: mission is to honor young professionals achieving within our section. Consensus: Achievement Award-to be open to everyone; Young Professional Award needs to stay within the membership. Achievement Award Honoree, in rules, state "Preferably a member but not required". No action needed. David Embry will represent Bamert Seed for award presentations.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

Range relays at park before social.

ENDOWMENT: No report.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:

Address Handbook for roll-overs; talk at next meeting

MEMBERSHIP:

Summary of Work:

- Follow up contact with expired members and expired additional section members
- Mike Wilson discussed getting professional society membership dues deducted from direct deposit paychecks on monthly or pay period basis. Believe this will help renew and retain NRCS, TPWD, AgriLife and other members whose paychecks are direct deposited, as it will be automatic. Further discussion with agency payroll officers needed. Discussion? Great idea but getting dues out of parent society is so timely. The SRM doesn't have structure for pay period payments; but may do a quarterly payment. Just need to work out some kinks. Pay dues at AM.
- Currently 330 active members /s/ Matthew Coffman 10/7/12

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Discussion Items:

2nd V.P and Directors were elected by the members with Cody Scott receiving the most votes for 2nd V.P. and Dandy Kothmann and Jim Ansley receiving the most votes for Director. Votes counted and verified by majority of committee on 10-2-12.

Recommendations for BOD:

I have asked Mark Moseley by e-mail if he would consider being a candidate for Director of SRM. Mark called and we talked and he respectfully declined. As a committee we have no other viable candidates for SRM 2nd V.P and Director and request assistance from the TSSRM board for potential nominees.

Summary of Work:

From the August, 2012 SRM spreadsheet of current Texas members I mailed 313 ballots and then checked for new members and renewals in the September 1st updated roster and mailed 40 additional ballots totaling 353 ballots. I received 152 ballots by mail for a 43% return of voting members.

Additional Remarks:

I will not be at the TSSRM meeting this year.

/s/ Ricky Linex 10/3/12

ORM:

Two good award winners for this year.

PLANNING (2015 AM): No report.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

-Continue to develop & encourage avenues for advocating on the part of TSSRM:

1. Develop & present to membership a proposal to allow electronic voting by BOD & Membership (Not able to get a mail-out with Ricky's voting ballot mail outs. Need to be poised to have quick responses on issues; board and membership. Follow up needed.).
2. Investigate implementing a blog on our website to help gauge interest in range subjects (Ann says there is a way to have a blog; best bet: have it on a structured blog site and have the url address on our website).
3. Include a digital picture frame of Youth Range Workshop activities with our display booth

-Be proactive in addressing legislation and other similar activity from a technical range standpoint, including development of position statements. Dean to work with John Walker.

TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance):

The 2012 TNLA meeting will be scheduled November 16th. Gene Richardson and the Texas Farm Bureau have been kind enough to volunteer meeting space at their headquarters in Waco.

/s/ Justin Dreibelbis

PUBLICATION AWARDS:

To be announced at Awards Banquet.

RESOLUTIONS: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Recipients are ready to be presented. Will send to Wolff/Hart for website updates.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:

NRCS not allowing GTO will hurt young professional attendance. Parent society trying to make some headway with national government.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Chosen delegates for national meeting. Think Pink 4 Youth. Definitely worth \$20 for tickets; all

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Investment Committee**

Stand alone committee; needs correspondence from BOD. All committees need to let Investments to know if their goals have changed so the committee can make adjustments. Budget a couple \$100 for mail-outs for money mgmt. Moen will meet with Steve at IPI; has requested info from them and they are working well with us. Paperwork filed for disalusion of funds; will be getting a check soon; should be significant. Need committee info/money needs—don't want to hold liquid cash if we don't need to. Committee says if we have over 10% cash in reserves, we need to do something with that extra percent. Still being very selective on funds and everything is doing really well.

- **New Committee Chairs**

All have been chosen except for Youth Activities

FUTURE MEETINGS: 1st Qtr: January 18, 2013 – 9am, Mason Mountain WMA

2nd Qtr: April

3rd Qtr: July

4th Qtr: October

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by Goodwin and seconded by Hays. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 am.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie G Wolff, Secretary