

Society for Range Management—International Mountain Section Summer Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2011

The meeting called to order by Jack at 8:58 am in the Lima School.

Correspondence was read from Maddy (Redd Fund Recipient) and Julienne (Montana Range Days buckle recipient).

Brett Olson mentioned that we were supposed to receive a percentage from the International meeting in Billings for helping. We haven't as of date. Brett will contact Tammy DeCock regarding funds.

Tracy Mosley moved that we accept the fall meeting minutes Tanya 2nd; the motion passed.

Jack received letter from the Parent Society and two awards were decided. We need a Trail Boss, Excellence in Range Management, and Alicia Hargrave Memorial award nominees. Awards are due by September. Barry Irving asked that we be thinking about nominees from Alberta for this year.

Lauren (MSU Range Club President) gave an update for Range Club from MSU. December is the annual Christmas tree cut (helping out a rancher cutting encroaching conifers). The MSU Range Club will be attending the SRM convention in Spokane. The team will participate in Plant ID & URME. This coming years' team has potential. There is an open invitation to have someone from SRM come and talk about SRM at Range Club.

Jack would like to thank Jeff for his time on the Parent Society. Jeff has helped Jess Peterson, EVP, since he's been done with his role as President. There has been a big changeover in the membership database which has taken longer than expected. Jeff is concerned about the membership database. The question was brought up if Jack or someone getting has been getting updates of the membership roster? Answer: No. The onus is on individual members to pay and make sure their membership is current, too. Allen Press was hired by SRM to handle the membership. The contact for Allen Press and SRM membership is Kim. Clayton is membership chair now but hasn't been at a meeting recently. Someone should visit with him & see if he's still interested. Jody Best may be getting a membership roster. Jill will check with her. We should be looking into keeping up with people who are lost "through the cracks". Brian has been accessing the membership list through the SRM website. We should make an announcement in the next newsletter of how to contact SRM regarding membership and designate people to phone/email delinquent members to have them renew.

Fred & Pat Randle were slipped through the cracks with the newsletter. Jack or Jill will let Jody know they would prefer a paper newsletter.

Tracy M. brought up in the newsletter that Merrita was director when it's actually Jake. Jill admitted the mistake and will send corrected info to Jody to post in the newsletter.

Brian did a great job organizing the Summer Tour. We should have made roughly \$500. It would be good to have a few more people at the meeting as most people had left prior. Any thoughts/suggestions/comments on the tour/meeting let Brian know. We need to find a way to get the

U of A range team people to come down. We should work with Barry Irving to get more students from Alberta. One suggestion is to get a carpool & a student rate (scholarships or cut costs). We should also try to get students to come to the fall meetings.

Jack asked for suggestions for the Fall Meeting. Jill suggested Arnold Mattson's "Wealthy Rancher" presentation. Jack wants to try to get ranchers to come. Ideas for dates are November 4th or October 28th. Lou brought up trying to partner with an organization or group for the meeting.

Tracy M. moved to open nominations for 2012 Brian 2nd and the motion passed. Up for nominations is 2nd VP from Montana, Montana Director (Tanya T.) and Alberta Director (Tracy K.). Lou moved that nominations remain open until closed by the nominating committee in September, Jeff 2nd, it passed. Nominations should be sent to George H. This is also a good time to appoint people for YPC (officers are on website). Is George still interested in being on the nomination committee? Brian will talk to George about his interest. If George is still interested he can send an email to membership looking for interest. Tracy M. nominated Tanya T for 2nd VP, Merry 2nd, passed. Tanya nominated Roger Olson for MT director, Merry 2nd, passed.

Vern Thompson sent his greetings from the Bitterroot area of Montana.

Brett moved that we adjourn, Loren 2nd, passed.