



Regular 4th quarter meeting was called to order at **8:05 am**. **Present were:** Jeff Goodwin – President, John Walker – 1st Vice President, Cody Scott—2nd Vice President, Willy Conrad—Incoming 2nd Vice President, Mandi Ligon – Director, Brian Hays—Director, Jim Ansley—Director, Alfonso Ortega – Director, Dandy Kothmann—Director, Bill Fox—Director, Melissa Teague—Incoming Director, Gary Price—Incoming Director, Ken Cearley—Past President, Charlie Hart—SRM 2nd VP Nominee, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Natalie Bartek – Secretary. Also present were Chad Ellis, Chuck Stanley, Matt Machacek, Tony Dean, Hampton Pratka, Steve Hartmann, & Ray Schimcek to report on their respective committees, as well as Mr. Tim Steffens.

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

Agenda was reviewed and approved by the board. New items were added under New Business; Landowner Publication & Annual Meeting Preparedness

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 10/4/2013. **Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed out. Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Current Balances as of (10/07/2013):

TSSRM General Fund	\$13,408.02
<i>(Usable bank balance = \$12,008.51)</i>	
<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>	
TNLA Account	\$6,875.08

Current Balances as of (9/30/2013):

TSSRM MSF (IPI)	\$84,785.62
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI)	\$69,184.56
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$65,711.30
TSSRM YACEF (IPI)	\$23,170.54

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

-Moen mentioned if anyone had reimbursements, checks needed, etc... find him and he'll cover you. He also thanked the board for the flowers for Harold's funeral.

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

NEWSLETTER: Hart requested newsletter entries. Everyone is enjoying what Tyson is able to put together; Nelle's articles are inspiring.

WEBSITE REPORT: Bartek reported Jeremy Hasty will take over the website management after the AM. The handbook will be updated on the website after the AM—from previous updates and award winner info.

ARCHIVES: Lee Knox will be in after lunch and will be able to take archives at that time.

OLD BUSINESS: None



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

Haven't taken display anywhere since last meeting. Table covers ordered. Display in December at Farm Bureau Conference.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Fort Worth (2013) – Ellis/Stanley/Hays

Good program lined up. Haven't spent a lot of money—no big dance (hotel restaurant or go downtown on own). Numbers not as great as hoped but due to many circumstances. Shotgun donated to the event from Excess Sights; got it laser engraved for the meeting—will be raffled: 52 cards at \$20/piece. Estimated \$6500-\$7500. Hotel is working with us and we've met our room nights so meeting rooms are complimentary. This AM won't "bank" but will make money. **Handbook/manual needs to be made to help AM planners.**

Alpine/Marfa/Ft Davis (2014) – Walker

October 7-9, 2014: All is in place; deposits made at bank, hotels reserved, bi-national meeting in Marfa—coming together nicely, running meeting Tuesday through Thursday. Host Hotel: Holland. Main meeting at Sul Ross. Ray Schimcek mentioned working with John on donations. Comments on "co-meetings"-Hartmann: If working towards a joint meeting again, be forewarned that in the past it did not work (financially). Not opposed to joint meetings, just make sure it's structured differently than the past to make sure we don't do all the work and the other party gets half the money. Need to know who contributes what and who walks away with what.

Wichita Falls (2016) – Scott

San Marcos and College Station room costs are discouraging. Lubbock and Wichita Falls put together great proposals. Can't get a group together to help put it on. A group has been put together to work a Wichita Falls Mtg. Oklahoma interested in having a joint meeting. Room rates are good. Board recommendation: Approve 2015 AM in Wichita Falls. Instead of having joint meeting with Texas Chapter Wildlife, having a joint symposium seems to be the better option at this time. **Motion made by Kothmann to approve 2015 AM at Wichita Falls at the Holiday Inn at the Falls; seconded by Ortega; unanimous.**

Corpus Christi Annual SRM Mtg (2016) – Rasmussen

Poncho Ortega Jr has been named co-chair for the meeting. Omni Bayfront Hotel. Will shuttle from there to the Convention Center. Lots of places to tour, etc.

AWARDS:

OCRM, Fellow, Outstanding Achievement and Outstanding Young Prof; All Honor Awards will be presented at the banquet.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

Corey will be at the AM Thursday. Outstanding college/grad Students, Plant ID Contest; need a bio from Sul Ross. All awards are ready to be presented to recipients. Volunteers needed to help Linex with plant id grading. No range relays this year—mainly because in FW.



ENDOWMENT:

Goal: add another \$4,000-5,000 to current amount after this AM. Needs auctioneer for the meeting—has 29 items to auction off.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:

Deiss has some awards to present at the Awards Luncheon.

INVESTMENT:

Need more on commission basis, less on management fee basis—they will find out if IPI will be cool with that. Since whole committee and Robert are here, they may make some investment changes while at meeting. Suggestion for whomever makes motion for next addition to committee (once Schimcek is gone)...location of that person be relatively close to Hartmann and Pratkanis; allowing travel and better management. Pendleton royalty checks don't need taxes taken out since TSSRM is tax exempt. Robert is working on taxes and with estate. Suggested possibility to finding a lawyer to make sure we have all corrected.

Motion made by Fox: Robert Moen is appointed to execute division orders and as signature authority on behalf of TSSRM for royalty interests for the Pendleton Estate; seconded by Walker; unanimously passed. With royalties, issues come...When time comes for significant changes/requests for leasing/etc beyond expertise of committee; will keep board in "the know". Board needs to be ready.

BREAK at 9:40am

RESUME at 9:57am

MEMBERSHIP:

- 101 expired regular members
- 4 expired additional section members
- Individual emails sent to 49 members with expiration of less than 5 months.
- A mass email was sent 44 members with an expiration of more than 5 months.
- 8 members had invalid or no listed email address.
- 89 letters were mailed to expired members on September 20, 2013.
- 6 letters were returned due to invalid mailing addresses.

I have received a pretty good response from both the emails and the letters this quarter, and I have high hopes of cleaning up the expired members list if I can continue to send letters (probably every other quarter) over the next year. Several members have contacted me (I don't have an accurate count at this time, but it is probably between ten and fifteen) to either make payment or remove their name from the membership roll. So far every removal has been due to relocation to other states, and I have been working with Nick Dormer to hopefully retain their SRM memberships with other sections.

432 vote-able members

MENTORSHIP: No report.



NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Final report: William (Willy) A. Conrad (2nd Vice)

Frank S. Price (Director)

Melissa Teague (Director)

An extremely good ballot; one race came down to 2 votes; very close; good to see.

1/3rd of the membership voted; which is relatively normal compared to past years. 66% of electronic ballots sent back; only 22% paper ballot returned. Cost us \$0 to perform the electronic election (over \$400 with paper) with the help of Allen Press. Will promote at Business Mtg.

Continuous discussion over paper vs electronic

Nominations for parent society; solicited committee and they have one name submitted as a potential director for SRM: Bob Lyons. He did not agree to be on TSSRM ballot for 2nd VP; may or may not want to do SRM. Charlie has been recommended to try for SRM 2nd VP again; he's thinking about it. He has 100% of the board's approval and the board will pen a letter when he decides to run.

ORM:

ORM and ORS awards will be presented tomorrow. Still would like to see more nominations but good panel.

Diaz Murray-ORM

Bruce ? Bosque Co-ORS

PLANNING (2016 AM): No report.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Goals set for advocating for TSSRM at beginning of the year:

-Propose electronic voting—making waves

-Investigate implementing a blog on the website—during investigation, found Wildlife for Lunch Webinars...thinks this would be a great fit for TSSRM. Partner with TWA to do range series in their webinar? Extension does a range webinar as well. Partner with both? Main thing: go through an established avenue.

-Digital picture frame with display—the digital frame is a great tool with the display (photo contest pics and YRW pics). On technology part; maybe stream TSSRM meetings?

-Issuing position statements to improve technical stability of section. Last one was in 2004; our job is to influence mgmt. of rangelands in Texas in a beneficial way. We need to step out and state our positions. If we're active in this arena...maybe get press interested...in turn, increase membership, activity within TSSRM, and actually reach our outreach goals. Members need to know they can bring positions to the board for review and approval.

TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance): No report.

PUBLICATION AWARDS:

As chair of Publication Awards Committee I am pleased to report that for Technical Writing we had 7 excellent nominations, for Popular we received 2 nominations and for Special we received 3 book nominations. Awards have been ordered and I look forward to announcing the winners during the awards luncheon. [Will be presented at AM.](#)

RESOLUTIONS: No report.



SCHOLARSHIP:

Motion made by Fox to change MSF to \$2000 (from \$1500) and Wyche changed to \$2500 (from \$2000); seconded by Hays; unanimously approved.

Scholarship for Memorial Scholarship for Harold. Wants to make a one-time donation for that, at this time. Can be done through the 4-H foundation. Her requirements were to be for TAMU and renewable resources major. If section is involved; should be available to all universities. Otherwise, recommendation to allow top range junior from TAMU to receive the scholarship. Melissa will talk with her to discover which route she wants to go. If it's through TAMU, we may just put her into talks with them instead.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS:

There will be 3 oral presentations for the meeting.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Working on Orlando delegates; good outlook for national!

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Landowner Publication**

If more funds are granted, more can be printed. Machacek had 3500 copies printed for \$3000 (\$1500 matching-TSSRM & GLCI). Will work to get it on the website for printing.

- **Annual Meeting Preparedness**

John Walker will work with Cody Scott on a check list to help prepare for TSSRM Annual Meetings; to make the process more streamlined.

-New avenues of revenue needed for TSSRM, not just AM. Need to look at other funding sources for future.

Reinvigorate our base members. Yes, we need to bring in new members, but we need to keep our current and long-time members! Main thing is to have more impact on rangeland stewardship management. Again, need to bring value to being involved with TSSRM. Position statements are important.

-SRM Annual Meeting-Corpus Christi: Memorandum of Agreement with SRM and TSSRM as to who will do what in CC. Local arrangements, how much each needs to make, responsibilities/roles, etc.... TSSRM has a copy of the CalPac MOA; we need to have a completed MOA from us, back to SRM, by the end of the year. Dr.

Rasmussen will be asked to be present at the next board meeting so he can give an update on status. Goodwin to start draft with Rasmussen. Present draft at next BOD; want to have for SRM board by February. List of duties for coordinator should be included (what are Bo's duties?). Jeff will email to board.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 1st Qtr: January 24, 2013 -??

2nd Qtr: April

3rd Qtr: July

4th Qtr: October -Alpine, TX

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by Scott and seconded by Ansley. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:37 am.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie W. Bartek, Secretary