



Regular 2nd quarter meeting was called to order at 9:11 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, Bill Fox – Director, Ken Cearley – Past President, Jenny Pluhar—SRM 1st Vice President, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Lee Knox—Archivist, Natalie Wolff—Secretary. Also present were Santana Villa, Kent Ferguson, Jacob Shaffer, Melissa Teague, and Chuck Stanley to report on the upcoming 2013 Annual Meeting.

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

Agenda was reviewed and approved. Item was added under New Business; National Update from Jenny.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 4/15/2013. Walker made a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed out. Fox seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

TSSRM General Operating Fund: \$26,700.33
(Usable bank balance = \$2,899.51)
(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)
(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$1,399.51)

Community National Bank-Hondo (TNLA): \$5,821.00
 Sonora Bank-Sonora (AM Acct): \$1,130.00

Current Investment Balances as of (3/31/2013):

TSSRM MSF (IPI)	\$85,536.70
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI)	\$69,939.72
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$66,369.06
TSSRM YACEF (IPI)	\$24,729.98

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

-Fredericksburg balance is closed; bank balance info provided is correct/dates not...Robert to send a corrected version to Wolff.

-Pendleton Estate finalizations—we don’t know what TSSRM and SRM will get yet—Jess Peterson, Jeff Goodwin, et al will meet with family, when requested—possible splits on our endowments.

-Investment Committee Treasurer’s Report:

Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$1500 scholarships; could afford to go to \$2000; net worth: \$77,343.52

Endowment Fund- net worth: \$58,746.92

YA Endowment Fund: net worth: \$23,013.60

Walker initiated discussion on whether there are investment differences with YAE compared to others, due to differences in net worth. Additional discussions, concerning Investment Committee, to follow.

Bill Wyche Scholarship Fund: \$2000 scholarships; net worth: \$63,211.90

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-FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Elected officers and directors are responsible for all the investments and treasurer accounts—the BOD needs to take a closer look at the Investment Committee's decisions. The Investment Committee needs to be more vocal and share their decisions, as stated in the Handbook. Board Liaison, Brian Hays, will be more involved with the committee—IPI needs to be requested to come in, once a year, to explain things (Annual Meeting?). Liability insurance questions & discussion followed.

NEWSLETTER: Hart said to send articles at anytime. There was discussion on sending the newsletter to TNLA, Southwest Cattleraisers & other prospective groups; even the Legislature. Will work to make sure we're on those lists.

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.

HANDBOOK:

Edits reviewed: GrassRoots; Mentorship; Wyche Scholarship; Appendices A,B,C,D,J,K

GrassRoots: ...if the nominator agrees. Nominator will be contacted by the chair. Scratch second sentence (make same adjustment for Honor Awards, ORM and ORS awards).

Wyche: change on webpage and handbook. Mandi to email updated form.

Scott made a motion for approval of Handbook changes; Kothmann with a second. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP:

- Discussion on Nominations for Awards-**Goodwin:** Everyone encouraged to send in nominations; each Board member challenged to submit a nomination. TSSRM needs to submit our winners for national SRM Awards; applications of past winners will be looked over for possible SRM submission.
- Brush Symposium-**Scott:** ~300 people, ~22 exhibitors, went well, good \$ should be coming in for that. Possibility of splitting \$ to have for another symposium

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION (Walker):

Booth Events:

-Goal—to get more membership.

-Proposal to achieve more membership: Gift apprentice memberships, framed photos from photo contest winners, etc in exchange for Names/Numbers/Email (to send newsletters, drafted letter from president, etc).

-A table skirt with a catchy phrase is needed to lure people towards the booth. Need volunteers to man booth. Booth attendance discussion. Jeff and Mandi to donate books.

ANNUAL MEETING (Goodwin, et al):

Fort Worth (2013)

Registration form will be modified—send to Wolff

Wednesday 9-12 BOD Mtg at Radisson

Business Mtg 5-6, Wednesday

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Marfa/Alpine/Ft Davis (2014)

The meeting will start on Tuesday in Marfa (due to Art Show in Marfa, on Friday): bi-national program; tours scheduled for Wednesday, on own afterwards/student get-together; Thursday-lectures, awards luncheon, banquet. Shuttle from Marfa and Alpine is planned to be provided. Board has given blessing.

2015 Annual Meeting

Possibilities of San Marcos—new conference center, College Station or Lubbock

Corpus Christi (2016) Annual SRM Meeting

Chair-Rasmussen

There is a MOU between the sections and national. TSSRM MOU to be forwarded by Goodwin to BOD. Item will be on agenda for July. Wolff to forward emails to Rasmussen.

AWARDS (Shaffer):

- Working on nominations (OCRM-1, OYP-1, Achievement-possibly 1)
- Need Special Recognition and Fellow (ideas) some more are coming in
- Should poll college students on what they want to hear at the meetings. Could have an event like Quail Masters (Rollins) called Range Masters?

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES (Owens):

- Continued planning for 2013 Annual Meeting
- Worked on getting awards section updated from previous years award winners

ENDOWMENT (Machacek):

Matt Machacek is the new chair.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS (Deiss):

Need nominations.

INVESTMENT (Pratka, Schimcek, Hartmann):

No report. WE NEED ONE. Reviewed and discussed Investment Committee in Handbook; board is to elect new chairman every year.

-Motion declared by Walker: Remove Terry Whigham from the committee replace with Hampton Pratka—retroactive to Jan 1, 2013; Scott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion declared by Fox: Ray Schimcek to be the next Investment Committee Chairman to be replaced (in 2014); Walker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

-Motion declared by Ligon: The Financial Institution (IPI at this time) should be required to attend the Board Of Directors Annual Meeting and provide a financial report; seconded by Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP (Willson):

As of April 22, 2013 the current Texas Section membership stands as follows:

- 356 Current Members
- 92 Expired Members
- 19 Additional Section Members
- 5 Expired Additional Section Members

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Since January 1, 2013 this committee has sent the following number of email reminders to expired members:

1st Notice – 149 members

2nd Notice – 66 members

3rd Notice – 47 members

The following expired members do not wish to renew membership:

Customer #	Reason
00001028	Retirement
00002723	Price of membership – Not satisfied
09527744	Colorado resident – Purchased Additional Section in the past

MENTORSHIP (Koennecke, Moseley):

- Sent out mentoring guidelines to Mentors.
- Adjusted some, but the Mentors are to confirm their Mentee and provide us updates to contact information.
- Currently in progress. The correction approved by BOD at last meeting has been done. [Letters have been sent.](#)

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (C. Hart):

Discussion on electronic ballot/voting

[Ballots will be mailed](#)

ORM (Hays): No report.

PLANNING (2015 AM) (Cearley): No report.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (Dean):

1. Supplied a digital picture frame first used at Cattle Raisers meeting as part of TSSRM display booth. Ran pictures of Youth Range Workshop. I think this will be a good outreach asset once we learn to use it efficiently.
2. Discussed with John Walker the development of a proposal to allow electronic voting by BOD and general membership.
3. Also discussed with John the use of public media outreach such as a TSSRM blog. I believe this would be a good step for TSSRM to "test the waters" and find a way for us to provide technical rangeland information to the public.

[Twitter feed for TSSRM? Hasty to help with that?](#)

[Thank you letter to Tony Dean for out-of-pocket expenses](#)

TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance) (Goodwin):

[Three \(3\) \\$1000 scholarships were awarded this year: YRW, Wildlife Camp, Ranch Brigade](#)

PUBLICATION AWARDS (Knox):

[Received nominations; will solicit again before deadlines](#)

RESOLUTIONS (Cearley):

[Haven't reviewed anything; encourage submissions](#)



SCHOLARSHIP (Teague):

- Attendance at 4-H scholarship banquet to present scholarship. **Pluhar and Fox will be in attendance.**
- When will scholarship committee fundraiser be held (2013-2014)? **The next fundraiser will be held at 2014 AM**
- Determination of amount awarded for 4-H Foundation scholarship for future years **more than \$1500?**
- Motion from Ligon: Award a \$2000 scholarship—withdrawn. Tabled until October Mtg**
- Provided updated contact information to 4-H Foundation (Memorial Scholarship) and Cynthia Stroman (Wyche Scholarship)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (Schiwart):

Young Professional activities scheduled for Wednesday afternoon at the 2013 AM.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Derzapf):

- We present a summary of our accomplishments from Jan 14 –April 26
 - Our committee members have been working to publicize the 59th Annual Youth Range Workshop, to be held on June 23-28, 2013. --Plans are coming together for the event, including sponsorships, staffing, and agenda items.
1. We are pleased to report that our Texas delegates to the 2013 High School Youth Forum at the SRM meeting in OK City performed at a high level and represented our Section well. Heston Henry of Midland County was elected as President for the 2014 SRM HSYF program in Orlando, Florida. Lindsey Pressler, Kendall County 4-H member, placed second in the High School Youth Forum Presentation Competition and her paper was titled "The Nitty Gritty on Texas Sand Mines". Mark Zoeller, also a 4-H member in Kendall County, placed fourth in the High School Youth Forum presentation competition with his paper titled "Plant Identification, Collection and the Importance". Heston Henry placed 13th with his paper titled "Managing Feral Hogs". The Texas delegation did well. Colorado County 4-H youth Aaron Weishuhn gave his first place paper from 2012 at Spokane at the Awards Ceremony. He did a wonderful job and got many compliments from the 1100 SRM members at the Awards. Thank you to the Board of Directors for funding the travel expenses for these outstanding young people, and their dedicated chaperones, Dr. Barron Rector, Kim Peters, and Mr. Hoyt Seidensticker.
 2. 2013 Youth Range Workshop announcements and registration forms were mailed to 250 County Extension Offices and 290 Agriculture Science teachers and FFA programs by the end of March.
 3. A total of 15 Youth Range Workshop brochures and registration packets were distributed at the March 2nd Houston Livestock Show Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest.
 4. A total of 7 Youth Range Workshop brochures and registration packets were distributed at the March 23rd TAMU Range Judging Clinic at College Station.
 5. 2013 Youth Range Workshop announcements and brochures have been included with 4-H District Roundup Range and Pasture Grass Identification contest materials to 7 District contests.
 6. The 2013 Youth Range Workshop date and needed space has been confirmed with Mrs. Lopez at the Texas Tech University Campus at Junction.
 7. The date and luncheon for the Tuesday visit to the Landers Family Ranch have been confirmed.
 8. An invitation has been extended to both the New Mexico SRM Section and Oklahoma Section for a youth to come to the Texas workshop.
 9. Brochures and registration packets were distributed at the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Annual Convention in Fort Worth in March. To raise awareness of the camp, pictures of past range camp participants and activities were displayed on a digital picture frame donated by Tony and Cindy Dean.



NEW BUSINESS:

- **GLCI Grant Program-Small/New Landowner Publications—Wolff**
Grant was approved and TSSRM is to be awarded \$1500 (matching funds); to be spent by September 2013. [Finalize information at July Meeting.](#)
- **Pendleton Estate—Goodwin**
Discussed in Treasurer Report
- **Upcoming Events—Goodwin**
 - Summer grazing tour this year—Friday, June 21, 2013 (Fannin County)
 - Texas Grazingland Conference—July 15th (Fort Worth).
- **Digital Archives/Prior-year Award Write-Ups—Lee Knox**
 - Dan Caudle helped with digital archive
 - Lee requested he be allowed reimbursement for digitally archiving old ranch write-ups; BOD all for it.
- **National Update-Jenny Pluhar**
 - Curtis Talbot-SRM budget for 2014:
 - o Currently using *expected* or *projected* money from planned meetings
 - o Planning on Building net—taking out a portion to help with the SRM AM and using proceeds from the AM to roll to future meetings
 - Where are the rest of our dues going?
 - o Biggest part of what SRM does for us: Providing a Washington presence; planning AMs; working with organizations (not by lobbying but by providing ranch expertise); fighting for budgets; and “keeping boots on the ground”.
 - o [Letter from Pluhar to newsletter—What SRM Does For Us](#)
 - SRM is currently rewriting its contract with Allen Press.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 4th Qtr (AM) [Wednesday, October 9, 2013 9am, Radisson Fort Worth, Tx](#)

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by **Scott** and seconded by **Fox**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
Meeting Adjourned at **12:47 pm**.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie W Bartek, Secretary