

Regular section business meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by **President Bob Knight** with 48 members present.

MEETING MINUTES: *Minutes of the October 2004 meeting in Kerrville were presented to the membership in the agenda packet.* Motion by **Royce Siebman** to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Second by **Hoyt Seidensticker**. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Moen): *Report presented to the membership in the agenda packet.* Moen became Treasurer on January 1st. Harold Bryant will continue to assist with local bank contact in Hondo. Moen reviewed the current financial report with the members present. The Board of Directors voted to move \$20,000 from the General Operating Fund to CD's with varying expiration dates as future investment/savings. Motion by **Charles Anderson** to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Second by **Mark Moseley**. Motion carried unanimously.

SRM 2005 MEETING REPORT (Caudle/Peacock): We were the third largest meeting (attendance) and the second largest grossing meeting ever. It was a good meeting – great comments. We want to thank everyone from the section from making this a successful meeting.

TSSRM PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Knight): We have had an active board of directors this year. Due to increasing cost, we have now gone to electronic delivery of the section newsletter (only had to mail 40 hard copies). This will save us several thousand dollars in the coming year. We will continue to mail hard copies as needed for those without email. The newsletter went out as an attachment – we will work on making a link to the newsletter on the website. We will work on this for the future.

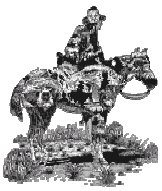
At the summer meeting, the board held a strategic planning session (Jeff Grote, Mason HS Guidance Counselor – moderator). Three main goals were established: Committee structure & function; Communication; and External Communication with the Public.

Also considering a tour of the ORM award winner (if they are agreeable).

Also working to develop an symposia in the Austin/San Antonio area.

We have 194 registered participants – need earlier notification of those attending from agencies.

SRM NATIONAL REPORT (Kothmann): Name Change Survey – a report in the next *MRN*. The EVP appointed a Jan 2005 Task Force on the location of the national office staff. The task group finished their board report at Fort Worth. The new EVP (Jason Campbell) will be based out of Washington DC, and the staff will remain in the Denver CO area (Ann Harris will be office manager) - the office was recently moved to Wheat Ridge location. We are currently negotiating with NRCS for a replacement liaison (L Jolley's position). BLM will continue to have a liaison in Wheat Ridge. The Forest Service is also moving on a liaison position. These liaison positions are important to the functioning of SRM. Lastly, I am concerned about our university accreditation program (only minor changes in 30 years). We have been losing accredited universities as we are not adapting to the changing curriculum being offered. A accreditations task group has been formed with the intent to allow universities that develop strong programs to become accredited. I would commend the Texas Section members and board for their work and fundraising. Charlie Hart is the chair of the SRM Advisory Council, so if you have pressing needs to go forth to the AC, work with Charlie.

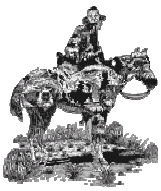


ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS:

- 2005 Annual Meeting (South Padre – *Robert Knight*): We have 194 registered participants.
- 2006 Annual Meeting (Del Rio – *Charles Anderson*): Meeting will be the 2nd week of October. The Ramada will be the HQ hotel, while the meeting is at the Convention Center. Butch Taylor and Chad Ellis are the meeting co-chairs, Robert Moen is treasurer – everyone is invited to attend.
- 2007 Annual Meeting (Lubbock – *Hoyt Seidensticker for Paul Loeffler*): Dates are October 10-12. Meeting Co-chairs are Jennifer Pluhar and Ronald Sosebee. Anyone interested in working on the annual meeting should contact Jenny, Ron or Paul. The Holiday Inn Park Plaza has been selected as the meeting location. We hope to be able to complete hotel reservations in Del Rio.
- 2008 Annual Meeting (*Charles Hart*): The Planning Committee has entertained bids from 3 cities to host the 2008 annual meeting – Tyler, Killeen, and Nacogdoches. All three packets were similar. Anyone with comments or concerns should contact the Planning Committee: Hart, McGinty, Pinchak, Knight, Anderson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Youth Activities (*Seidensticker*): We would like to thank everyone for participating in the Reverse Raffle. We raised \$3890 to help the Texas HSYF delegates travel to Vancouver – Ross Tollison and Kenna Brooks have been invited. At the Fort Worth meeting, all 3 HSYF representatives placed in the top 10 of the speech contest. Shiloh Long was elected as HSYF President for the Vancouver meeting. An application was submitted for the TCEQ Environmental Education Award (we were a top 5 finalist). At the 4-H Roundup, we sponsored the top 5 awards for Range Evaluation and Plant ID. 27 Youth attended the 51st YRW. We have resurrected the *Range Rider* program (returning students). We had three magazines that interviewed some of the participants from this year's YRW - one has already published an article. We are working on the **Youth Activities Endowment Fund** – Jenny and Paul are heading up this effort. We have raised \$10000 so far. Donations can be sent to Jenny, Paul, Hoyt or Barron.
- Scholarship (*Hoyt Seidensticker for Paul Loeffler*): Carol Brimley was awarded the TSSRM Memorial scholarship at the State 4-H Roundup – she will be majoring in wildlife at Texas A&M University (College Station). The 4-H Foundation will continue to award the scholarship.
- Outstanding Rangeland Management (*Robert Knight for Stephen Zuberbueler*): The ORM and ORSM awards will be presented at tonight's banquet.
- Nominations and Elections (*Barron Rector*): Thank you to the committee and the candidates for participating and the quality of the candidates. 2005 candidates were: John Walker and Jerry Payne (2nd VP), and Billy Kniffen, Urs Kreuter, Bob Lyons and Phillip Wright (Director). Election results are: Jerry Payne (2nd VP), Bob Lyons (Director), and Phillip



Wright (Director). Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact Barron Rector. Congratulations to everyone. I will be continuing as committee chair next year. TSSRM will also consider nominations for SRM Office – those nominations are due just after Thanksgiving.

- Activities (*Charles Anderson*): “*We’re the booth group.*” We were at TSCRA, the VATA (Ag teachers); CAST (Science teachers); Natural Resource Field Day in San Angelo; Fort Worth SRM meeting; Native Prairie Expo in Waco; Prescribed Burn symposia; Alpine Wildlife Meeting; and The Wildlife Expo in Austin. The Richards Ranch was selected for the new TSCRA/TSSRM ORSM joint award. They were selected as the NCBA Regional Award winner. I want to thank Hoyt Seidensticker for serving as the booth caretaker and hauling it around. We really need help at these events. If you live near any of these events **PLEASE** come and help out (even if only for a few hours). We have membership signs available (\$21.25, tax included).
- County Level Awards (*Jed Elrod*): We need more nominees coming in to the committee.
- Membership (*Jeff Goodwin*): Thank you to the committee members for working hard all year to contact expired members via telephone, email, etc. We have 537 members: 70% are regular members, 14.5% student, 8% life. I

Open Mike:

- **Steve Hartmann:** I would like to thank **Rector** for pointing out the quality of candidates for this year’s election.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by **Bill Pinchak**. Second by **Nick Garza**. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Bruce S. Healy, Secretary