

Arizona Section
Society for Range Management



**Society for Range Management
Arizona Section
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2004
10:00am
ADWR, Phoenix, AZ**

1. Welcome/Call to Order – Jeff Schalau

Dean Fish called the meeting to order at 10:32 am. Present at this meeting was Dean Fish, Emilio Carrillo, Bill Edwards, Rachel Meade, Sandy Fabritz, Steve Barker, George Ruyle, Bruce Munda, Jeff Schalau and Derek Stauffer

2. Approval of November 21, 2003 Meeting Minutes – Jeff Schalau

Dean asked the group to look over the January minutes, Bruce then moved to accept the minutes as presented, Emilio seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the 2004 Budget – Dan Bell

Dan presented the group with the following financial report.

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2004 Budget Track**

| | Proposed 2003 | Actual 2003 | Proposed 2004 | Actual 2004 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Inflow | | | | |
| Winter Meeting Reg. | \$6,500.00 | \$7,110.00 | \$4,200.00 | \$4,505.00 |
| Summer Meeting Reg. | \$2,000.00 | \$1,780.00 | \$2,000.00 | |
| SRM Annual Dues | \$1,500.00 | \$385.00 | \$1,500.00 | |
| Hats | | | | |
| Total | \$11,000.00 | \$9,275.00 | \$7,700.00 | \$4,505.00 |
| Outflow | | | | |
| Awards | -\$600.00 | -\$266.10 | -\$600.00 | -\$341.18 |
| Scholarships | -\$650.00 | -\$600.00 | -\$650.00 | -\$600.00 |
| County Committees | | | | |
| Corp. Comm. Fees | -\$10.00 | -\$10.00 | -\$10.00 | |
| Student Chapters | -\$1,000.00 | -\$1,500.00 | -\$1,000.00 | |
| HSYF Student | -\$800.00 | | -\$800.00 | |
| Section Newsletter | -\$1,000.00 | -\$657.86 | -\$1,000.00 | |
| Postage, Misc. Supplies | -\$300.00 | -\$210.65 | -\$300.00 | -\$10.05 |
| Student Mixer | | | | |
| NRCWAY Donation | \$0.00 | | \$500.00 | |
| Symposium Sponsor | -\$100.00 | -\$250.00 | \$100.00 | |
| SVMA Donation | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Winter Meeting | -\$6,000.00 | -\$6663.91 | -\$2,500.00 | -\$2990.93 |
| Summer Meeting | -\$1,000.00 | -\$881.31 | -\$1,000.00 | |
| Total | -\$11,460.00 | -\$10,829.18 | -\$8,460.00 | -\$3942.16 |

Balances for the various accounts as of March 1, 2004 are as follows:

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|----------------------|-------------|
| AZ Section Checking: | \$ 7,048.56 |
| AZ Section Savings: | \$ 7,211.72 |
| NRCWAY Checking: | \$12,766.70 |

4. Old Business

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a) BLM Regulations

Jeff stated that he and Rob Grumbles attended the BLM grazing regulations meeting in Salt Lake City. Dan mentioned that the comment period for the proposed BLM grazing regulations would end on March 6th, 2004. Dan stated that Lamar may have a one page summary of the proposed changes. Sandy asked Dan if he would get a copy to her for the newsletter.

b) Forest Tour

Jeff informed the group that he had spoken with Representative Cheryl Chase (AZ Legislator), about the possibility of holding a tour for state senators and representatives on forest health. He also mentioned that he had spoken with Tom Degomez on the feasibility of this tour. Tom felt that it could be accomplished. There were concerns about this being an election year and participation might be limited. Jeff said he would get in touch with Walt Meyer and Macario Herrera from AACD to see if some sort of joint effort can be arranged to put on this tour.

c) Permit Buyout

Dan updated the group on Representative Grijalva's proposed grazing buyout bills, HR3324 and HR3337. Dan said he would stay on top of the issue and report back to SRM. Bill Edwards stated that he has been hearing that there is not enough interest in Congress to carry such bills.

d) Range Manager of the Year Selection Process

Emilio stated he was in the process of writing a letter to Kristen explaining the Committees decision for not reviewing an application submitted for last years Range Manager of the Year. Emilio also mentioned that he had drafted a press release announcing this Year's Award recipients and has sent it out for review.

Dan asked that Emilio get him the release so he could print it in the Arizona Cattle Grower's Newsletter.

5. New Business

a) Membership

Jeff suggested that the AZ Section continue with Larry Howery's presidential charge of each member recruiting a new member. The group suggested follow up letters to the district rangers and supervisors of all the agencies. Dean suggested that maybe Mike Hannemann could split up the new membership sign-ups and the directors could send a follow up welcome note after Mikes initial welcome letter. Emilio mentioned that could even be accomplished in the form of a phone call from the director of that region.

Dan mentioned that along with the names of the new members, some sort of gauge should be printed in the newsletter to see if we are achieving our goal of one new member for every member in the AZ Section.

Jeff stated that Mike needs upcoming events lists for inclusion in upcoming recruitment and welcome efforts.

b) Summer Meeting

Dean presented the group with his ideas for the summer meeting. A group discussion then began on the size and scope of the meeting. The group decided that the meeting should be a traditional summer meeting campout catering to section members. Dean stated that he and Dan Bell would be working with Dan Robinett on meeting content. Preliminary topics for discussion would include presentations from Border Patrol, natural resource agencies, ongoing jaguar studies and possible a field tour.

Bill Edwards told the group he would look into the necessary permitting for a field tour. They group decided on August 20-21, 2004 as the preferred meeting date.

c) Environmental Stewardship Award

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Bruce suggested that the Range Manager of the Year Award recipients be considered for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Environmental Stewardship Award. Dan said he would look into the process for submitting an application.

d) Chapter Correspondence

At this point Jeff read letters from the student chapters expressing their appreciation for the financial aid, provided by the section, to attend the SRM Meetings in Salt Lake City. The Chapters participated in symposia, employment outreach activities and some of the students participated in the Undergraduate Range Management Exam and the Plant ID Contest.

e) Past Presidents Gift and SRM Silent Auction Donation

Jeff showed the group the gift that the section will present to Larry Howery for his dedicated service as president of the section for the year 2003. It was an extremely well done bolo tie with engravings recognizing his service in the AZ Section SRM.

Jeff also mentioned that he donated a sand painting as Arizona's contribution towards the parent society silent auction in Salt Lake City.

6. Board and Committee Reports

President – Jeff Schalaus

No further report.

President Elect – Dean Fish

Dean reported that his activities have primarily focused on the 2004 summer meeting.

Vice President – Bruce Munda

No further report.

Director North – Keith Curry

Dean Fish reported for Keith. Dean reported that there was 7-9-11 range position open in Kingman. Dean also mentioned that the X-One Ranch was recognized by Mohave Livestock Association for their Range Manager of the Year Award presented to them by the AZ Section SRM.

Director North – Rachel Meade

Rachel reported that her activities included attending Navajo County Planning Meetings and being a cooperater in the Apache Forest Drought Task Force. She expressed permittee concerns about being left out of the loop on this planning effort.

Director South – Emilio Carrillo

Emilio announced a GS – 11 range con position opening in Higley, AZ.

Director South - Bill Edwards

No further Report

Past President – Larry Howery

Larry submitted the following report. As you know from the AC/BOD meeting in SLC, there was considerable concern expressed by several AC members regarding the process followed by the BOD to change the name of the newsletter from TBN to MRN. There were also some members who have told me that the new bylaw changes give the BOD the power to ignore input from the general membership and the AC -- some even went so far as to predict **before** the SLC meeting that SRM leadership would use the bylaw changes to ramrod name changes without membership or AC input. Mort's remarks in his email to Dave will not alleviate those concerns, to wit, "With

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the approval of the bylaws changes, it is not necessary to have a vote of the membership to make desired changes in our publications."

To me, this issue is beginning to have the same feel to it as what SRM went through in 1996, when the leadership supported "The Public Rangeland Management Act (PRMA)." We lost members because SRM leadership was accused of not communicating with the sections and AC about the process regarding PRMA (which actually became a moot point because it died before it went to Congress for vote). I realize that the issues of name change and PRMA are completely different animals, particularly because the name change issue does not require immediate action as did PRMA. My point in comparing the two is that it is important to keep folks in the loop regarding processes, especially when we all know how sensitive name change issues are -- to the newsletter, to the journals, or to SRM. I have no idea if the number of people who would oppose name changes would be merely a vocal AND small minority as Mort suggests, but there are 2 ways to find out: 1) let the BOD make the decision for the rest of us as the new bylaws apparently allow, or 2) keep the membership informed about the rationale and process being followed, as Carolyn suggests, and let the members decide after the Steering Committee has made its recommendations. In my opinion, if we choose option #1, we run the risk of losing the modest 8% gain in membership we experienced last year, and then some. Worse yet, I think the organizational momentum that has seemingly been created in SRM in recent years will be sapped if this potentially divisive issue is not handled in a thoughtful, careful way.

Just some ideas... As AC Chair, and in keeping with option #2, I will be sharing with the AC and the AZ section the process described in Mort's emails regarding potential name changes. I will forward any input I receive to the BOD.

The group then began discussing the feasibility of the AZ Section bringing a resolution to the advisory council requiring a 2/3 vote of the membership before they can change publication names or any other name associated with SRM. Sandy said she would work with Larry on verbiage for a resolution.

7. Committee Reports

Newsletter – Sandy Fabritz, Kim McReynolds, and Susan Pater

Sandy stated that the newsletter was nearly complete and all she needed was a calendar of events.

NRCWAY – Sandy Fabritz

Sandy reported that they have received no applications yet. She also reported that Kim was working with the Metzger's on a Steak Fry at their ranch during the camp.

Membership – Mike Hannemann

Jeff presented Mike's report. Jeff stated that membership numbers were at about 180 for the Section. He also reiterated that Mike would like to have some information on the summer meeting for his recruitment and welcome letters.

Research Affairs - George Ruyle

George discussed the Interagency Range Resource Task Force with the group. At the last Board of Directors meeting there was interest in getting that task force established again. George stated that this should be done through the GLCI and not the Section, but the Section could be a signatory. George mentioned the task force was comprised of non-agency groups, like ACGA, Farm Breare, SRM, AACD, NCBA and NACD. George stated that the GLCI in Arizona was being run through the Grazing Committee of AACD. He also stated that the grazing compliance standard should be the number one priority. Steve mentioned that he would like to represent SRM on the GLCI. Rachel moved to appoint Steve Barker as the AZ Section SRM representative on GLCI, Bruce seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

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Information – Mark Pater
No report.

Public Affairs - John Brock
No report.

Awards - Emilio Carrillo
The only other item Emilio had was that Byron Lambeth was a new committee member.

Rancher Affairs – Keith Curry
No further report.

Historian - Phil Ogden
No report.

Student/Youth - Susan Pater
No report.

Scholarship - Mitch McClaran
No report.

U of A Chapter - Joe Harris
No report.

ASU Chapter – Derek Stauffer
Derek reported that the club would be attending the 3 Rios Nature Festival, as well as, volunteering Enviro-Kids Fest, Soul Fest and the Feathered Friends Festival. He stated that ERSA would have the SRM Display set up at these events.

Dean motioned to adjourn, Bruce seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.