



2015 Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday April 9, 2015
8:30 am
(call in number: 888-844-9904, access code: 9081884)

AGENDA

**Arizona Section, SRM
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1. Welcome/Call to Order – Mary 8:33am

2. Review and approval of March 13, 2015 meeting minutes

Willie motion to approve

Mary seconds

Minutes approved

3. Financial Report

Section Checking 13,881.67

Section Savings 3,490.43

NRCWAY Account 26,580.22

Ashley: National SRM sent us checks for the winter meeting registration. I wrote Kim a check and transferred money to the NRCWAY account from our section checking account for costs associated with youth travel to the Sacramento meeting.

4. Unfinished Business:

- *IRS tax exempt status*

Mary: is there any update on the tax exempt status?

Willie: No there is not. On Feb 13th I received a letter from the IRS there are 2 directions this could go. It says if your application can be processed with the information we gave them we should receive a notice within 90 days that we have a tax exempt status. So hopefully we will hear something soon. I will notify everyone as soon as I hear something.

- *Winter meeting registration*

Mary: The registration that was or wasn't paid. I got a call from Matt. I suggested he contact Emily and they come up with an agreement among themselves as

opposed to me and how this will be handled. I believe Matt tried to contact Emily but they haven't talked yet. I will work with them to make sure they are all happy about the resolution.

Willie: Is there a timeframe?

Mary: No I didn't mention any timeframe. I would hope it gets resolved by the summer meeting.

5. New Business:

- *Arizona Cattle Growers' Association summer convention is scheduled for July 23-25 in Tucson and the SRM Rancher's Meeting is scheduled for Friday 7/24 from 9-10am. Terry Wheeler has proposed the topic Using of Cattle Grazing as the Tool to promote Carbon Sequestration on Rangelands and has volunteered to arrange the program.*

Mary: Terry Wheeler and I have been playing phone tag. He proposed a topic for the cattle growers to represent the SRM at the meeting. He thought he could put together a good program based on his contacts in Utah. If the board is ok with this I think it's good for the SRM to have some representation at the meeting. Any thoughts?

Willie: I don't hear much about carbon sequestration, maybe I am out of the loop with current range topics. Is that a good topic for us to take on?

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Mary: I'm open to suggestion; it is a broadly discussed topic. Are you concerned that the cattle growers wouldn't be interested?

Willie: Yes, it may not be much of a topic on their radar.

Mary: That could be, I don't have a feel for the cattle growers.

Willie: That is just my input.

Mary: Maybe we could get more input for the board, if it's not a good topic I don't have a plan B for the meeting so the other option would be not having representation at the meeting

Chris: Terry Wheeler already has this presentation prepared?

Mary: No, he just has contacts that could present this topic and would be willing to make this happen

Chris: Terry knows a lot about the ranching community so he must have some reason for wanting to have this topic.

Mary: That was my thought as well

James: I agree with Chris and Willie, I'm not sure what to think about the topic. I don't know if it's a big topic, but Chris has a good point Terry probably knows better than we do, but it did come out of nowhere for me

Chris: Maybe it will talk about carbon credits?

Willie: A more appropriate response might be to ask for an abstract or a few speakers that would be there or a paragraph on the theme.

Mary: Ok, the only time constraints we have is that the cattle growers would like to have info about the meeting by May 15. I will contact Terry and get more information to pass on to the board.

- *Chairs are needed for the Rancher Affairs and Native Range committees*

Mary: Rancher affairs chair is still open and I will follow up.

Willie: Did we nominate and confirm Erin Boyd as Native Range Committee Chair?

Mary: Yes

Ashley: Yes

Willie: She sent me an email asking about it recently.

Mary: I sent out an email to all the committee chairs.

Willie: She sent me an email on Monday would you like me to respond and copy you all

Mary: Yes

Willie: I think we needed to work on guidelines for the Native Range Committee Chair. Is that something we could add onto new business for our next meeting? We could have her on the call for our next meeting. As a board we can discuss what we want that chair to do.

Mary: Ok, were there guidelines for that committee before?

Willie: Let me also contact the former committee member, Alvin, and see if he had anything.

- *Spring ranch tour (Directors North)*

Joelle and Chris are absent

Willie: I got an email from Joelle on March 30th. She said her and Chris were working on getting something together for Friday May 8th at Cane Springs Ranch. She asked if I wanted to help with the program.

Mary: That is coming up really soon so it would be good to send out a notice of that to the list serve. **Willie if you are already in communication with Joelle can you follow up and ask her if this meeting is still planned.**

Willie: I'll reply and CC everyone.

- *Summer AZSRM meeting*

Mary: Any updates on the summer meeting?

Chris: August 5-7 was the dates everyone voted on. We thought about Mingus Mt. but there is a long drive time to the cabins. There is a camp area at Eagle Ridge/Lynx Lake that can accommodate up to 100 people. It's \$175 a night. I haven't booked it yet. It has camp sites for tents, a ramada, bathroom, and electricity. It is close enough to Prescott for those who want to get a hotel, whereas Mingus Mt. would be a long travel time a hotel. There isn't really any other place on the forest that has a bathroom, electricity and isn't remote.

Mary: That sounds good. Having to bring in port-a-potties is an added cost so it is nice that there are bathroom facilities. I make the motion to reserve Lynx Lake for 3 days

James: I second

Mary: Lynx Lake it is. Chris you can take it from there.

Chris: I will go ahead and reserve it. I was going to use my card and get reimbursed.

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Willie: There should be a debit card

Ashley: Ok I will look for the debit card and talk with Chris.

Chris: The next thing I need to work on is the topic; archeology, heritage, grazing systems was previously mentioned as topics people would want to hear about. I did hear no more juniper cutting treatment.

Mary: I do think the grazing topic will have a lot of interest. Chris, you can carry on and let us know what you need from us.

Chris: Ok I will get the campground reserved and start on the program.

- *Clark Martin Scholarship*

Mary: I received an email from Mitch, he asked we write the check and send it to Anna Collins before the next meeting. Ashley did you do that?

Ashley: No, I was waiting to get it approved.

Mary: Ok, I make motion we write the check

Ashley I second

Mary: Thanks.

Ashley: I will get the check out today.

- *Website*

Mary: The info on the national section is outdated. I can contact them and ask them. Who does our local website?

Ashley: It is Jeff Schalaus. **I will contact Jeff with contact information for the new BOD members.**

6. Committee Reports:

Awards - none

Newsletter - none

Membership - none

Historian/Archives & Activities - none

Young Professionals - none

Scholarship - none

Rancher Affairs - none

Native Range - none

Public Relations, Recreation & Outreach - none

Youth/NRCWAY

Willie: The flyer and application is up for our 2015 workshop. The deadline is May1st. I will send out an email through NRCD to spread the word.

7. Schedule next meeting (save the 2nd Thursday of each month at 9:00 am), next call will be: June 11 at 9:00 am

Mary: I suggest we have the meeting June 26th at Mingus Mt. That will be the only formal meeting before the summer meeting but if we need to work out details on the phone we can have another conference call or we can discuss through email.

Chris: Email is fine. I hope to have things organized by the meeting.

Mary: I call the meeting closed. **We can plan on communicating through email and will see each other on June 26th.**

Meeting adjourned 9:23am