

Fall Meeting

Hampton Inn, Great Falls, Montana
November 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Tracy Mosley.

The minutes were read and approved by Merry VanderValk and seconded by Merrita Franker-Marble.

The Treasurers report was given. There was an overage spent on HSYF for 2009-2010. It was brought up that two years ago there was approved \$1000 per state/province for HSYF activities. Bob Wesley made a motion to approve the overage for the 2010 HSYF candidate Jeff Mosley seconded the motion and it passed.

Correspondence was read from Jan Pratt thanking the Section for sponsoring 2010 MT Range Days.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee—No report

Youth Committee—

AB—HSYF candidate couldn't attend the fall meeting from Alberta due to poor road conditions.

MT—Lots of interest in HSYF this year. There were 2 finalists but only 1 scholarship. The HSYF candidate is speaking at the banquet tonight. Barry suggested providing her with written comments.

Awards Committee—Three awards yearly and we need people to submit nominations for these awards. Barry Irving brought up the fact that you need to receive a section award to be eligible for an award at the International level.

History—Donna still needs pictures from meetings.

Nominations Committee—No report

YPC—Montana representative slot vacant. Jill gave a quick report on what is going on with the YPC executive team.

Website—Merrita is looking for more information still to put on the website. Call for nominations and awards was posted. Student information is coming. Online voting went ok, there were still quite a few ballots mailed.

Newsletter—Jody wanted to know when the best times for the newsletter were. A month before the Summer meeting; a month before the Fall meeting; and a March issue will suffice. Jody is doing a great job with the newsletter.

Jeff Mosley brought greetings from the Parent Society and passed around a Fall Highlights sheet detailing what has been happening at the Parent Society level. A few highlights from the Parent Society: The ESD has been adopted in the US for all Federal Agencies. SRM is the facilitator. A pilot workshop was held in Lac Cruces, NM. Linda Coates-Markle and Aleta Rudeen were instrumental for making this happen.

The Parent Society has also been working on the Hope on the Range documentary. The previous 9 minute version is now 28 minutes and will hopefully be aired on PBS stations across various States.

There has been a staff restructure in Denver. Many positions have been outsourced. A question was asked in GLCI is able to coordinate registration with SRM and the answer is yes, Jess Peterson has been working on it.

There is a new membership dues structure. With the new structure, these changes should be good until 2015. Existing Life Member is the same; new life members will get both REM and Rangelands

electronically. A hard copy will be additional. Merrita raised the question many people got out the habit of joining after they quit receiving notices. What is the Executive going to do about it? 700 letters went out last year, got ½ back. We need to try to get those people back. Barry said we should be doing it at the section level. The President or Clayton has not been getting any membership reports. Members with issues concerning registration or the new membership structure were brought up and Jeff addressed them

2011 meeting—(Merrita) Nov. 30 for early registration. Hotel room fees have been refigured.

2012 meeting—(JD Wulfhorst) Spokane. Partnering with ID and PNW Sections to plan meeting. Planning has been going well so far. He will be here throughout the day to address questions.

Old Business—

Elections--we were able to get nomination for all 3 position vacancies.

Dan Lucas asked SRM to sponsor wolf interation group within Granite county. It was decided to wait until we have more information.

IMS has been asked to host 2016 annual meeting. We have allowed the Parent Society to investigate us.

New business—

INE committee to revisit the Redd Fund (funds given from the Redd family to SRM designed to pay for producer registration and get producers who aren't SRM members to annual meetings and get SRM display to travel to different areas from the Denver office). Asked to revamp, guidelines are available online. Formats have been approved by BOD. Section has to approve nomination. 25% Paid by section 75% paid by Redd Fund. A mechanism to get producers to annual meeting and includes annual membership. Brian has people in mind to nominate & wants to know if the Section is willing to contribute? Dec. 1 deadline. Nomination letter & letter of support from is needed from the Section. Thoughts were try to get 2 people to go (one from each side of the border). Merrita moved to have Executive select 2 people one from each side of the border if possible to utilize the Redd Fund. Bob 2nd. Approved.

Tracy will call Erin Frye to see if there are going to be displays at the Montana Stockgrowers meeting and if we can find & get the IMS display there.

Bob Lee thinks that SRM needs to connect to the people "on the ground". If we are going to provide info to ground people SRM has to do it.

No information yet on the summer meeting.

Bob adjourn meeting. Kailee Bickford 2nd. Approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.