



**Society for Range Management
Arizona Section
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2003
10:00am
Yavapai County Extension Office
Prescott, AZ**

The overall goals of this meeting are to discuss how to:

- ***Agenda for the summer meeting***
- ***Progress of web site and membership drive***

Welcome/Call to Order

Larry Howery (AZ Section President) called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m., after our tardy host arrived. Elected officers present included Larry Howery, Jeff Schalau, Dean Fish, Emilio Carrillo, Bruce Munda, Keith Curry, Norm Lowe Missy Debnar, Dan Bell, as well as ASU Student Chapter President Derek Stauffer and U of A Student Chapter President Joe Harris. All elected officers were present to form a quorum. Larry also called attention to the overall goals highlighted above.

Approval of March 7, 2003 Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the March 7, 2003 meeting were reviewed. Dean Fish moved to accept the minutes as written; Emilio Carrillo seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

Dan Bell (AZ Section Secretary-Treasurer) presented the status of the section checking, savings, and the NRCWAY checking accounts. Dan stated that the financial activity for the period following the March 7 Board meeting in Tucson mainly consisted of collecting second half dues from SRM and donations for the Clark S. Martin Scholarship fund.

Balances for the various accounts as of June 10, 2003 are as follows:

AZ Section Checking:	\$ 7138.18
AZ Section Savings:	\$ 7142.57
NRCWAY Checking:	\$12,199.17

Jeff Schalau moved to accept the financial report as presented; Emilio Carrillo seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Dan presented the group with the following 2003 Budget Track for the AZ Section.



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2003 Budget Track

	Proposed 2002	Actual 2002	Proposed 2003	Actual 2003
Inflow				
Winter Meeting Reg.	\$500.00	\$3,245.00	\$6,500.00	\$7020.00
Summer Meeting Reg.	\$5,000.00	\$5,830.00	\$2,000.00	
SRM Annual Dues	\$900.00	\$1014.00	\$1,500.00	\$1037.00
Auction	\$1,000.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,000.00	\$1339.00
Hats				
Total	\$7,400.00	\$11,314.00	\$11,000.00	\$9396.00
Outflow				
Awards	-\$600.00	-\$381.17	-\$600.00	-\$266.10
Scholarships	-\$650.00	-\$600.00	-\$650.00	-\$600.00
County Committees				
Corp. Comm. Fees	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00	-\$10.00
Student Chapters	-\$1,000.00	-\$1000.00	-\$1,000.00	
HSYF Student	-\$800.00		-\$800.00	
Section Newsletter	-\$1,000.00	-\$513.96	-\$1,000.00	-\$224.74
Postage, Misc. Supplies	-\$300.00	-\$177.76	-\$300.00	-\$120.48
Student Mixer				
NRCWAY Donation	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Weed Symposium	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Sponsor				
SVMA Donation	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Winter Meeting	-\$2,000.00	-\$3,628.44	-\$6,000.00	-\$6663.91
Summer Meeting	-\$3,000.00	-\$3,557.48	-\$1,000.00	
Total	-\$9,360.00	-\$9968.81	-\$11,460.00	-\$7885.23

Old Business – Jeff Schalau

a) Summer Meeting 2003

Jeff stated that the Arizona Section summer meeting is progressing for the V Bar V Experiment Station at Mahan Park near Clint's Well on August 14 and 15, 2003. The site is on patented land owned by the U of A. The site is on the edge of a large prairie bordered by Ponderosa pines near Clint's Well at about 7,000 ft elevation. It has a nice metal building where we could meet, a cabin that will be open for other meetings, and livestock handling facilities if needed. Tables and chairs are also available. We also have a large tent if it rains.

As for the agenda,

Thursday, August 14 th , 2003	
09:30am	Registration
10:00am	General Membership Meeting & BOD
12:00pm	Lunch (provided)
01:00pm	Welcome to the V Bar V followed by Destocking/Restocking in Response to Drought.
05:00pm	Happy Hour
06:30pm	Dinner (provided)

Dave Schafer (V BAR V Resident Director) has agreed to give us an overview of the ranch's history, management, and current research projects. Destocking and Restocking in response to drought is the topic that we will be discussing for the summer meeting. Bill Brandau (BLM), Mike Hannemann (USFS) Sandy Fabritz (ADWR) and Greg Vinson (White Mountain Apache) have

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been asked to present on this topic. Others we might want to include are Dave Hartman (Hopi Tribe) and Jim Sprinkle (U of A Coop. Ext.). Dale Bosworth, Chief of the Forest Service, has been invited. It was also suggested that we might want to extend an invitation to Harv Forsgren, Region 3 Forester.

Friday, August 15th, 2003

07:00am	Deluxe Continental Breakfast (provided)
08:00am	Tour the V Bar V.
12:00pm	Lunch (provided)

The tour of the V Bar V guided by Dave Schaffer and Mike Hannemann to look at range issues, facilities and the research that is being done.

Dean Fish, Chairman of the Santa Cruz County Brown Power Committee LLC, said the committee could prepare all the meals for this two day event at cost of about \$30.00 per person, provided that Bill Brandau, and possibly Bill Piper, supply the Dutch Oven Peach and Apple Cobbler. That being said the Board unanimously decided that the Registration costs for the meeting be set at \$40.00 per person, with a student/youth(18-12) rate of \$20.00, and children under 12 don't get to eat (just kidding they eat for free).

Jeff mentioned that people wanting to arrive Wednesday night could be accommodated. Jeff mentioned that the site had no running water. Jeff suggested that people might want to bring propane heaters and gas lanterns. Jeff also mentioned motel rooms are also available at the nearby Happy Jack Lodge.

Jeff stated the need to rent port-a-lets, and a generator (if we want to have slide or multimedia presentations). It was thought that the V Bar V might have a generator, as well as, grills to do the cooking. Jeff will be looking into that, as well as, a first aid kit, and a water trailer. Jeff reported that he has not had any luck locating a golf cart for Dean's Camp Patrol.

Jeff stated that he would get a hard copy of the registration notice to the Newsletter Committee, as well as, post it on the Website. It was also suggested to get outside info to producers through County Cattlemen's Associations and the Arizona Cattle Grower's Association.

b) Website Development

Jeff reported that the Website was up and running at <http://azrangelands.org/>. The site is hosted by The University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The site includes information such as:

- Meeting Calendar
- Archives of Minutes and Meeting Agendas
- Archives of Newsletters
- Governing Documents
 - By-Laws
 - Articles of Incorporation
 - Guidelines for Section Officers and Committee Chairs\
- Awards
- Contact Information of BOD and Committee Chairs

Links:

www.rangelands.org

JRM Archive

AgNIC (Rangelands West)



Derrick Stauffer suggested having links to the ASU Chapter and U of A Chapter Websites.

Jeff mentioned that officers and directors are hot linked, as well as, all committee chairs.

Larry Howery commended Jeff for his progress with the Section's website and mentioned that the Information Committee would be helping Jeff with further website development.

c) Membership Drive – Larry Howery

Larry pointed out that membership in the Society for Range Management is the responsibility of the sections. Larry reminded the group of the plan to increase membership within the section. Each member would be required to recruit at least one new member this year. As an incentive for recruitment the parent society will apply a \$5 credit to your membership dues for each new regular member you sponsor. For each unsuccessful recruitment attempt, Larry requested that we ask them for the top 2 reasons they do not wish to become a member, as well as what SRM could do to entice them to join in the future.

Larry reported that he sent letters to all USFS, BLM, and NRCS supervisors informing them of the benefits available through membership in SRM. Some of the benefits include Certified Rangeland Manager Program and the availability of continuing education units at many of the meetings. So far this has not netted any results. Larry stated that he will follow up with a phone call to the agency supervisors.

Keith Curry suggested using the Cattlemen's Association to pressure Washington DC to encourage agency folks into membership in the Society for Range Management.

Keith also mentioned that Mohave Livestock association would like to become commercial members of the Society for Range Management.

New Business

a) Clark Martin Endowment Fund – Larry Howery

Larry reported that the family of Clark and Loetta Martin would like to set up an endowed scholarship program for both undergraduate and graduate students studying in the field of range management. The board felt that this would be an excellent scholarship program. Larry was going to get back with the family to discuss how they envision the scholar program honoring the Martin's.

b) Winter Meeting – Jeff Schalau

Jeff reported that the winter meeting was going to be based on a call for papers from the membership on what is going on in their respective areas. Norm Lowe mentioned that there probably ought to be a theme to keep the meeting more or less focused. He suggested conservation focuses in your area. Dean Fish then exclaimed, "I have the perfect title for the meeting; **Conservation: from theory to practice.**" Larry then suggested that a winter meeting committee be established. The following individuals were then railroaded to comprise the committee; Steve Barker, Rob Grumbles, Dean Fish, Keith Curry, Jeff Schalau and Bruce Munda. Jeff then suggested a heads up notice be placed in the next newsletter to get people thinking about their presentations. Jeff also mentioned that a deadline for abstracts ought to be set. The board then agreed upon October 20th, 2003 for abstracts containing the title of the presentation, authors, contact information, and a brief summary (250 words or less) of the presentation. Dan suggested that poster presentations also be considered.



The focus then shifted as to where and when we would hold this next meeting. Several members of the board suggested holding it at Apache Gold in San Carlos. It was even suggested that we have a golf tournament benefiting various section scholarships. A suggested date for the meeting was January 15th and 16th, 2004. Dan and Dean said they would contact Apache Gold and see if they could work something out.

Board and Committee Reports

President - Larry Howery

Larry reminded the board of the upcoming BOD Meetings;

V Bar V August 14th, 2003

ASU East November 21st, 2003

Larry also mentioned that the 10th annual Noxious Weed Workshop was going to be held in Farmington July 15th, 16th & 17th, 2003.

President Elect – Jeff Schalau

No further Report.

Vice President - Dean Fish

Dean Fish reported that the Range Specialist position on the Nogales Ranger District had been filled. The Range Con position was still vacant, as well as, Wildlife Biologist position.

Director North – Keith Curry

Keith reported that the BLM was getting direction from Washington to focus on drought, looking at vegetation, and meeting with permittee's to develop management strategies.

Director North - Norm Lowe

Norm reported that he hosted (via EcoResults! and the Quivira Coalition) a free public workshop on Range Monitoring taught by Kirk Gadzia in Williams, AZ on June 6-7. Over 40 people were in attendance, the take home message was more ranchers need to do their own monitoring. Norm also mentioned a range article he authored regarding the value of rest.

Director South – Emilio Carrillo

Emilio reported that the Santa Cruz NRCD had recently held a Brush Management Workshop on the Bobacomari Ranch, where various treatment methods including; fire, mechanical and chemical were observed and discussed.

Emilio also mentioned that the Coordinated Resource Management Team was going to be meeting soon BLM was going to be the lead for this meeting.

Emilio was also very timely in announcing that NRCS in Arizona was funded 10.4 million dollars towards EQIP. Application deadlines were today, giving all of us attending this meeting in Prescott no chance of competing for this funding. Thanks Emilio.

Director South - Bruce Munda

Bruce reported that Maricopa Ag Center will be hosting an Invasive Plant School worth 15 CEU's. The program will focus on weed biology and ecology. The program will be held on August 27th and 28th, 2003 and the cost is \$90.00. Deadline for registration is August 15th, 2003.

Bruce also reported that he along with Mark Pater would be holding a Seed Quality Workshop in mid December. Topics of this workshop will include; site assessment, pure live seed, sources, availability, developing seed mixes, user expectations, emergence vs. persistence and agency reseeding success criteria. It will be geared towards users and commercial growers.



Newsletter – Sandy Fabritz

Larry Howery reported for Sandy and reminded us that the news letter deadline was June 20th, 2003. Larry stated that will still need a feature article. Larry mentioned that all of the officers are ex-officio members of the newsletter committee. Larry also asked that we review our e-mail addresses that the section has on file so the newsletter can be distributed electronically.

Research Affairs - George Ruyle

No report.

Awards - Emilio Carrillo

Emilio Carrillo reported that the committee prepared nominations for two people for parent society award recognition, one for the Chapline Stewardship Award and another for the Renner Award.

Rancher Affairs – Keith Curry

Keith reported that ranchers were unhappy with the BLM. The Mohave Livestock association was having monthly meetings with the BLM supervisors to try and resolve issues.

Historian - Phil Ogden

No report.

Student/Youth - Susan Pater

No report.

Scholarship - Mitch McClaran

No report.

U of A Chapter – Joe Harris

Joe Reported that the Tierra Seca Club had 4 new undergraduate members and he was looking forward to the upcoming school year.

ASU Chapter – Derek Stauffer

Derek Stauffer reported that the ERSA Club was currently 10 members strong. He stated that the club would be assisting AZ Game and Fish with deer counts and would be attending tours at Mac Farms and the Gilbert Water Ranch. Derek also mentioned that the club would be participating in the Drum Stick Dash, a program where proceeds provide scholarships for students. Derek also informed the board that the club was no longer affiliated with the Morrison School and is now under the Department of Applied Biological Sciences.

Membership - Mike Hannemann

No report.

Information – Mark Pater

No report.

Public Affairs - John Brock

Larry Howery reported that John submitted a letter to US Fish and Wildlife Service and Arizona Game and Fish stating the AZ Section's support for the revision of the Desert Tortoise Management Plan.

NRCWAY - Sandra Fabritz

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.