



Regular 3rd 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, Jim Ansley—Director, Poncho Ortega –Director, Brian Hays – Director, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Natalie W Bartek—Secretary. Also present were Dr. Roel Lopez and Committee Members Chuck Stanley, Charlie Hart.

Goodwin called the meeting to order at the Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area; a quorum was established.

Agenda was reviewed and approved.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 7/25/2013. **Scott 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 (7/26/2013):

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| TSSRM General Fund | \$27,509.30 |
| | <i>(Usable bank balance =\$24,609.79)</i> |
| | <i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i> |
| | <i>(Accumulated surplus [estimated] =\$1,399.51)</i> |
| TNLA | \$6,873.10 |

Current Balances as of (6/30/2013):

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| TSSRM MSF (IPI) | \$ 84,273.42 |
| TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI) | \$ 68,843.32 |
| TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI) | \$ 65,209.75 |
| TSSRM YACEF (IPI) | \$ 23,247.95 |
| Totals | \$241,574.44 |

Motion was made by **Ansley** to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Motion seconded by **Ortega**. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- Pendleton Estate: The final steps are being taken within the estate; a face-to-face meeting with the family and **Goodwin**, et al. The estate is intended for the Endowment Fund—we have 2. Jeff will ask if they want to split it up between regular endowment and youth endowment. Youth Endowment is looking to expand and we want to get funds to that acct.

-Financial Statement: Still issues with Allen Press Accounting Firm. Allen Press helpful, accounting firm doesn’t seem to have it all together—still trying to get figures from Fredericksburg AM. Total revenues good...they are still preliminary numbers.

NEWSLETTER (T. Hart): Articles needed.

WEBSITE REPORT/HANDBOOK (Bartek): Website is being continually updated. Jeremy Hasty has been and will continue to be copied on website update emails to Ann Tanaka; Jeremy will hopefully take the Website Coordinator position after the 2013 Annual Meeting. The Handbook has been updated and updates will be double checked according to meeting minutes before website update.

OLD BUSINESS/FOLLOW-UP: No Old Business



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION (Walker):

- Booths: 4-H Youth round-up, cattle raisers, etc; Good response. Has email addresses to send to Tyson.
- Thought: How can we connect those who want help or have questions with someone personal? Set up a page on the website for "Ask The Experts" (Rangeland, Wildlife, Soils, Grazing, Brush Control, Watershed, etc). The page can contain names of people in the membership who can help and their contact info. Info people send can include their question/problem, county etc...
- Need to order more TSSRM ear tag key chains.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Fort Worth (2013)—Stanley/Ellis

Program at a Glance: Speakers, Time-slots, dates, Young Professionals program, etc. Corey Owens can't be on the panel; he's finding replacements for himself. Program will be updated and sent to Bartek. Registration is good...taking exhibitor info off due to already having a separate form for that....updated/crisp version will be sent to Allen Press. Plant ID Contest will be composed of live plants, not mounts.

Marfa/Alpine/Ft Davis (2014)—Villa, Margo, Juett

Alpine Chamber of Commerce helpful. Need to set up committees.

2015 Annual Meeting—Scott

Whichita Falls, Lubbock, San Marcos, College Station—need to be on core area. Want to decide at AM.

Corpus Christi (2016) Annual SRM Meeting

OKC—Parent Society showcased what they do to help sections with National Meetings. Cal-Pac wanted MOU with Parent Society. We need one for money arrangements in Corpus.

AWARDS (Shaffer):

Nominations received as of July 17, 2013:

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| 2 young professional nominees | 1 outstanding contribution |
| 1 fellow | 1 outstanding achievement |

Need more nominations!!

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES (Owens):

Continued planning for 2013 Annual Meeting; worked on Plant Id contest

Ricky has agreed to do the plant id contest (live). Retired Ag Teacher in Jacksboro will do member plant id contest.

ENDOWMENT (Machacek):

Any hunt anyone knows of that can be donated; contact

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS (Deiss):

Need to get calls out to the membership for nominations



INVESTMENT (Schimcek, Hartmann, Pratka):

Discussion: Codes are available so Hampton (and Robert and Brian) can see what's going on with the Investments. Hampton to give report at AM. Discussion on committee.

MEMBERSHIP (Willson):

As of July 9, 2013 the current Texas Section membership stands as follows:

348 Current Members
89 Expired Members

20 Current Additional Section Members
2 Expired Additional Section Members

During the second quarter the membership committee has not sent any email reminders to expired members. These numbers are very similar to the first quarter numbers, during which time the committee sent out 262 emails as reminders. Next quarter I plan to resume email reminders, as well as written letters to members who are more than 120 days past due.

Provide feedback to SRM with comments/concerns about Allen Press.

MENTORSHIP (Koennecke/Moseley):

Activities are on-going and we are beginning to consider activities for the upcoming annual meeting and for next year. Working on activities at AM.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (C. Hart):

Slate of Candidates, all is ready to go; 50% turn-down ratio. Great slate of people.

-2nd Vice President Nominations: Chad Ellis and Willie Conrad

-Director Nominations: Bob Kilmer, Corey Owens, Frank Price, Melissa Teague

Mailing ballots is expensive. We're in electronic age..should be using it.

Research: SRM has that option. Default is paper; you have to tell SRM you want electric. Nick Dormer at Allen Press said no problem using their list on whom to mail and who to email. Two-step process: (1) tell our members to know what they want for voting, electronic or paper; (2) get actual ballot together. Has spoken to Vicky.

SurveyMonkey is the server SRM uses. Discussion: Shouldn't need vote on using electronic ballot because we're not forcing it on anyone...we're merely offering it as an option. **A motion was made by Hays to use the electronic ballot as an option through the SRM established process. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.** Costs associated with setting up electronic ballot?? As long as it's cheaper than sending a paper ballot.

ORM/ORS (Hays):

Currently, there is 1 nomination for each

PLANNING (2015 AM)—Cearley:

Ken has been working with Cody

PUBLIC AFFAIRS (Dean):

Ideas are being thrown around; in process

TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance)—Godowin:

Will have a meeting later in the year. Scholarships given. Designed to be a vehicle to get things done; get groups together to solicit change. Pay a lobbyist??



PUBLICATION AWARDS (Knox):

[Needs nominations.](#)

RESOLUTIONS (Cearley): No report

SCHOLARSHIP (Teague):

Summary of Work During Period:

Travelled to 4-H Roundup and presented TSSRM Scholarship to Dillan Drabek of Fayette County. Wyche Scholarship Committee has selected Chance Chapman of Mt. Pleasant, TX as their recipient.

Additional Remarks:

Received inquiry from potential scholarship donor requesting more info about our scholarships. I can't find criteria for TSSRM Memorial Scholarship anywhere; have asked 4-H foundation to share criteria they use. If anyone knows where else this might be found, please share.

[Goodwin will contact Teague with information.](#)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (Schewart):

[In contact with Goodwin. Working on activities for AM.](#)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES (Derzapf):

We present a summary of our accomplishments over the past few months

- 1) The 2013 Youth Range Workshop was held on June 23rd through 28th in Junction Texas as Texas Tech Campus. This workshop has been the most "intensive" but "extensive" training in range and natural resource management in Texas for 59 consecutive years. At the awards ceremony on June 28th, 34, 4-H and FFA students from across Texas graduated with a new knowledge and appreciation of rangelands and natural resources. These students were not only trained in ecology but learned valuable lessons in teamwork, public speaking, and networking to name a few. We expect these young men and women to be people of influence and leaders in our communities, state, and nation. Pictures from the Workshop can be found on the "Texas SRM Youth Range Workshop" Facebook page.
- 2) We are currently working on electing the delegates that will attend the High School Youth Forum at the Annual SRM meeting.
- 3) Planning for the 2014 60th Youth Range Workshop is underway and will be held on June 22-27, 2014, pending approval from the Texas Tech University Coordinating Board.
- 4) On June 12th, TSSRM President Jeff Goodwin represented the Section and participated in the 2013 State 4-H Roundup Range Contests at College Station. President Goodwin recognized the top 5 teams in both Range and Pasture Grass Identification and Range Evaluation. The TSSRM sponsored 10 team plaques for this event.
- 5) On June 28th, TSSRM President Jeff Goodwin represented the Section and participated in the Youth Range Workshop Awards ceremony at Junction. President Goodwin recognized each youth with a certificate of completion.

[YAC is going great!](#)



NEW BUSINESS:

- **Joint Meeting—Dr. Roel Lopez**

Present idea of partnering with Wildlife Society (2016). The last time the two societies got together was in 1987, in Abilene. Texas Chapter/TSSRM membership overlap; could be a fairly large meeting (up to 800). Would be limited to larger cities; San Antonio? Financial and logistic info needed. October/February are the current dates—meet in the middle? OR have a joint symposium? Meet with each other before a legislative session? If so, more exposure to legislature and could even invite the Forestry Society. Joint meeting could not be in February—with SRM National Meeting in Corpus that same year. Maybe in 2017? Ad hoc committee/task force with Cody, (Roel), Poncho, Matt Wagner, etc to come up with some options to carry out this idea.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 4th Qtr (AM) Wednesday, October 9, 2013 8am, Radisson Fort Worth, Tx
1st Qtr Mtg _____, Mason Mtn WMA?

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by **Hays** and seconded by **Scott**. **Motion passed unanimously.**
Meeting Adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie W Bartek, Secretary