



**2005 General Membership Meeting
January 5, 2005
3:00 p.m.
Prescott Resort, Prescott Arizona**

AGENDA

**Arizona Section, SRM
2004 Officers**

Jeff Schalau
President

Dean Fish
President-Elect

Bruce Munda
Vice President

Keith Curry, Rachel Meade
Directors- North

Emilio Carrillo, Bill Edwards
Directors-South

Dan Bell
Secretary-Treasurer

Nick Rome
ASU Chapter President

James Heitholt
UofA Chapter President

Larry Howery
Past President

1. Welcome/Call to Order – Jeff Schalau

Jeff called the meeting to order at 3:12pm and welcomed everyone to Prescott.

2. Approval of August 4, 2004 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Jeff asked the group to look over the membership minutes from August and then requested a motion for approval. Byron Lambeth so moved, Mike Hannemann seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Report - Secretary-Treasurer- Dan Bell

Dan presented the group with 2004 Budget Track as well as balances for the various accounts as of Jan 31, 2005:

AZ Section Checking: \$ 7738.23

AZ Section Savings: \$ 7,184.41

NRCWAY Checking: \$ 9,053.71

Bill Piper raised questions about the NRCWAY Foundation monies and asked what the status was of that account. Dan stated that the foundation board was in charge of those monies and that he had no further information regarding that account. It was agreed by the group that the membership should receive periodic reports on the status of the foundation. Susan agreed to bring this up with board.

(a) Old Business

(a) Election Results – Dan Bell

Dan presented to group with the following newly elected board members:

Vice-President	Dennis Moroney
Director North	Liz Didier
Director South	John Hays

(b) Auction Proceeds – Dan Bell

Dan wanted general membership input in regards to income brought in from the annual auction. Traditionally all the proceeds went toward NRCWAY, but Dan felt it might be appropriate to share the proceeds between the Section and NRCWAY. Susan Pater moved to split the proceeds evenly between the Section and NRCWAY, Bruce seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

5. New Business

(a) Membership Discussion of Future Activities for the
Section – Jeff Schalau / Dean Fish / Bruce Munda



Jeff mentioned to all in attendance that this would be their opportunity to help the board drive future activities. Dean mentioned that as a result of these discussions in the past, the board was able to plan meetings and workshops. Bruce mentioned the concept of a climatology workshop for the 2006 winter meeting and asked the group for input on the 2005 summer meeting.

(b) Summer Meeting 2005 – Bruce Munda

Mike Hannemann mentioned that a workshop focusing on grazing exclosures might generate a positive message through the use of data and photo's. John Hays mentioned that Walt and Lamar looking at exclosures in Springerville studying elk/livestock interactions. Mark Pater suggested that state and transition be incorporated (Grazing/Fire/Rest). Steve Barker mentioned that there was currently a lot of activity in those regards. Bill Piper asked if it could be incorporated into NRCWAY. Mark stated that he would like to see an outside event in the field. Larry Elicott suggested looking at long term trend data to push the positive side of grazing and tie it to the state and transition model. John Hays expressed concern about how soil compaction and condition was being used to set carrying capacity. Buck McKinney suggested that the effects of drought be tied in and how relic areas on the Tonto crashed as a result of drought. Mark Pater also suggested tying in with New Mexico and the Malapai Borderlands Group. Matt Barnes suggested tying it in with winners of the Range Manager of the Year Award. Mark Pater suggested forming a committee to organize the Summer Meeting taking into consideration of the comments mentioned above. The committee was established consisting of Dan Robinett, Steve Barker, Mike Hannemann, Buck McKinney, Bruce Munda and Mark Pater.

(c) Student Request for Money – Jeff Schalau

Jeff reported that the U of A Chapter had very extensive letter outlining the activities the chapter had undertaken in an effort to raise funds for the 59th SRM Annual Convention in Fort Worth, TX. At the end of the day the chapter was requesting \$800.00.

A discussion ensued asking if the ASU Chapter had submitted any request. Since the board had received no request from the ASU Chapter, Steve Barker moved to donate \$800.00 to the U of A Chapter, Mark Pater seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Emilio moved that the Chapter provide us with a report of their experience at the 59th SRM Annual Meeting, Larry Elicott seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

(d) Soil Monolith -- Bruce Munda

Bruce informed the group of an effort by the Soil/Water Conservation Society (SWCS) to get a soil monolith displayed at the Smithsonian. That effort will take place over the next two years and the SWCS was requesting \$1000.00 from AZ SRM for each of those years. Steve Barker moved to donate \$200.00, Jim Riggs seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Dennis Moroney suggested that we ask the membership to donate through the section as well.

6. Board Reports

President – Jeff Schalau

Jeff stated that it had been a pleasure to serve as president. He mentioned that he would still be monitoring the website and that information for the website would also be greatly appreciated. Jeff also reported that he would continue to work on a Forestry Tour (NRCWAP) for elected officials stating that he thought the previous attempt fell on bad timing with elections.

President Elect – Dean Fish

Dean thanked every body for coming and looked forward to a great and informative meeting on technology. He mentioned that as a result of the summer meeting, the section was working on a





joint border resolution with AACD and SACPA. Dean also made a plug for Project CENTRL, a rural leadership development class.

Vice President – Bruce Munda

Bruce stated that he was looking forward to planning the meetings this year and he also informed the group that he was the contact in AZ NRCS for noxious and invasive weeds.

Director North – Keith Curry

Keith mentioned that ranchers were asking if AZ SRM could challenge false and erroneous statements made be anti-grazing interests. He also mentioned that while they are still in a drought, they received above average rainfall.

Director North -- Rachel Meade

Rachel was in route and fighting snow all they way.

Director South – Emilio Carrillo

Emilio stated that a lot of his work was revolving around EQIP on the Tonto Forest and that he recently was touring areas in the Malapai.

Director South -- Bill Edwards

Bill was unable to make the meeting for personal reasons, (Guard Duty, Closing on House & Twins).

Past President – Larry Howery

Larry was unable to make the meeting due to commitments in Utah.

7. Committee Reports

Newsletter – Susan Pater

Susan asked to get her items for the calendar of events for the newsletter.

Research Affairs - George Ruyle

No report.

Awards - Emilio Carrillo

Emilio gave his report at the awards banquet.

Dave Cook, DC Cattle Company

Barron Orr, U of A Extension

BPP, LLC, Dean, Dan & Emilio

Range Manager of the Year

Outstanding Service

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Rancher Affairs – Keith Curry

No further report.

Historian - Phil Ogden

Jeff mentioned that Phil was busy organizing files.

Student/Youth - Susan Pater

Susan mentioned that she would like to be replaced on this committee.

Scholarship - Mitch McClaran

Dan gave Mitch's report at the awards banquet.

Nick Rome, ASU

Ben DalMolin, U of A

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Scholarship

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ASU Chapter – Nick Rome
No report.

UofA Chapter – James Heitholt
Jeff had nothing further from the earlier report.

Activities – Bruce Munda
No further report.

Membership - Mike Hannemann
Mike reported that as of October 2004 we had 181 members, a net decrease of 2 members. He also reported that we had 22 new members and letters welcoming them have been sent. Mike stated that he will be working on members that have not renewed and requests that the current membership do all they can in recruiting.

Information – Mark Pater
Mark stated that he would be attending the Information Committee Meeting in Fort Worth and report back to the AZ Section.

Public Affairs - John Brock
No Report.

NRCWAY - Sandy Whitney
Jeff reported that Sandy was in negotiations with Henry Dahlberge on a camp site on Mingus Mountain. Jack Bohning stated that NRCWAY was once at that site before and was asked to leave. He suggested we proceed with caution.

Jeff then closed the meeting by saying it was a fun experience serving the AZ Section.

Emilio moved to adjourn, Bruce seconded, the motion passed unanimously at 5:07 p.m.