



**2013 Board of Directors Meeting  
October 8, 2013**

Minutes by Ashley Shepherd

**Arizona Section, SRM  
2012/2013 Officers**

**Members in Attendance in  
Yellow**

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**Doug Tolleson**  
Past President

**1. Welcome/Call to Order - Mike Hemovich 10am**

**2. New Business  
a. Fall Tour**

*Willie:* By the end of the week I hope to finish the agenda for that day. Doug, Mike, Ashley, will you be attending?

*Doug:* Yes

*Ashley:* Will there be camping?

*Willie:* UA talked about it I know of good camping on state trust land that I can recommend. You'll need a recreation use permit to camp out there.

*Doug:* If you will put the info out on that Lisa and I can put it on the email blast so they can know where it is and get the permit.

*Mike:* Where exactly is it?

*Willie:* NW of Oracle. It is bounded by HWY 79 on west and HWY 77 on the south. We are going to meet at 9am off of HWY 79 then drive east on 96 Ranch RD to look at two game and fish wildlife catchments. We will then go look at a solar well on the ranch. Katie Cline will take us to 2 different ecological sites and talk about her inventory work done on this ranch last year. She will also probably show up a map of the ESDs of the ranch that was inventoried by her and Dave Womak. Lunch will be on your own and we will have lunch out there. After lunch we will look at more of the area and talk about recreation uses of the ranch. So the main topics will be range management, wildlife management and recreation.

*Mike:* A good way to discuss and show how lands can be used for multiple use.

*Willie:* Yes, mostly State Trust land. I'm thinking we can be done by 4:00. There is a Mexican restaurant by Oracle Junction if we get done by 4 we can go there

for dinner to keep visiting.

*Mike:* Have to talked to UA and ASU students?

*Willie:* I called UA this morning they have 5-6 students that are going. I'll call Kelly at ASU this afternoon.

*Mike:* It sounds really good Willie. I like the idea of the one day tour meeting. When you start dealing with hotels and meals it gets pretty complicated. This way we can get a lot of information in for 1 day without dealing with logistics.

*Willie:* Exactly, I want this to be informal.

**b. Winter meeting**

*Mike:* Getting into the winter meeting, Jim Sprinkle was asking me about the dates because UA wants to put on a workshop. Traditionally it's the week before national meeting. In the past students have had a conflict with dates for going back to school, Doug do you have any thoughts?

*Doug:* The national meeting is February 8-13, so we might need to be 2 weeks ahead of that and wherever that fits in with when school starts. I'm not sure about what dates school starts but I look that up right now.

*Willie:* If we had it after the national meeting there are opportunities for the new BOD or others to report back to the section what happened in Orlando.

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*Mike:* It can be hard for the new Vice President to make arrangements to go to the national meeting because they get elected so quickly. Doug, do you see any problems with having the section meeting after the national meeting?

*Doug:* I don't.

*Mike:* When does the academic start

*Doug:* The UA starts January 15.

*Mike:* If we have our meeting after the February 13 the students would have been back at school for almost of a month would it be easier for them to come to the meeting?

*Doug:* ASU starts January 13.

*Mike:* Perhaps the way to go if we do it before national meeting we could do it just prior to the start of classes.

*Willie:* So then January 8-10?

*Mike:* Maybe the students would be back in Tucson but not in classes yet. So we could have it either a couple of days before school starts or hold off until after the national meeting.

*Willie:* I like the idea of week before class starts that's about a full month before the national meeting. Maybe the folks from the section that are going to national can game plan and talk about what's going on at national.

*Mike:* Possibly the Vice President elect, if they should want to go to national that gives them a month to make travel plans to the meeting. What are the days again?

*Willie:* January 8-10 or 9-11 if we want to spill onto a Saturday.

*Mike:* When we did the winter meeting Doug and I scheduled it Wednesday to Friday.

*Willie:* Let's plan for the 8-10 then. I have not done anything on location. I have through about 3 place: Apache Gold Casino in Globe, Prescott, or Cottonwood/Camp Verde where they had the drought workshop.

*Mike:* My thoughts are Globe because it is right off a major highway and you'd have no trouble with winter weather. The Globe facility is adequate I have been there before; however, when I was putting on a meeting their prices were a little higher. I liked the Prescott resort because they had a \$60 room rate but I held my breath about the weather. I liked Cottonwood as well. There was another place I thought of that is in Phoenix at the Wild Horse Pass Casino and Hotel where we had the Arizona Cattle Growers meeting.

*Willie:* I will look at Wild Horse Pass or Cottonwood and the Yavapai College since we went to Prescott for the last winter meeting.

*Doug:* Hotels may or may not be willing to give us reduced rates.

*Mike:* I liked being in Cottonwood. Diana and I went to old town Cottonwood so there are things to do in the down time. Doug has also agreed to host UA workshop on animal nutrition beforehand. That will be on Wednesday afternoon.

*Doug:* Yes, the afternoon before, I think it could be better if it was all day but we can do a "101" type deal pretty easy.

*Willie:* Other topics I would on like to continue is the excess horse session, but I don't know what has been going on with it. I would also like to have some talks on T&E species. Then lastly have a session about range consulting.

*Mike:* I think Claire proposed the idea about job applications and getting government jobs and so forth. What are thoughts behind the range consultant topic and would it include a talks about the job process.

*Willie:* No not really.

*Mike:* That particular topic that was the something I noticed at the national meeting, there was the job fair and all the information out there. For the wild horse and burro and with the Navajo Nation passing legislation to take care of the issue this has passed since the last meeting. Virginia will be leading a talk at national meeting, Doug do you know her?

*Doug:* She and I have a native range 101 but she may also be doing something relative to horses as well

*Willie:* I think it'd be good this year to have follow up to see what development has gone on, and maybe not so much on policy. Maybe a topic will be management for special species and that umbrella will cover T&E and horse and burros. I was planning on having someone talk about desert tortoise and the endangered cactus that we was mentioned this summer at the Babbitt ranches.

*Mike:* At the AZ Cattle Growers meeting the SRM Ranchers Committee with the help of Terry Wheeler put on a talk about the Willow Flycatcher. The T&E and animal nutrition is something ranchers would be interested in. We could start with animal nutrition on Wednesday then start Thursday morning with T&E issues. I think we would have a good turn out from rancher. Then we could end with the follow up with horse and burro.

*Willie:* Ok I will think about it. I have some people from Game and Fish I can contact to speak.

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*Mike:* Another assorted topic attached to winter meeting is the awards. Jamie Wages is back and I know she is usually proactive about awards. Since we don't have a board right now to discuss this I assume we would do the same thing as last year, eliminate gifts and just give out plaques.

*Willie:* Doug sent that to me, so I've got that information. Thank you

*Mike:* One more thing is the Thursday night dinner. Doug attained a really good speaker last year. We also have the auction, Claire is gone I can put out an email asking someone to step forward.

*Willie:* So we need someone to organize auction?

*Mike:* Claire would send out emails asking for items for auction.

*Willie:* Maybe ask one of the north or south directors and email one of them to volunteer to head that up.

*Mike:* That's a good idea. I like to ask them for help for the winter meeting. I used them last year to help with collaborative portion of last year's winter meeting. James Holden is also willing to help. When we have the full board we need to do a discussion on his role. I would like to see him work on sponsors. In the past Doug was able to get some sponsors for the meeting. Those sponsorships really help the meetings I could see that being one of James' functions.

*Doug:* Before we leave the auction idea I think we really need to revisit the fundraising. As our members become younger we may want to look at sponsorships or raffles in order to raise money for traveling expenses for UA/ASU. I used UA students to help process samples. That way we could pay them for doing some work and engage the students in fundraising to take pressure off raising money from auctions. It doesn't have to necessarily be a SRM function but have the students help with something.

*Mike:* Maybe one of the directors would put something on. I agree we need to look at fundraising. Again maybe James could work on this as well and get some other people on that committee with him.

*Willie:* Ernie Gipson informed me that our IRS tax ID number was revoked and Kelsey Hawkes told me UA chapter had the same problem. We need that for our 501C3 status. I was trying to get the AZ SRM registered as a vendor with the state of AZ.

*Mike:* I will try and get ahold of Ernie but he's not in Globe right now.

*Willie:* Yeah he has a big job of being treasurer.

*Mike:* I had bank on the agenda. I think the bank accounts are old and some people need to be added. Maybe we should establish a new account with the correct BOD names. And then delete them as they leave office.

Maybe at the winter meeting we should go to a chase bank and do that.

*Willie:* I need to leave the call. I will work on what we talked about.

*Mike:* Is the workshop Jim Sprinkle was talking about in January the same thing as animal nutrition you are doing Doug?

*Doug:* No it will be a little different.

*Mike:* Willie will you touch base with James?

*Willie:* Yes I will.

*Mike:* Ok Thanks everyone.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15