



**2012 Board of Directors Meeting  
April 4, 2012  
Conference call**

Minutes taken by Erin Mathews

**Arizona Section, SRM  
2012 Officers**

**Doug Tolleson**  
*President*

**Mike Hemovich**  
*President-Elect*

**Willie Sommers**  
*Vice President*

**Alvin Whitehair, Jamie Wages**  
*Directors- North*

**Dan Robinette, Frank Hayes**  
*Directors-South*

**Erin Mathews**  
*Executive Secretary*

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*Secretary-Treasurer*

**Rachael Cernetic**  
*ASU Chapter President*

**Kelsey Hawkes**  
*U of A Chapter President*

**Don Luhrsen**  
*Past President*

**Member in attendance  
highlighted in yellow**

**1. Welcome/Call to Order** – Doug Tolleson call meeting to order 1:08pm

**2. Approval of the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 BOD Meeting Minutes**

Jamie Wages: Motion to approve.

Mike Hemovich: Second motion.

Erin Mathews: Doug didn't you have edits?

Doug Tolleson: If I did, I don't remember what they are. Are all in favor?  
All in favor

**3. Financial Report**

Jamie Wage: Ernie is out of the office.

Doug Tolleson: We will table that discussion for now.

**4. Unfinished Business**

**Summer Meeting**

- Mike Hemovich: Everything is progressing good. I gave a long run down the last meeting, and everyone that I had on the list has been confirmed. There are still a couple of them that I want input from. Is Alvin not on the teleconference? I sent an email to Alvin to give him an outline of the summer meeting, theme and such to see from his perspective how he would add to it.

- Doug Tolleson: I did get a chance to talk to Al Medina. So we can hold that thought, and we can get the thoughts on that committee later in this meeting.

- Mike Hemovich: Jamie - I did get an email from Andrew Brishchke and he has the belt buckle award already and he is planning on coming up this area to collect samples for the contest. I will forward on a picture of the belt buckle

for the next newsletter (I will get to John Kava). We would like to get the announcement out of the meeting to Rangeland News. Doug is it Nick Dormer that this goes to?

- Doug Tolleson: Yes, Nick is the one to get in contact with to get it on the web. I don't think we have the theme on there yet, but the dates are there.
- [Mike Hemovich: I can get his email address to you Jamie](#)
- Jamie Wages: That would be great.
- Doug Tolleson: copy me on that so I can put it in my newsletter.
- Mike Hemovich: Registration forms – what is the appropriate time to ramp that up? Can you do that too early? How far in advance can you do it?
- Doug Tolleson: I wouldn't do it later than June 1, but no early than May 1. The agencies folks can get it in their travel requests that way.
- Mike Hemovich: So we will hold off on that. I will work on that with Erin.
- [Doug Tolleson: I have a template for the registration form for the website which I can send to you as a model.](#)
- Mike Hemovich: That would be great, I would appreciate that. It is no easy task here in Young as we don't have a ton of motels and such, but I have scoured the countryside for them. Should that list go out now or later?

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- Doug Tolleson: We can get that in the next newsletter. Get it to me and I can get it out in my newsletter.
- Mike Hemovich: Should there be reminders to go out to our membership of the dates? Do you want me to get the list to send out that info?
- Doug Tolleson: I will give our office managers email so you can have her as a reliable contact to get that out.
- Mike Hemovich: Sponsorships – how do we handle that? For example with Cargill, we don't have to specify what they are going to sponsor, correct?
- Doug Tolleson: Either way. If they sponsor lunch, then they might want to speak then. We can do it like Winter meeting where sponsors sponsor a session of the meeting e.g. evening, morning etc. We are wide open with how it can be handled.
- Mike Hemovich: Do I have them send checks directly to Ernie? Or to me?
- Doug Tolleson: Either
- Mike Hemovich: Ernie isn't on, but I have this fear of a big fire in the area in which case we will have hot shots in the community center. Don gave me an idea of using big tents e.g. from the sheriffs dept just in case something happens. Doug does VBarV have one that can fit in a pickup just in case? I could set it up where we are going to have lunch.
- Doug Tolleson: The only big one is the one that was set up in the rain. We have several small ones that you can put together.
- Mike Hemovich: That would be great, and I will get a hold of Ernie. I would be more comfortable to have those just in case.
- Doug Tolleson: I can make it a point to haul those to Young.
- Mike Hemovich: There is nothing else. Bottom line, all the presenters have accepted. One fellow who is an erosion control specialist who does work in AZ/NM has agreed to come. Can we assist him in travel funds, gas? Etc?
- Doug Tolleson: We have done that in the past. We would just need a motion for a dollar amount that the board approves. We approved up to \$500 for the winter meeting.
- Mike: Let me have more conversations with him to nail more details down. I need to talk to Dan Robinett, but I will get a hold of him.

### Officers meeting with agency leaders, assign duties

- Doug Tolleson: I don't think we came up with assignments last meeting. I will volunteer to meet with the NRCS and BIA.
- Mike Hemovich: I will meet with the Cattlegrowers.
- Doug Tolleson: I didn't think I should do the Forest Service because in some ways I am a permittee. I am doing things with BIA already, so I thought it would be good for me to interact with them in this way.
- Willie Sommers: This morning I researched the contacts for the different agencies including the BLM, BIA, USFS and NRCS and put all of their contact info together.
- Doug Tolleson: Don do you want to participate in this?
- Jamie Wages: Willie could do USFS and Don could do BLM.
- Don Luhrsen: That sounds good.
- Doug Tolleson: This gives us a starting point to make some contacts. Make a phone/email contact, and then you can see if you want to take other people with you.
- Don Luhrsen: By when should we do this?
- Doug Tolleson: Before the summer meeting.
- Willie Sommers: Our goal was May 1<sup>st</sup> to have the contacts made as stated in the last minutes.
- Don Luhrsen: We need to add Neil Bosworth to the list.
- Jamie Wages: All the range staff (USFS) were given monetary funds to go to the summer meeting.
- Willie Sommers: I have a question about the USFS. We have several forests; the person I looked up is Corbin Newman - the regional forester in Albuquerque.
- Doug Tolleson: You should start with Dave Stewart.
- Don Luhrsen: I invite the forest supervisors (with inclusion of Corbin) because we know Dave will be there regardless.
- Doug Tolleson: We will go with that roster – that is just volunteering so no motion necessary

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- Willie: Are you suggesting that we keep people in the loop and we have a similar method to present the information to these folk. Are we presenting individually?
- Doug: Yes. It will be pretty basic, where we say that we are so-and-so and as part of this organization we are trying to contact the leaders and discuss with you what you think your employees can get out of SRM, and how will SRM be an asset to their employees.

### 5. New Business

#### Native Range Committee Proposal

- Doug Tolleson: I had the opportunity to visit with Al. At this point it is straight forward how their committee is proceeding. They are wanting, in addition to participate in our meetings, to put together a native range oriented meeting somewhere where everyone is invited. It would be something that that committee would put together with our approval, and we can support them. It would be a 1 day meeting with a field day to highlight native range issue. They are looking for us to support them pursuing a plan to have such a meeting.
- Mike Hemovich: Would that be an annual basis thing?
- Doug Tolleson: This would be Guinea pig thing to see how it goes. It might be a semi-annual thing if it went well.
- Mike Hemovich: I am just thinking, I am already thinking about Winter meeting – would it be a possibility to have them do that as the winter meeting?
- Doug Tolleson: Possibility, but for this committee it would be better to bite off a smaller chunk for their first one.
- Willie Sommers: In the future that would be really great to have it as a summer or winter meeting if this builds momentum- to have the theme as tribal rangelands. This would be a good opportunity to hear how they are doing things, and what their landscapes are like. That would be neat to have that interface, but it will take some time to get to that point. They want to do a separate field tour/meeting somewhere in the state, between our winter/summer meeting?
- Doug Tolleson: Yes it would be a standalone thing which they would take charge of, and facilitate it through us.
- Frank Hayes: I think that would be a great idea. If this is what it takes to get them engaged, it would be a great thing.
- Mike Hemovich: In our minutes last time, the purpose was to get them engaged more with SRM. That is why perhaps having this type of meeting every other year or every 3<sup>rd</sup> year where they can do a summer or winter meeting would definitely show them as a part of SRM. Our intent is to bring them into SRM.
- Doug Tolleson: their meeting would definitely be an SRM facilitated thing, it would just be separate in that it isn't at the time of the summer and winter meeting. It would be an SRM Native Range meeting.
- Willie Sommers: Is the Native Range Committee working with a specific tribe with their efforts, or is it wide open at this point?
- Doug Tolleson: They haven't mentioned a specific tribe at this time.
- Willie Sommers: When looking from a historical perspective, there was a meeting in the 90s were we went to the Navajo nation. We have taken trips there in the past.
- Doug Tolleson: Your historical files might be something that Al and Alvin want to tap into to get ideas of new or old things to do. Is there a motion to give the committee the support to do this meeting.
- Frank Hayes: Motion to approve.
- Willie Sommers: I second that motion.
- Doug Tolleson: A motion has been made to facilitate them to have a separate meeting.

### 6. Officer/Director/Committee Reports

President Elect - Mike Hemovich: Summer meeting is what I am working on now.

Vice President - Willie Sommers - No news from my end.

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Director South - Frank Hayes: I don't have anything.

Director North – Jamie Wages: Nothing from this side.

Executive Secretary – Erin Mathews: Nothing here.

Past President - Don: Nothing.

President - Doug Tolleson: I have spent the last 30 days getting people hired. We are going to have 2 more people monitoring with the BLM – we are expanding these efforts state wide. Everyone we hired are interested in the SRM, so hopefully we are going to get a new influx of people in SRM. Hopefully we will be getting someone new in V Bar V as well. We want to keep membership up and active. We are starting to get the NRCWAY word out, sponsorships and funding- making good progress.

Frank Hayes: Willie, will you send out the agency contacts?

Willie Sommers: Will do.

## 7. Schedule next BOD meeting, adjourn

- Doug Tolleson: I don't think we need to meet in May, so perhaps the first week of June will be soon enough.
  - Willie Sommers: We are going to have that meeting at NRCWAY at the end of June.
  - Doug Tolleson: We will meet at the NRCWAY camp next. If any items come up we can deal with them with email.
  - Mike Hemovich: What is the date of the meeting?
  - Doug Tolleson: The 28<sup>th</sup> of June will be the next meeting – that will give us time and will encourage us to go to NRCWAY, a beneficial thing.
  - Frank moved to adjourn.
  - Mike seconded that motion.
  - Meeting adjourned 1:40pm.
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## AZ SRM 06/28/12 BOD @ NRCWAY

Board members in attendance:

- Don Luhrsen
- Mike Hemovich
- Willie Sommers
- Doug Tolleson

Other SRM members in attendance to give reports:

- Andrew Brischke
- Kim McReynolds
- John Kava
- Jeff Schalau
- Susan Pater

Kim: 33 campers/counselors at NRCWAY, a lot of new campers, more from north part of state  
They are a very engaged group, active.

This year's theme = Basic "ologies"

Service project = herbarium collection, monitor older projects, removed invasive plants

Camp project is "photo story" presentation, Kim will bring NRCWAY posters to Young

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Susan: Donations are up for NRCWAY ~ \$13K in NRCWAY  
~ \$3K registration/auction

Should be in black this year, sent out letters, NRCD donations are up, will send donor list to newsletter

Mike asked, Kim explained method of determining camp theme

Jeff: Katie Rudosovick came to NRCWAY 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Mingus Springs, she will be here on Friday  
Campers from 4-H attendance is up

Kim: 31 years of camp, 50 years of NRCWAY in 2013

In past, UA liability insurance ~ \$800

This year by UA ownership, UA counselors – did not see need (UA) insurance covered

**Does AZSRM need to buy insurance? For NRCWAY, etc.?** should be discussed in next BOD meeting

John: June newsletter ~ on time, worked with those who responded mailed ~ 20

\*\*\*Needs reimbursements for costs, discuss at next BOD

Willie commented on getting word out ahead of time

- Reminders helpful
- 30 d out

Jeff – report on website, has been good repository for info such as minutes, etc.

Andrew – has buckle, etc. for summer meeting plant ID contest

Will have some NRCWAY plants

Will need some from Young

May get a set from herbarium on campus at UA

Willie reported that we had a plant ID contest in 50's

Mike – progress good on summer meeting

3 sessions

Science – Thurs am, field and key area

Phil Heilman, Jim Sprinkle

Don Stone, etc.

Idea is to put science in practice, bring that theme out in presentatuions

Campsite will be @ Ranger Station

Bring folding chair

Had feedback on elk, other big game, so will have this subject on agenda

Presentation on “habimap” software

Wed pm NRCWAY burgers is still on the schedule for this year

Cargill sponsor?

Willie – thoughts on Summer meeting:

Flag – Babbit Ranches?

Tribal Rangelands – winter?

Mike – winter ideas

Focus on Grazing/permittees, or

Collaboration groups again? Similar to, but follow-up on winter theme from 2008

Don – Mike doing a good job

Touch base with head of BLM

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- Talk to staff
- Employee choice on participation in SRM

Willie – emailed Dave Stewart – Region III USFS, will report at next meeting

Mike – will meet with Andrea @ Cattlegrowers

Don – expressed concern on participation of directors

Doug - ASTF Report to national, will discuss more at summer meeting

Don move adjourn

Mike second

All in favor