

Arizona Section
Society for Range Management



**Society for Range Management
Arizona Section
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 24, 2004
10:00am - Noon
Yavapai County Cooperative Extension Office
840 Rodeo Dr. #C
Prescott, AZ**

Welcome/Call to Order – Jeff Schalau

Jeff Called the Meeting to order at 9:55 am. Present were Dean Fish, Emilio Carrillo, Keith Curry, Jeff Schalau, Bruce Munda (by phone) and Dan Bell. There was indeed a quorum.

1. Approval of March 1, 2004 Minutes

Dean Fish moved to accept the March 1, 2004 minutes as presented, Emilio Carrillo Seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

2. Financial Report – Dan Bell

Dan Bell presented the group with the following financial report:

**Arizona Section, SRM
2004 Proposed 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	\$810.00	\$1,500.00	
Hats				
Total	\$10,000.00	\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00	\$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	-0
Student Chapters	-\$1,000.00	-\$1500.00	-\$1,000.00	
HSYF Student	-\$800.00		-\$800.00	
Section Newsletter	-\$1,000.00	-\$657.86	-\$1,000.00	-\$387.20
Postage, Misc. Supplies	-\$300.00	-\$210.65	-\$300.00	-\$10.05
Student Mixer				
NRCWAY Donation	\$0.00	\$1,339.00	\$1,000.00	
Symposium Sponsorship	\$100.00	-\$250.00	\$100.00	
SVMA Donation	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Winter Meeting	-\$6,000.00	-\$6663.91	-\$4,000.00	-\$2990.93
Summer Meeting	-\$1,000.00	-\$956.31	-\$1,200.00	
Total	-\$11,460.00	-\$11,114.83	-\$10,660.00	-\$4,329.36

Balances for the various accounts as of January 12, 2004 are as follows:

AZ Section Checking: \$ 7586.21
AZ Section Savings: \$ 7216.53
NRCWAY Checking: \$ 14170.83

Emilio Carrillo moved to accept the Financial Report, Keith Curry seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

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3. Old Business

a) Grazing Permit Buyout Legislation

Bill Edwards gave the following report via email. HR 3337 (the bill for Arizona only) and HR 3324 (most western states) have been sitting in a couple sub-committees since October and November, awaiting clarification and executive comments from various agencies (read: dying a slow death). The agencies affected aren't showing much interest in the bill, and it is unlikely to get enough interest in congress to ever be called for a vote.

b) Forest Health Tour

Jeff mentioned to the Board that he was committed to organizing this tour geared toward Arizona Congressmen and Legislators. Jeff also mentioned that this was an election year and he said at this point and time he is having a hard time getting people interested. The group felt that Forest Health was an important topic and that Jeff should continue planning for this tour after the election, possibly scheduling something in the spring of 2005.

Jeff stated that the U of A would like to be a sponsor and possible NAU as well. Jeff thought it would be a great educational opportunity for SRM, U of A and NAU. Jeff organically expressed his belief that the Tour could be accomplished with a series of three stops and two discussion topics at each stop.

Discussion topics included: Drought, Bark Beetle, Fire, Range issues, Restoration, ETC...

The group agreed with Jeff and gave him direction to press on.

c) JRM Name Change Issue

Jeff stated that responses to an e-mail poll to the Arizona Section membership were not overwhelmingly in favor of any one of the three options.

1. Change JRM to Rangeland Ecology and Management
2. Keep JRM
3. Table the Issue and have a membership vote.

The group felt that insufficient time was given to fully address this issue. The group felt that the only fair way for this decision to be made was to table the recommendation and take the issue to the full SRM membership for a vote. Dean moved to table the recommendation and take the issue to the full SRM membership for a vote, Keith seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

4. New Business

a) Summer Meeting-Dean Fish

Dean presented the group with the following outline for the 2004 SRM Arizona Section Summer Meeting:

Topic: Border Issues

Title: Borderlands: Implications to Range Management

Dates: August 19 -20, 2004

Location: Bear Valley Allotment, West of Nogales Arizona on the Coronado National Forest

Proposed Agenda:

Day 1:

Early arrival set up camp

Day 2:

Educational Program from 10:00 to 3:30 including selected topics below:

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Safety and security for rangeland workers (agency personnel, ranch employees, and natural resources law enforcement like AzG&F, FS, BLM, FWS)

Military training and testing (interference due to immigration and smuggling to activities as on Barry Goldwater Range or Ft. Huachuca)

Vectors for disease (human and animal)

Vectors for plant introductions (invasive, noxious, toxic)

Recreation (interference with wilderness recreation and hunting)

Wildlife interactions (harassment of animals by immigration and border patrol ORV use, wildlife migrations across the international border)

T&E species issues (ORV and trailing damage caused by immigration and border patrol-Pima Pineapple cactus, and harassment-Sonoran pronghorn)

Range management (fences, gates, water developments, and new roads developing from border patrol ORV use)

Other environmental issues (erosion from trailing and ORVs, garbage, pollution, damage to cultural resources from ORV activities)

Homeland security (criminal entry, terrorist activity)

Economic (costs to local governments, business, hospitals, law enforcement and tribes)

Human costs (life, death, immigration and smuggling)

4:00-5:30 Annual Summer Membership meeting

5:30-6:30 Social hour and dinner set up

6:30-8:00 Dinner

8:00-? First Annual Chubby Bunny Contest and other popular camp games

Day 3:

8:00 – 12:00 Field Tour of Border Issues

12:00-1:00 Lunch and Depart

The site will have ample camping spots and water will be provided. Alternate accommodations will be arranged at the Rio Rico Resort, approximately a 40 minute drive away.

Costs:

Port-a-pot rentals (2@ three days) approximately \$300

Meals: Include lunch and dinner on day 2, Breakfast and lunch on day 3 approximately \$45 per person (lunch @\$7, dinner @ \$12, breakfast @\$6, snacks and drinks @\$13).

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The group complemented Dean on his planning efforts. Dean mentioned that the information provided above would be used as an outline for agenda preparation and that there might not be enough time to touch on all the items mentioned above.

Emilio moved to set the Registration price for the meeting at \$50 per adult attendee and \$25 for student or youth, Keith seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Jeff reminded Dean of the June 15th deadline for the newsletter in order to have a meeting registration flyer ready to go.

b) GLCA

Jeff presented the group with the proposed bylaws for the formation of the Arizona Grazing Lands Conservation Association. The purpose of the association is to address the needs of grazing lands in Arizona by:

- A) Promoting voluntary approaches for the management of grazing lands;
- B) Promoting respect of private property rights;
- C) Strengthening partnerships between grazing land managers and others who support the purposes of the association;
- D) Increasing economic, environmental, and social stability on grazing lands;
- E) Increasing the information base from which to make sound policy and management decisions on grazing lands;
- F) Closing the gap between availability of knowledge and application of said knowledge on grazing lands;
- G) Enhancing the rancher's ability to achieve greater profitability on an ecologically sound and sustainable basis; and
- H) Educating the public through the dissemination of scientific knowledge on the conservation and management of grazing lands in Arizona.

Jeff went on to explain that the AZ Section was being asked to sign on to these bylaws and would be participating in this association along with Arizona Farm Bureau, Arizona Cattle Grower's Association, Arizona Association of Conservation Districts, Arizona Wool Grower's Association and the Arizona Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society.

Keith moved that Jeff Schalau as president of the Arizona Section sign on to the document creating the Arizona Grazing Lands Conservation Association, Dean seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Board Reports

a) President – Jeff Schalau

Jeff reported that he is currently working on getting Awards and Advisory Council information posted on the website.

b) President Elect – Dean Fish

No further report.

c) Vice President – Bruce Munda

No further report.

d) Directors North –
Keith Curry

Keith reported that the BLM is reorganizing going from a 2 tier structure to 3 tier structure:

- 1 state office
- 3 or 4 district offices
- And an unknown amount of field offices

Rachel Meade

No report.

e) Directors South –
Emilio Carrillo

Emilio reported that Missy Debnar would be speaking to NRCS interns about opportunities through NRCS on June 16th. Emilio also reported on a pilot project to use EQIP funds on federal land within the Tonto National Forest.

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Bill Edwards

Bill reported via email that he is available to help with the summer meeting any way possibly.

f) Past President – Larry Howery

No report.

7. Committee Reports

a) Newsletter – Sandy Fabritz, Kim McReynolds, and Susan Pater

Jeff reported that Sandy had informed him of the June 15th deadline for newsletter articles.

b) NRCWAY – Sandy Fabritz

Jeff also reported that Sandy informed him that NRCWAY is a go at Mormon Lake, August 2-6, with 26 students signed up at this time.

c) Membership – Mike Hannemann

No report.

d) Scholarship – Mitch McClaran

No report.

e) Awards – Emilio Carrillo

Emilio started that he had addressed concerns with the last Range Manager of the Year Award selection process. Emilio also informed the group of the June 15th deadline for award nominations.

f) Historian – Phil Ogden

No report.

g) Public Affairs – John Brock

No report.

h) Research Affairs – George Ruyle

No report.

i) Rancher Affairs – Keith Curry

Keith reported that monthly meetings between Mojave Livestock Association and the BLM have been postponed until the BLM can hire a permanent manager.

j) Student/Youth – Susan Pater

Dan reported that Susan was working with Sandy and Kim on NRCWAY and hoped that there would be a candidate selected for the Student Youth Forum at the 2005 SRM Annual Meeting in Reno.

k) Information – Mark Pater

Dan reported that Mark had nothing to report.

l) U of A Chapter – Joe Harris

Emilio reported that James Heitholt was the newly elected Chapter President.

m) ASU Chapter – Derek Stauffer

Jeff reported that the new officers of the ASU Chapter were,

Nick Rome	- President
Laura Marshall	- Vice-President
Meridith Bachaus	- Secretary