



Regular 1st quarter meeting was called to order at 9:07 am. **Present were:** Jeff Goodwin – President, John Walker – 1st Vice President, Cody Scott – 2nd Vice President, Mandi Ligon – Director, Jim Ansley – Director, Dandy Kothmann – Director, Alfonso Ortega – Director, Brian Hays – Director, Ken Cearley – Past President, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Natalie Wolff – Secretary. Also present were Matt Wagner, past President, and Chad Ellis and Chuck Stanley to report on the upcoming 2013 Annual Meeting.

Goodwin called the meeting to order; a quorum was established. Goodwin said we have a good group, asked we consider outreach for the society, and continue with our mission.

Agenda was reviewed and approved. New items were added under New Business; Conflict of Interest Questionnaire for the board members and Weed & Brush Symposium in Abilene.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 1/8/2013. Walker 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 (11/05/2012):

TSSRM General Fund	\$15,161.16
<i>(Usable bank balance = \$12,261.16)</i>	
<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>	
<i>(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$1,399.51)</i>	

Current Balances as of (12/31/2012):

TSSRM MSF (IPI)	\$77,514.15
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI)	\$63,014.29
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$59,849.61
TSSRM YACEF (IPI)	\$23,239.86

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, by Ligon. Motion seconded by Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

-Moen highlighted 2012 revenues/expenses to-date; not all revenues are in. Reviewed 2011 and 2012 annual meetings, as well as IPI Investments.

-The 2013 TS Budget was reviewed; expenses ~ \$18,000, revenues~ \$17,485—for estimation, the section will be good to go, especially if the Annual Meeting does better than the minimum goal. Hays motioned for budget approval, Kothmann seconded. Adjustments were made; ~\$1,200 in the red. Unanimously approved.

NEWSLETTER: Grassroots will be out at the end of the month; send news/articles/stories. Need President Article.

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. Updates are being processed to Ann periodically.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Board Liaisons Selected for Committees-**Goodwin:** new liaisons: Youth Activities & Young Professionals-**Dandy**, Nominations-**Ansley**, Awards-**Ligon**, Investment-**Hays**, Membership-**Scott**, ORM- **Walker**.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

- Booth still being distributed –Brush Symposium in April; Fort Worth-GLCI in July 15,16
- Dr. Walker working to get booth distributed; welcomes suggestions on where to go.
- Texas Chapter Wildlife, Houston-February

ANNUAL MEETING:

Fort Worth (2013)

Soil Health based; hotel doesn't have the best layout but it will work.

Wednesday: BOD Mtg, AM; TCU Ranch Mgmt Program, afternoon (young prof);

Thursday: 4 ranching speakers—Richard Teague, Debrah Clark, Bear Creek Ranch-Dixon Water Foundation (sheep/cattle), Poncho, Lukifer, Meinzer. Young Professional evening entertainment; Spouse Tour- Botanical Research Institute, Cowgirls Museum.

Friday: Ranch Tour-practical applications to grazing mgmt. Dixon Water Foundation-Aledo

Marfa/Alpine/Ft Davis (2014)

Proposing each AM bid use current spreadsheet, which will stay updated; will go to next 2nd VP for future meetings/planning—in handbook? Holland Hotel is HOST. The BOD recommended considering changing the banquet to Thursday night, maybe free night Friday? Committee may try to arrange a tour on Saturday to Big Bend? Suggested: Dixon Water Foundation has a ranch in Marfa, McAllen Ranch in Fort Davis? Mexico/US Coalition Program—TSSRM will comp rooms for Mexican speakers (topics: exotic grass roll on wildlife).

Entertainment: big name band? Booth spaces? Committee is thinking outside of the box and really trying to change the meeting for the better—sprucing it up.

2015 Annual Meeting

Possible bids: San Marcos, College Station, Lubbock, Wichita Falls—stay in core this year

AWARDS:

Bruce Healy has been added to the committee. There is 1 nomination for Outstanding Contributions and 1 nomination for Young Professional. *Agenda Item for next meeting—talk about nominations.*

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

Discussion: Proposed budget of \$1000 for plant contest plaques, \$1050 for college student travel, and \$350 for Ranger Relay Awards

Action Requested: Approve Budget

Summary of Work: Began preparatory work for AM 2013 in Fort Worth.

ENDOWMENT:

Jeff White no longer chair of the committee. In charge of Endowment Fund; work closely with Investment Committee. Every 3rd year, responsible for AM fundraiser. *Need new chair.*

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:

Handbook edit for rollovers? **Ligon** moved to change handbook, for grass roots awards, to allow nominations to roll over year after year; **Walker** seconded. **Unanimously approved.** *Edit handbook and present at next meeting.*



INVESTMENT:

Committee doing well.

Action requested: Will the BOD provide the investment committee with an update on the Don Pendleton Estate? Don was a long time SRM Member and ex-NRCS Range Specialist. Gave part of estate to TSSRM. Robert will send an update to Steve. Kent Ferguson to be new chairman.

MEMBERSHIP:

362 members of Texas Section as of 1/17/13

MENTORSHIP:

Mentorship Handbook needs to be corrected: "Mentorship" Handbook, not membership. Dandy motioned for a TSSRM Handbook update for the Mentorship Committee; Scott seconded. Unanimously approved. Add to handbook.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: No report.

ORM:

Need nominations for 2013.

PLANNING (2015 AM): No report.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

1. John Walker is working on a proposal for TSSRM members to vote by electronic ballots. Parent Society bylaws allow for electronic voting. Do we want something in handbook, on the process? Needs to be something structured. Acceptable to TSSRM to do this. Walker will work on it.
2. Committee member Scott Mitchell is developing ideas for TSSRM to use a blog or other avenue for public contact.
3. Tony Dean is searching for a digital picture frame for use with TSSRM display but finding difficulty in locating a dependable brand for a reasonable cost. We intend to have this accomplished in time to use the frame at the TSCRA booth display in March in Ft. Worth.

TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance):

Goodwin is now chairing TNLA. TNLA has funds they need to start spending/doing something with. Mark Mitchel wants to host a prescribed burn workshop for county/emergency/officials to show what prescribed fire is all about. They want to try to do this in late March/early April at the Mason Mountain WMA.

PUBLICATION AWARDS:

-The 2013 Publication Awards Committee will consist of the following members:

- Mr. Andy James, Graduate Student, Sul Ross University
- Dr. Megan Clayton, Range Specialist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
- Mr. Stephen Diess, Rangeland Mgmt. Specialist, USDA-NRCS
- Mr. Matt Machacek, Rangeland Mgmt. Specialist, USDA-NRCS
- Dr. Jim Ansley, Professor, Texas A&M AgriLife Research
- Ms. Kelly Haile, Rangeland Mgmt. Specialist, USDA-NRCS

-The Committee requests the board budget in \$500 for awards in 2013.

-The committee is looking for quality nominations.



RESOLUTIONS: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP:

[Follow-up from applicant emails.](#)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: No report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

The following individuals have again agreed to serve as members of the Youth Activities Committee in 2013: Dr. Barron Rector, Hoyt Seidensticker, Dr. Bob Knight, Jenny Pluhar, Keith Blair, Lee Knox, Bruce Healy, and Dandy Kothmann as Board Liaison.

We present a summary of our accomplishments over the past few months, as well as plans for a busy spring and summer.

- 1) The 2012 Youth Range Workshop participants selected to represent the Texas Section at the 2013 High School Youth Forum and SRM Annual Meeting in Oklahoma City are Mark Zoeller and Lindsey Pressler from Kendall County, Heston Henry from Ector County. Each delegate is preparing a range related power point talk for the Forum Presentation Competition.
- 2) Aaron Weishuhn of Colorado County will also return to the 2013 High School Youth Forum, and serve as its president. Weishuhn's expenses will be covered by SRM.
- 3) The 59th Youth Range Workshop will be held at the TTU Center in Junction on June 23-28th, 2013. The general email announcement to County Extension Agents and Ag Science Teachers will go out in January and the physical mailing of information will go out in March.
- 4) We invite our TSSRM President or his representative to be present for the Youth Range Workshop Awards ceremony on June 28th in Junction to recognize youth participants at the workshop and bring greetings from the Texas Section SRM Board and Officers.
- 5) We will also be asking our President or his representative to be present for the State 4-H Roundup Range Contest Awards ceremony in College Station June 12th to introduce the Society for Range Management to the youth and audience and present the top team awards.

We had a great fundraiser during the TSSRM annual meeting in Fredericksburg this past fall. The fundraiser themed "Think Pink 4 Youth" raised \$4,395.00 in net profits. Thanks to everyone for their support.

We, the members of the Youth Activities Committee, submit the following budget request to the TSSRM Board of Directors for the 2013 fiscal year.

.....**Requested Amount = \$1,200.00**.....

This amount, if approved, will be used to purchase fuel and pay for van rental to send the three youth delegates, the youth forum president, Dr. Rector, Hoyt Seidensticker, and Kim Peters to Oklahoma City for the 2013 Society for Range Management Annual Meeting. We ask for your continued support of these outstanding young people, who have been chosen to represent you at the 2013 High School Youth Forum. All other fees, including meeting registration, lodging, meals, and insurance will be covered by the Youth Activities Committee.

State Discounted van rental for 6 days= \$800 + Fuel=\$400



NEW BUSINESS:

- **San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo-Wildlife & Natural Resources Expo**
Show is too big and too long to be able to man the booth efficiently; no-go.
- **GLCI Grant Program-Small/New Landowner Publications**
Small/New Landowner publications have a budget of \$1500 for reprinting. TSSRM has applied for a grant with GLCI which will match TSSRM's funding, totaling \$3000 for reprinting, if awarded.
- **Conflict of Interest Questionnaire at TSSRM AM**
Officers and board members need to complete the questionnaire and get the originals back to Robert.
- **Weed & Brush Symposium**
The symposium will be held Thursday, April 25th at the Big Country Hall in Abilene. If you need a room, get one now. See pamphlets and TSSRM website for more information.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2nd Qtr Friday, April 26, 2013 9am , TBA in Abilene
 3rd Qtr Friday, July 26, 2013 9am , Mason Mtn WMA
 4th Qtr Wednesday, October 9, 2013 9am , Radisson Fort Worth, Tx

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by Hays and seconded by Scott. Motion passed unanimously.
 Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 am.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

 Natalie G Wolff, Secretary