



Regular summer meeting was called to order at 9:03 am. **Present were:** Jerry Payne –President, Melony Sikes – 1st Vice President, Bill Pinchak –2nd Vice President, Lee Knox – Director, Phillip Wright – Director, Robert Lyons – Director, Jeff Goodwin – Director & Newsletter Editor, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Paul Loeffler – Past President, and Bruce Healy – Secretary. Also present were: Charles Anderson – TNLA and lunch cook. **Absent were:** Donald Cox – Director (vehicle broke down on the way), Scott Petty – Director. **Guests:** Iris and Wes Pinchak.

[Quorum has been established.](#)

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed via email to the board on June 23rd. [Loeffler emailed in a correction on July 2nd \(spring meeting, not winter\).](#) **No other additions/corrections noted – minutes stand approved as corrected.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s Report and associated handouts presented by Moen.

Current Balances as of (6/30/08):

TSSRM General Operating Fund	\$	31,707.92
TSSRM Endowment Fund	\$	45,299.98
TSSRM MSF	\$	64,283.66
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF	\$	53,317.69
TSSRM YAE (presently in CD’s)	\$	15,001.00

[Discussion held on the report. Moen also reviewed current status of investment funds – hopefully, we are nearing the bottom of the curve for losses in the stock market, and our fund investments will recover. Moen indicated that the Tax Return will be completed by August 15th. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report as submitted by Loeffler. Motion seconded by Wright. Motion carried unanimously. Board also graciously thanks Moen for his selfless work as Treasurer.](#)

NEWSLETTER: Goodwin reported on next issue – which will promote the Annual Meeting. The next issue will provide information on the results of the AM. Reviewed VIP list of recipients – TNLA, other professional societies, local ag teachers and county agents, etc. In the future, we hope to have the May/June issue be a “rancher issue.”

WEBSITE: Currently still paying We Love Texas for the old website until the new one goes live on the SRM server. We will also have a new list server for electronic distribution of information. We are close to having the new website up and running – hopefully in the next couple of weeks. We will be putting up photos from the members on the website – Steve Nelle, Jerry Payne, and Jeff Goodwin have provided photos – anyone else? Natalie Wolff has accepted future responsibility for website management once we get it moved.

ARCHIVES (Wiedemann): As archivist, I don’t have anything to contribute to the meeting. I keep all emails and have several files stored to be taken to the Southwest Collection in Lubbock.

OLD BUSINESS:



- **LRS VIDEO & MARKETING PLAN:** Moen and Sikes reviewed the original LRS video production and marketing agreement – ran through Dec 31, 2007 – thus we need to update the contract and adjust future sales price to actual production cost (no TS profit).
- **LOGO APPAREL PROJECT:** Sikes reviewed current status. Phase 1 is completed. She is working with Healy on the Phase 2 apparel order form for the Annual Meeting, which will go out soon. Apparel order forms will be due to Moen by August 29th for delivery at AM. Sikes had samples of all items available on Phase 2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION (Sikes): Cosponsored the Howard County Range Tour (Stewart Ranch) – good event. Kendall County Stewardship Tour of 2007 ORM Winner (Hillingdon Ranch) – excellent event. Sponsored part of the event and provided CEU's. Cosponsored Gillespie County SWCD Tour. Payne reported on tour of a group of Australian's staying overnight at Wichita Falls and that he helped arrange a tour of an area ranch.

Have purchased flat screen TV for the booth. Have a sample of the small display booth. Additional pictures will be added on acrylic stands. Marketing of YRW and the LRS DVD. If we like the small display, a large one will be ordered. Plans to have a meeting with committee chairs at Nacogdoches. Also working on temporary tattoos for kids for Wildlife Expo. Also working on a window decal. Payne will also create a nice leather covered binder to promote the YRW. Discussed the [TCAA convention in Amarillo \(correction by Knox\)](#). Wright suggested that the small display be laminated – Sikes will get that done. Gate signs will also be available for sale again.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- **2008 AM (Nacogdoches - Payne):** Draft agenda provided by co chair Craig Pate. Goodwin requested a clarification on the ORS Award presentation (noted in the Admin Book). 2007 ORS winner, Bradley Ranch, has won the regional competition and NCBA has been out to video the ranch. Pinchak helped out with this. Payne updated us on the hotel – it has been sold, all staff we had worked with are gone, and are now restarting at ground zero. If anyone needs anything (meeting room, etc.) they must update Mike or Craig ASAP. Not sure if hotel reservations are still around, so call in again to confirm. Moen asked about fundraising – Payne suggested that folks contact David Polk.
- **2009 AM (Beaumont - Sikes):** Hotel people have changed - will conduct a site visit soon. Passed along her initial ideas to Wes and Johanna, and they are working on it – built around upland/estuary interface and water quality.
- **2010 AM (Odessa - Pinchak):** Trying to finalize contract with the hotel. Going to review meeting ideas. Steve Hartmann and Ray Schimcek have volunteered to serve as meeting co-chairs.

AWARDS: Peacock report. Special recognition award submitted to Payne for consideration. **Board adjourned into executive session at 9:20 am to discuss the special recognition award. Board reconvened from executive session at 9:28 am.** Loeffler moved to approve award as submitted. Second by Wright. Motion carried unanimously.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: no report.



ENDOWMENT: covered in Treasurer's report.

GRASS ROOTS (formerly County Level) AWARDS: no report.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 427 active members based upon latest report from SRM Office. No report on expired members, etc. provided.

ORM: ORS and ORM winners have been selected. Winners will receive a plaque and a sign at our meeting.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Rector report attached. Presently, 4 candidates for 2nd VP and 8 for Director. Ballot to be coming out approximately Aug. 4th.

PLANNING (2011 AM): Loeffler provided a report. Meeting proposal, solicitation sent to the members. Two members have already indicated that they will be working on bid proposals.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: no report.

- **TNLA:** McGinty provided a written report, Anderson had the oral report. First TNLA business meeting May 22nd, 2008 with 22 individuals present representing most of the 18 partner organizations. Significant discussion concerning prescribed burning in Texas, specifically as it relates to the Texas Sunset Commission and insurance related issues. Many of the TNLA members were not totally aware of all the issues brought up for discussion, and considerable dialog was spawned. TNLA had a significant impact on these two issues. Anderson suggested that TNLA members be on the newsletter VIP list. Payne asked what we, as a section, need to do to keep TNLA going. Anderson – assist in providing information to TxDOT for rest areas on ecosites, etc. to help promote/educate. We need some success pretty quick or it will stall. Prescribed burn symposia would be needed in the San Antonio/Austin area – need someone from the Section to agree to serve as chair. Suggested that the Board appoint a special Task Force to develop the concept for the symposia and submit to the TNLA to expand. **Goodwin, Anderson, McGinty, Moseley, Wright, and Ansley appointed to Task Force to explore possibly a 2009 Prescribed Burning symposia.** Goodwin will report back in October.

PUBLICATION AWARDS: no report. Budget reviewed.

RESOLUTIONS: Hart reported no activity.

SCHOLARSHIP: Clayton provided report - there will be a silent auction fundraiser for the TS-MSF at the 08 AM. Wyche Scholarship winner has been selected. MSF Scholarship was not awarded this. We need to rekindle the relationship with the State 4-H Foundation. Moen suggested that we stress our merchandise.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: Starting to work on informational fliers to promote the section. Healy forwarded information to them on June 30th. Goodwin reported that they already had 3 confirmed Young Professional presentations for the 08 AM – plan to have two more. They are already working on informational fliers for the booth, etc. Liked the idea for the TxDOT visitor center.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Scasta report. State 4-H Range Evaluation and Grass ID contests – information provided on participants and winners. State 4-H Roundup (roughly first week of June in College Station). 34 Youth participated in the 08 YRW – committee thanked Payne for coming for most of the week. HSYF delegates should be selected pretty soon for the 09 SRM meeting (11 candidates). List of YRW directors provided for information (19). Generally, YRW is the last week of June – encourage everyone to attend and help out. Knox reported that SRM has decided to NOT publish the HSYF winning papers in the future – would TS BOD consider paying for the publishing any future TS delegate winner to ensure publication in Rangelands? Yes if they are the *overall* paper winner of the HSYF.

- Payne is upset that the youth papers will not be published in the future. Loeffler moved to authorize Payne to write a letter on behalf of the board over the new publishing policy for Rangelands articles. The TS board disagrees with the policy decision regarding the publishing of the winning HSYF papers. Suggestions on wording of the letter provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

SRM 2009 – information provided regarding hotel reservations are now available.

Loeffler reported on request from Tom Bartlett (09 AM Chair) on members who have passed in the last year – plans are to have a Memorial Breakfast before the Plenary Session.

Thank you to Anderson for a great lunch.

Next Meeting: Fredonia Hotel, Nacogdoches, October 8th, 8am.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 am.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Bruce S. Healy

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