

**Minutes Kansas Section, SRM Meeting  
September 21, 2000  
Manhattan, Kansas**

The fall meeting of the Kansas Section, SRM was called to order by President Walt Fick at the Sirloin Stockade in Manhattan, KS at 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2000. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5,651.21. Paul Ohlenbusch noted that the Kansas Section would make a small profit for assisting with the Sericea Lespedeza Workshop held July 25.

Justin Lawson, 2000 Range Youth Camp attendee presented a talk on sericea lespedeza.

Reports: Jim O'Rourke, SRM 1<sup>st</sup> VP showed two videos related to SRM's journey to change; "Joshua in a Box" and "Who Moved My Cheese". He discussed membership concerns and change in SRM. The Society is looking for a new executive VP and considering a new location for the headquarters. Discussion followed concerning where the headquarters should be located and should space be provided for archived information. Suggestions included keeping the office along the I-25 corridor, not locating in Washington, DC, locate in the middle of the grasslands, and to stay in the Denver area. Angela Williams in chairing a committee to find a new headquarters site. Space required is 3000 square feet plus another 2000-3000 square feet for the archives. Anyone wanting to express their views should contact the Denver office. O'Rourke reported on the continuing need to develop a strategic plan, develop goals, and objectives for SRM. He asked if SRM should partner with other organizations? Associate membership is available for all sections to promote.

Walt Fick reported that 425 newsletters were sent out last mailing. He also reported that one Excellence in Grazing Management Award will be given tomorrow to Milford Drinkgern from Marysville, KS.

Amanda Shaw reported that the Section currently has 105 members.

Forty-three ballots were cast in the election. Jeff Davidson was elected 2nd VP. The new directors will be Bruce Wells and Dennis Doring.

Jeff Davidson (Public Affairs) reported that Senator Pat Roberts attended a recent sericea lespedeza tour near Yates Center.

Thirty students attended the Range Youth Camp in July. A new chairman is needed as Rick Cantu is leaving the state.

Paul Ohlenbusch reported on the sericea lespedeza meeting held in July. A multi-state work group has been organized with Bill Scott, Kansas Department of Agriculture, as the official representative from Kansas. The Work Group is in need of a director. A regional publication on sericea lespedeza is in the works with more publications to come.

Bob Broweleit reported that 20 people attended the Range Management School 2000 held in August near Stockton, KS. The school lasted about 2½ days. Feedback was good and another school will be held next year.

**Old Business:** Walt Fick has sent a letter to Mark Moseley in Oklahoma supporting the concept of a regional range youth camp next year. He will also send a letter supporting the use of prescribed burning to control cedars in north central Oklahoma and south central Kansas to William Gill, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Jeff Davidson reported the Section's presence at the Beef Improvement Tour. No one was aware of any progress on establishing an endowment fund for Range Youth Camp.

**New Business:** Walt Fick led a discussion on how to break ties in elections. Our current bylaws do not address the issue. No decision was made. We currently have about 50 EGM signs left. The South Dakota Section asked if we would change the wording on the signs to Excellence in Range Management Award. It was decided to keep the signs as is for now. The Kansas Climate Change Coalition wants to know if the Section wants to send a representative to their meetings. The coalition is dealing with carbon sequestration issues. Jeff Davidson will represent the Kansas Section and report back at the next meeting. Amanda Shaw and Baron Shively will plan the spring meeting possibly with the Kansas Wildlife Society. Walt Fick passed the gavel to incoming President Amanda Shaw and the meeting was adjourned.

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