



Regular winter meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. Payne welcomed everyone and thanked us for coming. **Present were:** Jerry Payne –President, Melony Sikes – 1st Vice President, Lee Knox – Director, Robert Lyons – Director, Jeff Goodwin – Director & Newsletter Editor, Scott Petty – Director, Robert Moen – Treasurer, and Bruce Healy – Secretary. Also present were: Charles Anderson – Planning Committee, Derek Scasta – Youth Activities Committee. **Absent were:** Bill Pinchak –2nd Vice President, Paul Loeffler – Past President, Donald Cox – Director, Phillip Wright – Director. Quorum has been established.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed via email on Jan 2nd. Knox moved to approve minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Goodwin. Motion carried unanimously.

Healy requested board input on how many years' of secretary's records need to be kept in hand prior to forwarding to the Archivist – Suggested at 5 years (Admin Handbook has it at the 3 most recent years).

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report and associated handouts presented by (name).

Current Balances as of (11/30/07 unless indicated):

TSSRM GOF (as of 12/31/07)	\$29,458.48
TSSRM EF	\$49,290.51
TSSRM MSF	\$67,168.75
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF	\$56,983.08
TSSRM Youth Activities Endowment Fund	\$15,001.00

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as submitted by Lyons. Motion seconded by Goodwin. Motion carried unanimously.

- Healy was contacted by Adam Snidow, Citibank of College Station regarding paperwork authorizing the Youth Activities Committee to update their banking authorization records. Healy took his copy of the *Nacogdoches AM packet and faxed it to Mr. Snidow, with an updated cover letter, for the bank's records.*

Moen covered the SRM Dues Rebate calculation.

Moen also reviewed the fund management fees for the investments' in Frost Bank vs. a brokerage house vs. the parent society's funds, etc. Fees are comparable to SRM and the fees at Frost Bank are comparable to a brokerage house, thus no change is recommended.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT AND WEBSITE REPORT: Requested guidance from the board regarding the publishing of the list of expired members in the newsletter as their have been some grumblings about it.

- **Newsletter suggestion by Barron Rector** regarding committee newsletter input from when he was on the board – then, *each committee chair needed to write one article annually for Grass Roots on what their committee does.* Board thinks it is an excellent idea and suggests that a list of committees be assigned for a given newsletter. *Knox also requested that this get added to each committee's guidelines.* Any additional announcements the committee would like for the newsletter can be submitted at any time.
- **WEBSITE:** List of updates submitted. We are working on the possibility for Goodwin & Healy to make small additions/corrections ourselves. We have also worked to develop a list serve for distribution of the newsletter and range flashes.
 - Reviewed proposed Photo Contest Submission information and Rangeland Photos web pages.



Board Liaison with Committees Appointments: Loeffler (Planning), Payne (Resolutions & 2008 AM), Sikes (Activities & Education and 2009 AM), Goodwin (College Activities, Scholarship, Young Professionals), Petty (ORM and Membership), Knox (Publication Awards, Youth Activities), Cox (Awards and Grass Roots Awards), Pinchak (Endowment and 2010 AM), Lyons (Public Affairs, Nominations).

ARCHIVIST REPORT: Remind everyone to submit materials to the archives for preservation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES TO BE COMPLETED SINCE LAST MEETING:** Private/Consultant Links - no web links.
- **LRS VIDEO & MARKETING PLAN:** *no report from Cornerstone.* Sikes reported on marketing plan status: Come up with postcard mailer – cover photo on front, profound message on the back with ordering information. **The Board hereby recommends that TS waive our profits on any future video/DVD sales, and allow Cornerstone's amount listed in the contract to remain the same as we see this as more of an educational tool rather than a fund raiser. Thus, we would need to renegotiate the contract to reflect this change.** Sikes will report back at next meeting.
- **Combining Activities and I&E Committees:** Payne and Pinchak chaired these committees last year, and saw a lot of duplication of work, and recommended combining the committees. A draft proposal was presented to the board at Lubbock for review. Discussion held. **Knox moved to combine the committees into one with the 1st VP as chair with the option to have a co-chair if 1st VP desires. Change to take effect immediately. Second by Goodwin. Motion carried unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION: Events the Booth is scheduled for so far was provided. Also, a proposed budget for the committee provided. No other plans for other activities so far.

- **Scasta** suggested we consider attending the Texas County Ag Agents Assn meeting in Amarillo in August. **Anderson** also suggested another event in Gillespie County.
- Display upgrades: Jerry Payne's son's company donated a small tabletop display to TSSRM – just need to change the header.
 - **Sikes** was provided an excellent list of upgrade suggestions by **Payne** – completed an internet search and cost estimate. Not on the list – another small table. **Sikes** will coordinate the purchases with **Moen**.
 - **TSSRM Booth handouts from TSSRM** – use most current newsletter issue, YRW pamphlet and photos. Also need to develop single page issue handouts. **Also have YAC submit a couple of photos for the booth (their choice).**
- **SRM Apparel** – BOD will coordinate a mail out with items for sale (prior to AM – pick up in Nacogdoches), with the additional option for board members to bring their own apparel (to the next meeting). We need to decide the embroidery/logo to be printed, etc. Suggestion to use the Trail Boss and SRM logos. **Healy** will provide copies to **Sikes** of what he has.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- **2007 AM (Lubbock):** Moen 07AM should return ~\$7000 profit - a couple things to finalize yet.



- **2008 AM (Nacogdoches):** Payne reviewed the tentative agenda. Board mtg, Wed am. Tour Wed pm. Business Mtg Wed at 6pm, just before the mixer. Thurs – plenary am, tour afternoon, banquet eve. Fri – 8-10 invited agency heads - What benefits can TSSRM provide for the lands you manage? 1030-1200 – Young Professionals. Adjourn 1230. Suggested to consider including HSYF delegate gives speech presentation in some time slot, if available.
 - **Scholarship committee will be invited by Payne to do the fundraiser this year.**
- **2009 AM (Beaumont):** Wes Newman and Johanna Pate in place as AM co-chairs.
 - Fishing Tournament for members before the meeting? (Mixer after at site.) Good Idea or Not? Yes, to look into it – talk to CVB, Wes & Johanna. RELATED: When to do the board meeting? Same day, in the morning.

Meeting recessed for lunch at (time).

Meeting resumed at (time).

AWARDS: REPORT provided. List of committee members provided. Budget request is \$600. 7 of 14 SRM Honor Awards to be presented in Louisville are from Texas/TS members.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: no report

REQUEST FROM STATE 4-H FOUNDATION TO WORK WITH COLLEGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE DIRECTLY TO WORK ON OUR TSSRM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP MARKETING PLAN AND POSSIBLY A SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.

ENDOWMENT: CAUDLE REPORT. List of committee members provided.

GRASS ROOTS (formerly County Level) AWARDS: no report

I&E: (SEE ABOVE, combined into Activities and Education)

MEMBERSHIP: QUIETT REPORT. 463 TS members as of last SRM report.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: RECTOR REPORT. Outlined 2008 committee goals. The committee has 12 members, including 2 new. Continuing to investigate electronic/online voting.

ORM: McGINTY REPORT. Indicates there is no major activity at this time; working on committee membership.

PLANNING (2010 AM): ANDERSON REPORT. 3 bids were received – Bryan/College Station, Fredericksburg, and Odessa. Reviewed pros/cons of each proposal. Also handout of letters to competing CVBs. Odessa's proposal was reviewed in detail: same hotel as last time – excellent facility, worked well last time. **Committee's recommendation is to accept the proposal from Odessa.** Motion by Petty to accept Committee's recommendation of Odessa as 2010 TS AM host city. Second by Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Scott, second by Knox to accept the proposed new committee guidelines. Discussion held: While it is hoped that the TS member submitting the nomination would be involved in the annual meeting planning committee to host the meeting, however it is recognized that folks move to new jobs, etc. and they may not be available to continue working with that annual meeting.



Should the 2nd VP make the selection of the venue? Call for the question. **Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: NO REPORT.

TNLA: *ANDERSON/McGINTY/MOEN*

- TSSRM needs to determine how we can support TNLA (not necessarily run it). How long TSSRM appointments will run – continuity vs. burnout.
- **TSSRM will serve as treasurer for TNLA until group gets more off the ground.**
- TNLA is a communication network, not an organization. Thus, the individual members, not specifically TNLA, will support issues. Intent of TNLA is to influence stewardship of the resource, not influence legislation. We had 26 different groups (45-50 people) represented. Informational presentation given. Straw poll taken at the end of the meeting, and feel pretty confident that 20-25 different organizations will be charter members. Charter members must submit \$150 to TSSRM by Jan. 15th. There will be a spring organizational meeting.
- **TNLA liaisons should be appointed annually, along with other appointments completed at the first meeting. Anderson suggests that liaisons for 2008 should be Anderson, McGinty and Pinchak; 2009 liaisons should be McGinty, Pinchak and the 2nd VP. Future liaisons would then be President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP.**
 - **Payne commends Anderson and McGinty for their efforts on TNLA.**
- Potential issues elevated by another TNLA member – electronically poll the past presidents, as a group with the most section continuity, on how to respond – we must establish the process to respond everything every time. REINKE suggests that we revisit the Resolutions, Public Affairs, and/or Response to Public Issues guidelines. KNOX recommends that TNLA liaisons come from the Past Presidents, who are already members of the Resolutions Committee, then have them bring the issues to the Board as needed. LOEFFLER – compromise, our two TNLA liaisons have to be a Past-President. Change committee board coverage assignments from President to 2nd VP.
- **RESPONSE TO PUBLIC ISSUES – need to revisit the informational guidance document.**

PUBLICATION AWARDS: no report.

RESOLUTIONS: no report from HART.

- **Loeffler** submitted an item for consideration (original from Keith Blair) to come up with a policy statement on prescribed burning – board would refer to Resolutions Committee for final wording. **Knox** provided additional information. **Healy** reviewed the current SRM position statement on Fire Management. Discussion was that as SRM already has a position statement, TSSRM has a position statement. **Payne will write a letter to the particular parties regarding the current SRM position statement and our support of it.**
- Resolution submitted by Jack Alexander seeking support of the Texas Section in the SRM Advisory Council regarding reviving a membership task force. Discussion held on the proposal. **Payne, Sikes, Loeffler, and Pinchak will discuss further and make an administrative decision.**

Recessed for lunch at 12:16 am.

Meeting reconvened at 1:12 pm. Thank you to ANDERSON for a great lunch.

SCHOLARSHIP: NO REPORT.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: NO REPORT.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: SCASTA REPORT. HSYF delegates have been selected for Louisville. Still working on YAEF, reminder that there is a \$5000 challenge contribution from the Board in a previous year, when they reach that funding level, so just informing Scasta about this. YRW publicity has started. Dates are June 15-20, in Junction. Efforts ongoing on the 4-H Range Quiz Bowl project, following a format similar to the 4-H Beef and Horse Bowls. List of committee members provided.

Healy provided an update from Barron Rector regarding the 2008 HSYF Paper Presentation contest and his challenge to the board to attend these speeches.

Moen requested a budgeting clarification – resolved by Knox.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments: Bruce Healy, Secretary & Administrative Handbook; Robert Moen, Treasurer; Jan Wiedemann, Archivist; Jeff Goodwin, Newsletter Editor; and Bill Connor, Financial Auditor. Motion to accept appointments as provided by Knox - pending contact with Bill Connor. Seconded by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.

- TNLA liaisons should be appointed annually, along with other appointments completed at the first meeting. Anderson suggests that liaisons for 2008 should be Anderson, McGinty and Pinchak; 2009 liaisons should be McGinty, Pinchak and the future 2nd VP. Future liaisons would then be President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP. Motion by Goodwin to accept the proposal schedule. Second by Lyons. Discussion held regarding involvement of other Past Presidents. Clarification by Anderson on current proposal. Motion carried by majority vote (1 nay).

2008 Goal: Payne indicated: "See that TSSRM continues to grow and thrive."

2008 BUDGET:

- Motion by Knox for TSSRM to spend \$150 for an SRM Endowment Silent Auction item – purchase to be decided by the Payne's. Second by Sikes. Motion carried Unanimously.
- Moen reviewed current budget proposal. Motion by Goodwin to accept budget proposal. Second by Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.

2008 AM – Okay for AMPC to extend invitations to the agency heads for Friday of the AM? Yes, go ahead.

2nd Qtr Meeting: Mason Mtn WMA Date Fri April 18th Time 9am

3rd Qtr Meeting: Mason Mtn WMA Date Fri July 25th Time 9am

4th Qtr Meeting: Fredonia Hotel, Nacogdoches Date Wed Oct 8th Time 9 am

Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm. Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Bruce S. Healy, Secretary