



**Texas Section
Society for Range Management**

**Meeting Minutes
Regular 4th Quarter Meeting
October 6, 2009
Holiday Inn, Beaumont TX**

Minutes were recorded by Bill Pinchak due to auto accident involving Bruce Healy. Pinchak to provide copies of the minutes to the board.

Oct 2009 TSSRM BOD Meeting Beaumont Texas

Review of Draft Minutes

Introductions

Matt Wagner

Jeff Goodwin

Jerry Payne

Joe Franklin

Levi Tibbs

Jenny Pluhar

Paul Loeffler

Lee Know

Scott Petty

Jodie Stockett

Kent Ferguson

Robert Moen

WE Pinchak

Melony Sikes

Motion Passed to approve Draft minutes...First ? Second?

Financial report- Robert Moen- See attachment A

Investment handout....Self managed investments option discussion- under consideration see Whigham proposal (attachment B)

Financial report Approved-Unanimously

Newsletter : Goodwin Oral report- Need Awards recipients ASAP. Melony requested the additional sponsors to be in the next grassroots.

Website: Natalie not present, Goodwin updated. New site is working well. Working with Ann Tanaka is outstanding. Much better model and no hosting costs w/ costs only to pay Ann on a per hr basis.

SRM Board: Chg in dues structures from HQ. Move to cafeteria approach.

Base cost membership w/ on line Rangelands \$85.

Hard copy version of Rangelands +\$15

Online REM +\$25

Hardcopy REM +\$45

Membership +Hardcopy Rangelands+Hardcopy REM=\$170

Membership problems are being worked out

Old Business

Prescribed Burning Symposium: Goodwin- Morphed into survey of all county judges w/r to burn bans, issues, challenges, how much science behind a burn ban, how much is liability a concern. Survey goes out in Nov. Data summarized and presented at Meeting in April 2010 San Marcos with stakeholders, then get back to state county governments annual meeting. Paul suggested doing same with County Attorney organization meeting. Commissioner Staples is behind this in concept. Survey will be e-mailed to BOD by Goodwin.

Scanning plants by Young Professionals for online ID. Give them the go ahead

Committee Reports

Activities-Nat'l Cowboy Poets Lubbock Meeting-Good meeting with a lot of interaction. Boys ranch would like to participate in YRW. Melony presents. TSCRA March 2010 17-21.

Annual Meeting Beaumont update from Melony: In process Houston Chronicle, SWCD and TSCRA. Used the website as central clearing house. Live auction.

Odessa: Work in progress. Letters to major sponsors out in January. Bank acct needs to be opened. Prefer to go with CitiBank.

San Angelo-Cody Scott is running with it.

Nominations and Elections- Joe Franklin See attachment C

Planning- Jerry Payne 2012 Fredericksburg likely make proposal. January BOD meeting site location.

Scholarship: Levi Tibbs- \$5k Clarine L. Brown. Passed away; bequeathed to Wyche Memorial Scholarship fund.

Awards. 7 nominations in 3 categories. Awards , 5 in total, 3 Out. Ach

5 TSSRM Members nominated for SRM awards and three recipients for Denver 2010 meeting.

College Activities- Plant ID problems with/o enough specimens causing stress with Stacey Herbarium. Lack of specimens. Need to refresh specimens. Participating professors must provide plant materials. Goodwin, how about YRW collecting specimens for exam. Don Cox, possibility of sending call out for specimens from TSSRM members.

Endowments: See attachment D and Melony notes.

Grass Roots: 3 awards NRCS, Extension, Friend. Santana Villa will present awards.

Membership: approx 450. Will continue through 2010.

ORM and ORS will attend. Awards to be awarded at meeting.

Public Awards- see report

Young professionals- see report. 7 presenters for Beaumont. Goodwin, what about competition for Young Prof Papers Awards being reinstated?

Youth: See report

Awards: ORS ORM Comm for 2 yr appt. WEP make motion to make chg to 2 yr appt. Second\ Kent Ferguson. Motion passed unanimously. Goodwin appointed by WEP.

Scholarship Committee Chair be chg to a 2 yr appt by Lee Knox and 2nd, by Lee Knox. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

None

January 22, 2010 Mason Mountain

Jerry Payne moves to adjourn, second Goodwin, Passed with one no vote..Knox.