

Regular winter meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. **Present were:** Charles **Anderson** – President, Paul **Loeffler** – 1st Vice President, Jerry **Payne** – 2nd Vice President, Bob **Knight** – Past President, Hoyt **Seidensticker** – Director, Bill **Pinchak** – Director, Cody **Scott** – Director, **Tim Reinke**– Director, Robert **Lyons** – Director, Phillip **Wright** – Director, Robert **Moen** – Treasurer, – Secretary. **Absent was:** *Bruce Healy*. **Others present were:** Jason **Hohlt**, Charles **Hart**, Jeff **Goodwin**, Mike **Stellbauer**, John **Walker**, and Diane **Arnold**.

Bruce **Healy** is out of state on family matters. He requested Jason **Hohlt** to serve as Acting Secretary for this meeting.

MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of the regular fall meeting were distributed to the board via email on December 11, 2005. **Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Knight. Second by Loeffler. Motion carries unanimously.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Report Provided. Balances listed below *as of January 1st, 2006.*

GOF Investments	\$20,000.00
GOF Checking	\$27,500.00 (estimated)
TSSRM Endowment Fund	\$40,012.20
TSSRM Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$55,890.80
Bill Wyche Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$48,133.14
TSSRM Youth Endowment Fund	\$10,001.00 (to be invested in May)

Moen suggests discussion of credit card use for meeting registration. View agreed that this is more trouble than it’s worth. Motion to accept treasurer’s report as submitted by Scott, 2nd by Knight, motion carries unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stewardship Video:

RE: *The Legacy of Range Land Stewardship Marketing, December 2005*

There were sales of 3 videos to NASCO for the fourth quarter. In addition, I have not received any of the copies back from John Walker. There were 10 copies sent to him for an international conference. I do not have an update from John on any sales from the conference-although he may report to you directly.

The CAST Convention was in Houston October 27-29th at Reliant Center. About 225 science teachers were contacted and registered for the drawing. We have mailed them all a postcard, and will follow-up with them again this year.

The Youth Range Workshop production is completed and copies were sent to Paul Loeffler.

I will also be sending copies of original video to Barron Rector for archiving. These will include the visit to the Landers Ranch and the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the office.

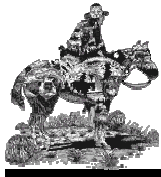
Sincerely,

Monica Hightower, Cornerstone Video

I watched the video and have the following suggestions:

To appeal to teachers for use in the classroom, I would suggest some materials to include with the DVD.

For example, the following information would be helpful for a teacher to have before using the DVD in the classroom:



- teacher notes and/or a summary of each rancher's segment
- TEKS and TAKS that the entire presentation correlates with
- possible quiz or test bank questions to assess the students learning

The following could be included as a set of worksheets to copy and hand out to students or in booklet form for the students to fill out before, during, and after seeing the video:

Before seeing the video:

- a list of vocabulary terms that the students might need to know

Before or after the video:

- hands-on activities or laboratory exercises (if possible) that relate to the topics discussed on the video
- ethical questions for students to answer before seeing the video (possible topics: urban encroachment, stewardship, multiple use of lands, etc.)

During the video:

- some questions about video content for students to answer while they watch the video (this would help keep them focused on the video)

After the video:

- Critical thinking questions for students to answer either independently or in groups
- quiz or test type questions to assess student learning (these could come from a quiz or test bank provided to the teacher)
- the same ethical questions that were asked of the students before seeing the video, but now have them answer them again to see if they have any different ideas after seeing the video
- any additional laboratory exercises or hands-on-activities that the students could complete after seeing the video (science teachers are always looking for ways to incorporate labs)

I hope this information helps, take it for what its worth, just one teacher's opinion!

Sarah Webber, Samuel Clemens School, Shertz

Discussion led to agreement that teachers should be involved in the process to develop supporting materials for the video.

Symposium:

Symposia not planned as way to educate public, public education and media campaign should be the focus. **Anderson** suggests canceling symposium. No motion needed.

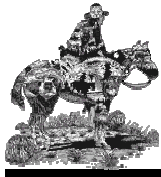
NEW BUSINESS:

Appointments: Anderson presented the following list of appointments - Bruce **Healy**, Secretary & Administrative Handbook; Robert **Moen**, Treasurer; Jan **Wiedemann**, Archivist; Jeff **Goodwin**, Newsletter Editor; and Bill **Connor**, Audit Chairperson. **Motion to accept appointments as listed by Loeffler. Seconded by Reinke. Motion carried unanimously.**

2006 BUDGET (draft provided)

Meals: **Motion to pay Charlotte Albrecht \$150.00 for meal preparation and pay Charles Anderson for food expense in the amount of \$228.95 by Knight, seconded by Seidensticker. Motion carried unanimously.**

Media Campaign (Saturday session): Our facilitated session on Saturday deals with TSSRM outreach. There will be recommendations the board will need to act upon at the conclusion



of the session on Saturday. Some of these items will require a financial commitment of the section. We will reconvene the board meeting to address these items.

Last year we discussed purchasing a membership for Jeff Grote for SRM. Do we want to purchase a membership this year? **Motion made by Knight, 2nd Loeffler, Vote - 8 in favor, 1 against. Motion carries.**

Accreditation Manual – The manual was emailed out on January 6 for review. Does anyone have recommendations they would like to make concerning the manual? **Discussed and no recommendations at this time.**

Other:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities (Loeffler): **Budget request of \$3500.**

- **Request from Emerson Adams wildlife conservation dept head at Texas A&M – Commerce for SRM to speak at Wildlife Workshop. Billy Higginbotham is suggested as contact to discuss this issue.**
- **Suggested to conduct tour of the ORSM Award winner's ranch (joint award with TSCRA).**

Audit: Bill Conner has agreed to serve as chair of the audit committee. He will be working with Robert to perform audits.

Annual Meeting:

2005 TSSRM Annual Meeting wrap-up – South Padre Island (Knight): **estimated profit of \$4000. Comp registration procedures allow only nonmember invited speakers to be offered a comp registration. Anything else must be coordinated with the annual planning committee so they may decide if they are worth taking the money out of the meeting budget.**

2006 TSSRM Annual Meeting – Del Rio (Chad Ellis and Butch Taylor):

The upcoming meeting to be held in Del Rio is going well and on schedule. We have a very good and committed Annual Meeting Committee. The committee consists of the following:

Butch Taylor – Annual Meeting Co-Chair

Chad Ellis – Annual Meeting Co-Chair

Philip Wright – Program Committee Co – Chair

Bob Lyons - Program Committee Co – Chair

Robert Moen - Finance

John Allen – Local Arrangements

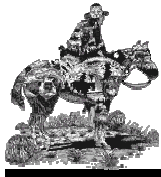
Stephen Zuberbueler - Photo Contest

Reggie Quiett – Registration

Royce Siebman - – Registration

Nick Garza – Publicity / Printed Program

The Committee is scheduled to meet February 24th to finalize the theme of the meeting and schedule a time line for each committee.



- The Del Rio Civic Center and the Ramada have both been scheduled for occupancy.
- Fundraiser – who's in charge of it this year? **Endowment Committee**
- What should the TSSRM policy be on organized events that are scheduled to visit Acuna? **Motion by Scott that TSSRM will not support any activities across the border in Mexico. Second by Reinke. Motion passes unanimously.**

Target net return for Del Rio meeting is approx. \$10,000

Motion made by Pinchak to transfer \$500 to annual meeting budget and authorize Robert Moen as Treasurer. Second by Scott. Motion carried unanimously.

2007 TSSRM Annual Meeting - Lubbock (Loeffler): Ron Sosebee and Jennifer Pluhar have been asked to chair the meeting. Meeting dates are Oct. 10-12.

Awards (Caudle): Dan Caudle has agreed to chair this committee as Phillip Wright stepped down because of his other TSSRM duties. **Dan recommends a 5% budget increase above 2005.**

College Activities (Miller): Budget request of \$500.

County Level Awards (Arnold): Budget request of \$300. Scott and Pinchak appointed to work with award committees to decide what, if any, registrations should be comped. This should be completed in time for the Del Rio meeting.

Endowment & Scholarship Fund Investments Write-up (Bryant): **Moen** to move forward on this issue. **Walker** suggests shopping around for different fund managers with lower management fees. **Moen** will get financial management changes in the handbook by April 1, 2006.

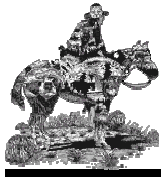
Endowment Fund (Walker): The Endowment Fund Committee will be in charge of the fundraiser in Del Rio.

Financial Audit (Bill Conner): no report.

Information & Education (Linex): no report.

Membership (Stellbauer): I've been in contact with Leslie Radtke (SRM Office Member Services Coordinator) and she is in the process of running the end of the year membership numbers. I expect to need money for stamps or long distance calling to contact members in arrears who don't have e-mail, but I have no idea of the amount. I'll have a better idea after I see how our membership stands. I should have that report by next week.

Seidensticker requests **Membership Committee** to obtain a box of SRM brochures to hand out at cattleman's meeting in March.



Pinchak suggests talking to students to ask standardized questions about what they want out of a professional society and will work with TAEX and Membership to develop this survey.

Nominations and Elections (Rector): Candidates for 2006 TSSRM 2nd VP ballot were Dr. John **Walker** and Mr. Jerry **Payne**. *Mr. Payne was elected as 2nd VP.* Candidates on the 2006 TSSRM Director ballot were Dr. Urs **Kreuter**, Dr. Bob **Lyons**, Mr. Billy **Kniffen** and Mr. Phillip **Wright**. *Bob Lyons and Phillip Wright were elected.*

The 2006 Nominations and Elections Committee consists of Barron Rector, Chair, Fred Bryant, Larry White, Former Chair Paula Maywald, Wayne Hamilton, Homer Sanchez, Jenny Pluhar, Bill Fox, Wayne Hanselka, Dan Caudle and Kim Stine.

No candidates were submitted to the parent society for SRM 2nd Vice President and Director as Dr. Allan Rasmussen, TAMU-Kingsville, was already on the 2005 ballot.

Budget request of \$500.

ORM (Seipp): I talked with Robert Moen and he said we spent \$630.00 last year. He has not yet billed the TSCRA for their 1/2 of the Stewardship Award which should be around \$150.00. So that would mean we spent about \$500. That did not include any lodging for the winners.

He suggested that we leave our budget the same as far as plaques and gate signs go and then add as a discussion for the board of directors that the annual planning committee plan for rooms for the winners. Maybe through comp rooms at the meeting site.

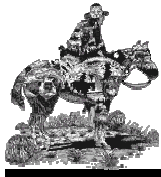
Motion by **Pinchak** that ORM and ORSM award recipients will receive one nights lodging. Second by **Seidensticker**. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Planning Committee (Knight and Hart): *Recommendation to board is Nacogdoches and obtain help to put it on from Bryan College Station due to limited SRM membership locally.* Motion made by **Knight** to hold 2008 TSSRM meeting in Nacogdoches. Second by **Payne**. *Motion carries.*

Motion by **Pinchak** to make meeting selection guidelines permanent. Second by **Knight**. Motion carries unanimously.

2009 Meeting (Southeast Texas) budget request \$500.





Public Affairs (Moseley): no report

Publication Awards (Briske): no report

Resolutions (McGinty): Since the resolutions committee is a standing committee that only works when there is a resolution submitted for Section approval, we have no budget request and nothing to report, other than there are no pending resolutions.

Scholarship (Hohlt): As newly appointed chair, I have contacted the previous chair, Paul Loeffler, and discussed the past committee activities. These activities have basically consisted of minor correspondence with the Texas State 4-H Foundation in order to identify, select, and award a suitable candidate for the scholarship award. After discussion with Mr. Loeffler, I suggest to the board that the process is functioning adequately and feel that we should continue to work with 4-H to gain maximum exposure to scholarship candidates.

No significant expenses have been incurred by this committee during the previous year. President Charles **Anderson** will be present at the State 4-H Round-up in June to present the scholarship. Therefore, I do not request any financial assistance from the Texas Section.

[\\$75 requested for certificate, banquet, etc.](#)

Youth Activities (Knox): Kenna Brooks and Ross Tolleson will represent Texas at the 2006 SRM High School Youth Forum (HSYF) in Vancouver, British Columbia. They were selected by the directors of the 2005 YRW. **Shiloh Long** will return as HSYF President.

The YRW has been selected as a 2006 finalist for the TCEQ “Texas Environmental Excellence Award”. The Youth Activities Committee will be recognized during the TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference. This is the 2nd year the YRW is a finalist.

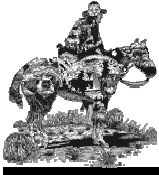
The YRW Video is now complete. Jenny **Pluhar, Loeffler** and Hugh **Majeres** are using the YRW Video to solicit funds for an endowment to continue the work of the Youth Activities Committee and the Youth Range Workshop. **Loeffler** has copies of the video.

Bruce **Healy** updated the YRW brochure and made a generic version to be used year around. The pamphlet is available on the web at: <http://www.tssrm.org/YRWPamphletGeneric.pdf>.

An extensive revision effort to the Youth Range Workshop Notebook was headed by Devyn **Richardson** and **Loeffler**.

The Youth Activities Committee also brought back the opportunity to return to the YRW as a Junior Director or “RANGE RIDER”. The Workshop as well as the Society depends upon each of the youth to return to their home counties and “share the knowledge” with others. Their work at home will enable them to return to the YRW.

Tentative date for Youth Range Workshop: June 18 – 23.



Newsletter (*Goodwin*):

<i>Grass Roots</i> Edition	Article Deadline	Approx. Publish Date
March- April	15-Mar-06	1-Apr-06
May- June	15-May-06	1-Jun-06
July- August	15-Jul-06	1-Aug-06
September- October	15-Sep-06	1-Oct-06
November- December	15-Nov-06	1-Dec-06

Publication grants will be pursued.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2006 Mason Mountain WMA 10:00 AM.

Meeting recessed on Friday, February 3rd at XXXX.

Meeting reconvened on Friday, February 4th at XXXX.

BUDGET:

Motion to Adjourn by NAME. Second by NAME. MEETING ADJOURNED AT xx:xx

Bruce S. Healy for

Jason C. Hohlt, Acting Secretary