



**2012 Board of Directors Meeting
March 7, 2012
Conference call**

Minutes taken by Erin Mathews

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**Member in attendance
highlighted in yellow**

1. Welcome/Call to Order – Doug Tolleson 11:15am.

We have a quorum – 6 out of 10 people

Introductions –

Doug: We have new folks, but they aren't here, so no need to go into that.

2. Approval of the January 20, 2012 BOD Meeting Minutes

- Doug: I want to try to keep us on time still. Has everyone had a chance to look at the previous minutes?
- All: Yes.
- Doug: Are there any comments, additions? With these phone meetings, we will need to say our names when we make motions.
- Don: I move to accept the minutes.
- Jamie: I second the motion to accept the minutes.
- Doug: Is there any other discussion? All in favor?
- All: Yes
- Doug: Minutes pass unanimously.

3. Financial Report – Ernie Gipson

- Doug: Ernie is still working on the particulars from financial report after the NRCWAY meeting we had. So we will hold off on the financial report. We can email those around and take any action that we need to.

4. Unfinished Business

a. NRCWAY meeting report

▪ Doug: Did everyone have a chance to review the notes that I sent out? I know it went out this morning, but did everyone have a chance to look at them?

- Don: Mike and Don have.
- Jamie: I have.
- Doug: Are there any burning question? These are not official minutes, just notes that were taken of the main points discussed. We probably should amend them to the minutes of this meeting.
- Don: The purpose of the NRCWAY meeting was to build trust, and you guys did a good job of that. I motion to amend these notes to this meeting.
- Doug: Do we have another motion to amend them?
- Willie: I second the motion to add them to the meeting notes from this meeting; it is important information.
- Erin: I just had a quick question. I saw on the notes that it was discussed that AZ extension take over the responsibility of NRCWAY. The notes state that it was agreed upon that, that would not be the best course of action?
- Doug: We discussed how extension would deal with the logistics to provide the camp, considering transferring financials matters back and forth, considering turnovers and how we handle turnovers in SRM etc. After considering all of these things, we felt that the recommendation (as shown at the end of the notes) was this is the way to go. We also considered the legal ramifications of the trust. We went back and forth on the pros and cons, and the general consensus was that it wasn't the best thing to do (to transfer the responsibility to extension.

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- Willie: As someone that was at the meeting, I will say that there was no one who stepped out and said that it should go to the UofA to take over; no one had that opinion. I said that it is a good thing that this organization does, that it would be in good hands with extension, but it was my opinion that we should hold on to it and make it better in the future.
- Don: It is our hope that the students that attend NRCWAY will eventually become SRM members.
- Doug: This is a goal, and we can make it a priority. We can discuss these items once we agree to amend the notes to these minutes. Are there any comments on the notes? Are all in favor of amending them?
- All in favor
- Doug: The board should be concerned with the items on the last page. From the people that were there we highlighted these items which we saw to be the most logical steps, or rather re-step where we went off course in the relationship with NRCWAY; we need to go back to ground zero. Mike and Willie, do you have any comments? This is what we left the meeting with, the recommendations that we put forth.
- Mike: I agree with what Don and Willie mentioned. I was surprised that the UofA extension wouldn't want to take over the camp them since they own it, but that was not the feeling of Susan and Kim – they are happy with the SRM having that control. I also asked the question at Spokane on how the other states run their youth camps and found that most of them are run by SRM, so it is the way to go.
- Doug: The only state that doesn't do this is New Mexico – the FFA does a range oriented camp, and that is where theirs comes from.
- Erin: 2nd question I had, was if we are sending anyone to national?
- Doug: The last page does say that we are sending someone to the HSYF, that it is something we support. The HSYF is the national meeting

Rachel from ASU signed on. She stated that Alvin is not able to sign on with the numbers provided.

- Doug: If we are okay with this, with second bullet on the summary page, we will we say that we are sending 1 student to national HSYF.
- Willie: that would be good. One thing Kim said is that at the end of the camp they have trouble picking one student to send to the meeting and they have been choosing two. Kim says that works good because then there is two of them going together which is comfort when they are traveling to a different state. Sending 2 is a choice of Kim and others at the camp when they can't choose just one. When the students are in a dynamic of being in a new environment, they can relate and get support from the other student that they met over the summer. SRM will cover one student and if a second is chosen. NRCWAY will use the trust fund to send the second student
- Doug: Anymore questions, or items in the list that there are questions about? If we don't think there is anything incompatible there, we just need a motion to vote that we are going to follow the recommendations from that meeting and go forward with that.
- Mike: I make a motion to attach these minutes to the BOD.
- Doug: we have done that, but we need a motion to take the action proposed by the notes.
- Mike: I move to accept the action.
- Don: I second the motion.
- Doug: any further discussion? All in favor?
- All in favor
- Doug: Ernie is going back and finding spots in books on how we didn't do the 500 donation, and looking to see if auction was split 50/50 etc. [He will bring report at the next meeting.](#)
- Don: I look forward to the long lasting relationship with NRCWAY.
- Doug: it has always been there. There is a nice summary in Rangelands. Look at this discussion and previous minutes, this discussion has been before – there is a flux of students, but overall the relationship has been good, and there has been a good benefit. Getting NRCWAY students more involved in summer meetings, and college undergrads in the winter meetings seemed to work well from the discussions that we have had.

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Let Rachel introduce herself:

- Rachel: I am the student representative for ASU. I am new at this and have been thrown into this couple of months ago so I will take any advice or recommendations. I am trying to get more students, possibly even students from the community college, to get them involved in SRM and our club. A lot of the students don't know that they have the opportunity to compete in a contest to identify plants, so I want to let them know there are more opportunities available to them.
- Doug: I want to introduce Mike our vice president who will be organizing the summer meeting. The universities clubs will help out with the food at the meeting, so you guys will have to get acquainted.
- Mike: We will be in touch with Kelsey from UofA who has experience. We will support you all the ways that we can. Aug 8-10 will be the dates of the summer meeting to be held in Pleasant Valley, Young, AZ (east of Payson). You and I will be talking quite a bit – I will get in touch with you.

- Doug: We need to appoint two new trustees for the NRCWAY board. Two people who have accepted that nomination are Mary Nichols and John Kava. Do we have a motion to accept them?
- Jamie: I make a motion.
- Mike: I second that motion.
- Willie: what is that time commitment for that position? Mary Nichols asked me that question.
- Doug: looking at guidelines...it is probably a 4 year term, a new person rolls off each year. We have a motion and a second to nominate them. All in favor?
- All in favor.

b. Visit with agency heads, etc... re: membership and Participation

- Doug: One of the things that we said we would accomplish is that we would divide up among of us, us in the presidential chain, and have meetings with the state and federal agencies, and some of the NGOs, cattleman groups. This is the next big thing that we should tackle. We have seen a fluctuation in budgets and interest from the different agencies, so I propose that we talk to the State Land Dept, NRCS, Forest Service, BLM, BIA and the Cattleman groups. Are there any other groups? Are there other groups that need to support people to be members? Other groups that we could have the opportunity to listen to, to see what they get or don't get for having their people as members?
- Jamie: Possibly the tribes? People that work from tribe don't talk to BIA.
- Doug: We need to have Alvin involved in that conversation.
- Erin: I agree that the people in the tribes aren't going to hear from BIA about us.
- Doug: We were talking to BIA because they aren't supporting their members. We can start at the BIA level, and then reach out to individual tribes.
- Willie: Working for the State Land, I don't think that it is necessary to talk to them. There are only 5 range managers, and our supervisor supports us financially to go. The support is there, but my colleagues just don't attend the meetings.
- Doug: We could reach out to them individually.
- Mike: What about the university? College level, department? The dean came to the winter meeting – do we want to touch base with them?
- Doug: I would be in favor of that. I had an ulterior motive having the winter meeting there to get the university involved – I was pleased with it how it went. Not apposed of SRM reaching out.
- Willie: Concern that NRCS, e.g Katie Cline and Alisha couldn't make the meeting because there was no financial support from their agency – a concern there.
- Doug: Erin thoughts?
- Erin: You can talk to our State Con, Keisha, but I don't believe Keisha will be financially supportive. She considers it something that we choose to do opposed to it being a training type activity. And as far as training goes, our budget got slashed for that, so there isn't any money there.
- Mike: Doug you mentioned something else. During the NRCWAY meeting we talked a lot about the NRCDs – is there a person in charge of all of them?
- Doug: Willie, is that Doug?
- Willie: I guess I can mention it here. Doug Whit was the coordinator with the land department and he passed away a week ago. So we will have a gap there with State land and the NRCDs. Doug did a lot of the administration of the districts – their funding and elections. There is a president of the AZ

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NRDS – Stephanie Smallhouse. She would be the main contact person for the districts. We have identified all the different players/big agencies – I wonder if we should focus on the Forest Service, BLM, NRCS and BIA – hone in our approach on those agencies.

- Doug: Let's start there and see what improvements we can make there and then see what secondary lists we can make.
- Mike: Yes that sounds good.
- Doug: NRCS, Forest Service, BIA, BLM is where we will be focused, not necessarily because of their importance, but then next in line will be a focus on the cattleman groups, NRCDs and the Universities.
- Jamie: sounds like a good idea.
- Doug: Between the four of us we can float some emails around and see if we can get the contact information – get some meetings set up. It would be good to have 2 of us to talk to BIA (coordinate through Alvin). Let's take the approach that we will put a schedule together, starting with the 4 of us and then pull in people from committees, etc, if they should be involved.
- Willie: 4 of us – are you talking about the President, Mike, Willie and Don?
- Doug: Yes, but since we have people involved in the agencies, we might or might not want them involved as well e.g. directors.
- Willie- do you want to assign those?
- Doug: I will propose a schedule and we can emails back and forth. We will set a goal that by May we have at least contacted and set up the meetings if we haven't yet had them. If we don't set a goal we will still be talking about it this summer. So set a goal for the 1st of May to meet with these top agencies. No action necessary – just recorded.
- Willie: The four of us can come to an agreement of our talking points and message of what we will deliver when we talk with the heads of the agencies - To make sure we cover everything when we are there.

Doug: We need to revisit the SAFE letter – we can table that till the next meeting

Doug: I said that I would sit down with someone from Chase Bank to work out the kinks on how we get names on and off the accounts – I haven't had a chance to do this – items of unfinished business to take up at the next meeting.

5. New Business

a. Summer Meeting

- Doug: Mike where are we at?
- Mike: We were not able to have a summer planning committee meeting, but I didn't think it was necessary. I will be working with Frank and Dan Robinette to work on this; will get a hold of them on an individual basis. I thank Jamie and Clare for input and the suggestions on topics and such. Need to lock in the dates. We will stick with the proposed dates of Aug 8 (Wed), and Thurs, 9th and Friday the 10th. Even though I am a rancher, I am very interested in the science – so I am considering a title of Merging Science and Management with Rangelands under the Rim, or Pleasant Valley Rangelands. We have some experiences and demonstrations on our allotment, where we are bringing science to the range, so I thought this would be good. I have been reading some information from Jim Sprinkle. Here in PV we cover all the possible uses of rangelands e.g. in the district we have active timber and fire issues, grazing issues/range program and recreation. We look at all the aspects of land management here. To run down, Wed afternoon, we will have the typical membership meeting – late afternoon till dinner. At the NRCWAY meeting, Kim said that they would like to do the Friday dinner as a fundraiser. After dinner we have some unique facets in PV, one of them being an archeological look at what is going on in the valley – a history of the area. We have some extensive archeology work at the Q ranch, so I want to bring the archeologist in to talk about the area. We can also talk about the Pleasant Valley wars – possibly two very interesting talks - historical talks to get everyone located on the land. I recall in Spokane in the talk was on archeology lines. On Thursday morning we can start off with a Key Area that we have on our allotment. We can have Dan Robinette do a talk and work – perhaps spilt up in groups to get hands on work while we are there – have him take a look at the KA from an ESD and soils perspective, and then Jim to look at the ground level data – look at the 4 years of data that has been collected. Jim can tell us what has been happening over time. Zack Holder

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possibly to come out and look at that area from an aerial perspective – looks at satellite imagery (at Spokane there was a lot of work being done like that to apply that technology on the ground). I would follow that with Jeff Stone with his erosion studies where he has come out to that area and done rainfall simulation work. He can witness his experiment – educational. Then have Jeff Sanholdt to look at erosion control and prevention. He is giving a presentation in Eastern AZ, so possibly have him look at the same area. Want to have the summer meeting out in the field but the terrain is kind of rough and I don't want to spend tons of time driving. With this location we can do all of these things here and even have lunch nearby. So it would be a lot of science brought to the range. I haven't really broken down the timing, but if we have additional time we can cover the additional disciplines, -Jeff Leonard could talk about timber and what we hope to do in the future. There hasn't been much that has occurred right here, but you can see where it has occurred on our land. At the same time while we are talking wood and trees we could have our two fire people Jeremy and John to come talk. Plenty for first day for Thursday.

Come back into Young – there is a camping area at the ranger station. There is plenty of space for camping. The indoor sessions (the other items I described are out in the field) - we need to consider rain - we have a community center in Young. I will have that reserved, so that is where we can do breakfast and dinners. The camping area at the ranger station would be a nice walk to the community center, or a small drive. The community center has hook ups for trailers. One issue that might be there – there is some hotels, and some individual cabins, but they will be in great demand. I am talking to people in Young that have those available – I will send that information out in email. Thursday we will come back to the community center area. There is a good possibility that Bopper could come over, but there are some people in Young would like to put on some steaks, possibly could have Antlers to provide some fixings – so, I am not sure how we will go about that yet. Have to decide on the music entertainment? Do we need a bonfire? That would be at the campground, or would we have it at the community center. The Happy Jacks now known as the Youngsters will decide on what location they would like for the entertainment.

- Doug: either place

Mike: the community center has a full kitchen – so the students can do breakfast right there. That will help the students out as far as facilities go. The Thursday lunch will be in the field, but dinner and breakfast will be held at the community center. There are restrooms and showers, and the facilities can handle all of us easily. There is a PA system, so we won't have to rent big tents. In case there are fires, the community center can host the fire crews. It would be tight for us to fit at the fire center, but that facility also has restrooms and could hold us.

On Friday morning we will go out to Haigler Creek. That creek is 20-30 minute drive. AZ Game and Fish have proposed to do some restoration to enhance trout fishing. The creek is stocked already, but it is pretty interesting to hear what they are going to do the creek. Jamie and Clare mentioned that we haven't had much AZ Game and Fish involvement, so it is my hope that Julia Camp(our wildlife biologist) can talk about our issues such as with the Mexican Spotted Owl and the Chirichahua Leopard Frog while we are at the creek. There is also a new camping area there, so we can talk about that with our recreation specialist – why that campground was set up, and he can go into details on what kind of use it gets. Dave Daniels, game manager, can talk about the Elk surveys, how the elk impact grazing and enlighten us on the Payson Natural Resource Committee. It is where Game and Fish come together with agency folk and ranchers to talk about issues in our area – so interesting to talk about that.

That is what I have pretty much locked in. There are a few things that I want help on – I want the Native Range committee to come in. Not sure how this will fit in, but I want them to participate in some manner. Possibly have the range con from San Carlos Apache Tribe and give a short presentation on their issues. They are only 11-12 miles from PV to the reservation line (maybe 5). They are close in proximity but there isn't a lot of contact with them, so could be a good discussion. I also thought about something else that would be interesting – recently we had the NRCS engineers come out to our place

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prior to construction of our trick tanks – it was very beneficial to have them out first rather than constructing first and then trying to get NRCS to approve. The ranchers here are very interested in the NRCS programs, so perhaps I can fit in something in about NRCS, or have engineers talk about the trick tanks. When they came here they were making changes to the specs right there and then. They could potentially look at some of our common water projects. At Besh-Ba-Gowah we had a workshop on range improvements that was really appreciated by the ranchers. Andy Brishchke would like to put on the plant ID contest again – he will come up in advance, and I am sure Jamie will be involved in this as well. I have a question for people that have gone through range studies. Would you know what the 5 Ws are? Possibly watershed, wildlife...

- Willie: Nope

Mike: I was talking to someone in Spokane and they recommended that we put on something on the first 5 Ws. I will get the committee involved and I will look for facilitators. Willie when I came in as VP, it benefited me to be the liaison with the students, with the lunches and such. They did a great job last year, so we will do that. I talked to Al Median and Jim Sprinkle. Jim brought up that he is very interested that instead of having lectures, we have people involved in groups, more interactive. He brought up that we break down with our peers, create these groups (e.g. rancher, agency person, educators in groups). I like that kind of training, so think about how we can incorporate this idea. I managed to do the summer committee planning meeting at the BOD meeting.

- Doug: Sounds like you have a great plan started. We need to communicate the dates to the national committee so they can get it on the calendar. If you want to do a similar PR with the email blasts, I can send you the email list or you can send me the announcements and then I can send them out.
- Mike: That would be a big help. Jamie at the last meeting you volunteered to communicate with National.
- [Jamie: yes I will do that](#)
- Mike: I follow closely the national stuff. Doug – can you tell Jamie how to do this?
- Doug: [Yes, you just need to get them the dates and get set up on the electronic pay.](#)
- Mike: Registration would be best to go through Erin?
- Erin: Yes I said that would be best.
- Doug: Yes she said that would work.
- Don: Mike should make a video.
- Doug: could check with the students to see if they could make a video.

b. Committee Chairs, etc

- [Doug: I am trying to fill some holes \(e.g. Awards\), so I will report more on that next time](#)

6. Board Reports

Willie – VP/Historian

At the meeting with Kim and Susan, I told them that it would be good to keep a list of the high school youth forum that go to the national meeting each year. We have been keeping track since 1987. I am going to keep that info on file. I am interested to see if these kids become natural resource managers in AZ in the future so I am going to track that in the future. It has been a busy season with people trying to get a hold of Mexican steers. People are trying to stock their state leases since we had a good winter and spring. The desert areas have greened up around Florence junction/Pinal county.

Jamie – Director North/Young Professionals

Mike mentioned that the young professionals did the plant contest. I would like to see it done again – Andrew did help a lot with it last year so I will work with him probably again. At the last meeting we talked about a new member's coffee to introduce them to the group. Mike we can talk about doing this at the summer meeting.

- Mike – Should we have a new member thing at both the summer and winter meetings? Or have it as a separate event?
- Jamie- doing it at the meeting would be nice because it would solicit the new members to come to the event. Separate is also a good idea, we can think about that.

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- Mike – we should talk about that more. At the summer meeting it could happen up front – have it before the general membership meeting so that everyone is on board, have new members before meeting.
- Jamie – we should talk about that.
- Mike – I will plan on putting it on the agenda for the summer meeting.

Don – Past President

I would like each of you to network to people that are interested in the VP and director positions – never too soon to get started. Willie got short notice this year, so I want to give people more notice – [so network!](#)

Jamie: Doug – Mike mentioned this with the summer meeting. We didn't talk about the AZ Game and Fish when we were talking about the groups/agencies we need to talk to.

Doug: Yes I have made note of this.

Mike: I sent in an article for John Kava's newsletter. March is the deadline, so remind everyone that.

Doug: the newsletter went out today, so we will start to work on the next one. Happy to move forward on the NRCWAY, and looking forward to the summer meeting items and meeting with the heads of the agencies to reestablish the importance of the SRM. Good plan of action. Hopefully we don't get too busy that we won't get this done.

Willie – encourage [everyone to recruit young folk for the NRCWAY camp](#) – students you know, early high school age so that they have a full camp this year. June 24th-29th.

8. Schedule next BOD meeting, adjourn

- Doug: [We are scheduled for a meeting at the camp on June 28th Thursday](#)
- Don: the BOD will meet at night?
- Doug: We will meet in the afternoon and meet the campers that night. If you can stay overnight great, or at least have supper with them. We want to facilitate as much coordination with the camp as we can. I propose that we meet April 4th for our next meeting. I am teaching on campus on the 3rd so it will give me a good reason to drive through Young to meet up with Mike and Don. How about 11am for the meeting?
- Willie: I have a meeting from 11-12 that day.
- Doug: [1pm April 4th](#) meeting?
- Mike: Sounds good.
- Doug: Motion to adjourn.
- Mike: Move to adjourn meeting.
- Jamie: I second the motion.

Meeting adjourned 12:30pm.

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**Arizona Section Society for Range Management
Board of Directors representatives meeting with Arizona Cooperative Extension/NRCWAY committee
Maricopa County Extension Office, Feb 22, 2012 10am to noon**

In attendance:

Kim McReynolds, Susan Pater, Mike Hemovich, Willie Sommers, Ernie Gipson, Doug Tolleson

Doug Tolleson started the meeting by asking Kim McReynolds to give a brief history of the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth (NRCWAY) and the past relationship with the Arizona Section Society for Range Management (AZSRM). Willie Sommers pointed out that there was a Rangelands article on that subject in August 2005. This article was in the materials provided to meeting participants concerning NRCWAY/AZSRM.

Key points from Kim's talk and subsequent questions/discussion from participants:

Range Camp started in Arizona in the 1960's and AZSRM took over the camp in 1970's as NRCWAY.

Current camp leadership is predominantly from Arizona Cooperative Extension (AZEXT).

Winter meeting auction proceeds were originally 100% to NRCWAY.

At Jan 5 2005 membership meeting, voted to split auction proceeds 50/50 with AZSRM, Susan Pater motion, Bruce Munda second.

At following AZSRM BOD meeting (Jan 7 2005), budget proposed by Dan Bell including annual \$500 donation from

AZSRM to NRCWAY passed. Bruce Munda motion to accept proposed budget, John Hays second. AZSRM and NRCWAY have 2 different checking accounts, AZSRM treasurer has access to both. Treasurer was not always at camp. Until ~7 years ago AZEXT personnel covered camp related expenses and then were reimbursed by AZSRM. At that time, AZEXT personnel asked for Jeff Schalaus, Susan Pater, Kim McReynolds, Byron Lambeth to be on NRCWAY account to facilitate paying camp related expenses (nurse, food, supplies, etc...).

NRCWAY Trust idea came from John Boenig in 1980's. Trust would generate funds to operate camp.

AZSRM BOD appoints Trust board members. Currently need to appoint two. This board oversees trust and reports to AZSRM.

AZSRM started sending students selected from NRCWAY to national SRM High School Youth Forum (HSYF) in 1987.

Student selected by camp directors. Typically send 1, have 3 times sent 2 students.

Sending and paying expenses for at least 1 student to the HSYF is stated in the AZSRM Guidelines
***See below



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ARIZONA SECTION

AUGUST 2010

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WORKSHOP FOR

ARIZONA YOUTH

PURPOSE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

The purpose of this sub-committee is to plan and conduct an annual natural resources, educational workshop for Arizona youth.

STRUCTURE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

The sub-Chairperson will be appointed jointly by the Section President and the Chairperson of the Youth Activities Committee. The sub-Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Section President, will appoint at least four (4) other sub-committee members. It is desirable for this Committee to have fewer turnovers than most sub-committees, because people who have served on this sub-committee the previous year can best carry out the activities of the Committee.

FUNCTION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

1. Plan and conduct the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth (NRCWAY).
2. Select annually at least one (1) of the attendees at the NRCWAY as the outstanding youth attending the workshop. The recipient of the honor shall attend the annual meeting of the Society for Range Management. The Arizona Section will cover all costs of this trip including travel, lodging, meals, registration, and other expenses necessary to make this trip. In addition, the recipient of this honor will be invited to attend the annual membership meeting of the Arizona Section, Society for Range Management.
3. Arrange for one (1) of the outstanding attendees at the Workshop to give a report at the Arizona Section's annual meeting.

REPORTS:

The sub-Chairperson of the NRCWAY Committee shall prepare a report the sub-committee's activities to the Chairperson of the Youth Activities Committee and submit written copy at the 2 general membership meetings, and as requested by the Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meetings.

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Participants addressed recent discussions at AZSRM membership meetings concerning the pros and cons of sending 1 or 2 students to a national meeting versus involving more students in AZSRM meetings. Similar points to these recent discussions were brought out relative to timing for student's school year, i.e. many are back in school by early August (summer meeting) and mid January (winter meeting). Allowed days missed in school will impact this. Several suggestions were made such as using video or skype to facilitate a HSYF student presenting their talk to the winter meeting, videoing the HSYF student at national SRM and playing that at the summer meeting etc...

Doug pointed out that as a result of member suggestions at summer 2010 membership meeting, more student involvement (as per guidelines) has been seen. For example, NRCWAY/HSYF/Range Rocks! student's presented at the summer 2011 meetings.

Discussion of continuing "hamburger feed" as a fund raiser for NRCWAY at summer meetings was in favor of this.

Cost of camp per student is approximately \$300 and the fee paid by students is \$125. Participants discussed options to either bring in more dollars for the camp, have students pay more, or decrease costs to run camp.

The University of Arizona (4H) now owns Mingus Springs Camp where NRCWAY has been held for several years.

Rent and meals for camp is \$42/person for UA affiliated groups. Outside groups pay a higher rate. So, at this rate NRCWAY actually costs the camp money.

Susan and Kim brought up that having the camp at Mingus Springs has helped bring the cost per student down from that at some other locations.

Ernie presented financial information on the NRCWAY accounts but he is still auditing both NRCWAY and AZSRM accounts back to at least 2006 to make sure they are accurate.

Participants discussed several options for financial management of the camp, including how interest and principle from the trust account is used each year.

Participants discussed pros and cons of having AZEXT take full responsibility of NRCWAY with AZSRM as a partner to help with fundraising and serving as instructors during camp, etc... i.e. dissolving the current relationship with respect to finances and administration. It was agreed that this was not the best course of action.

Mike brought up the recent AZSRM rancher survey that had asked if a person or ranch would be willing to help pay for students to attend NRCWAY and several had indicated they would. Willie brought up the need for re-engaging the NRCD's

The need to use resources and contacts from AZSRM membership to help students find funds for camp was agreed upon.

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The discussion finally led to these conclusions and suggested “way forward” for consideration by the AZSRM BOD:

1. Reset “default” as per AZSRM guidelines and 2005 membership and BOD actions.

- AZSRM appoints NRCWAY Trust Fund Board of Trustees

- AZSRM sends (covers expenses) 1 student per year to HSYF (any additional students may be selected by NRCWAY committee and funded by NRCWAY)

- AZSRM donates \$500/yr to NRCWAY (includes retroactive funding of this item that did not occur in 2011)

- AZSRM/NRCWAY split auction proceeds at winter meeting (50/50), (again may include retroactive funding of this item, still being determined.

- AZSRM provides fundraising opportunity for NRCWAY at summer meeting, Wednesday evening meal

2. Continue two checking accounts for AZSRM and NRCWAY with AZSRM officers (Pres, Pres-elect, VP, Treas) and NRCWAY committee chair, selected other appropriate committee members as signatories on NRCWAY account.

3. NRCWAY committee looks for additional funding and administrative support for NRCWAY camp, including possible sources from AZEXT, NRCD's, AZSRM members, and other interested groups.

4. AZSRM BOD meet in person at NRCWAY on Thursday evening of camp each year.