



Regular 1st quarter meeting was called to order at 10:08 am. **Present were:** John Walker – President, Cody Scott –1st Vice President, Willy Conrad –2nd Vice President, Mandi Ligon – Director, Jim Ansley—Director, Dandy Kothmann –Director, Frank Price – Director, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Jeremy Hasty – Social Media, Natalie Bartek –Secretary. Also present were Paul Loeffler, SRM Director, and Carrie Koennecke, Michael Willson and Michael Margo to report for their committees.

Walker called the meeting to order; a quorum was established. Walker welcomed everyone and challenged existing members to be more engaged and more active in the section, thus promoting new membership and a healthier section.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 1/28/2014. Kothmann made a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed out. Scott seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Conrad and seconded by Ligon to re-appoint Robert Moen as Section Treasurer, Tyson Hart as Newsletter Editor, Jeremy Hasty as Website/Social Media Director, Lee Knox as Archivist and Natalie Bartek as Section Secretary. **The motion passed unanimously.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s Report, plus additional attachments, provided and reviewed by Moen.
 -Revenue from previous meetings (exhibitors, membership, tour, sponsors, etc); profits for both Fredericksburg (\$8,480.99) and Fort Worth (\$9,462.50).
 -Investments: MSF (\$87,732.57), Wyche (\$70,430.76), Endowment (\$72,550.12), YAC Endowment (\$22,561.89); YAC has discussed removing their fund principal from IPI due to obvious dissatisfaction—will review at end of year to decide and let board know. The Investment Committee is aware of the issue and they are working on a plan to start growth for the fund.
 -Budget Review: TNLA-Hondo (\$6,877), Balance (\$19,619.37), Usable Balance (\$15,219.86), Sonora Bank (\$10,586.50), Certificates of Deposit (\$15,000)
 -Mineral “Gift” Discussion-still cannot get a hold of the guy; last he heard, the accountants & attorneys are still working on it.

Current Balances (as of 12/31/2013):

TSSRM General Fund	\$19,619.37
	<i>(Usable bank balance = \$15,219.86)</i>
	<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>
	<i>(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$1,399.51)</i>

Current Balances (as of 12/31/2013):

TSSRM MSF (IPI)	\$87,732.57
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI)	\$70,430.76
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$72,550.12
TSSRM YACEF (IPI)	\$22,561.89

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, by Price. Motion seconded by Conrad. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEWSLETTER: Feel free to send any article in to Tyson; you can also send to the SRM Stewardship Newsletter for national consideration.



WEBSITE REPORT: Melissa Snyder-IT person for SRM; Jess Peterson in charge of staff—look to see if we can use SRM for less \$/hr since we'll be updating the website more frequently. Still working on awards presented at Fredericksburg (especially college/range relay info). All Fort Worth award info has been posted. Hasty is doing a great job with Facebook, we apparently have Twitter now too.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2014 Budget: **Motion by Scott** to transfer \$1,848 from the Endowment Fund to the General Fund and \$1,399.51 from the General Fund to the Endowment Fund. **Motion seconded by Ligon; approved by all.** Revenues/Expenses; discussion. Reviewed past meeting minutes to confirm motions for budgeting purposes (travel, printing, mailing expenses). **Conrad** moved to approve the 2014 budget. **Ansley** seconded and **all approved** the motion.
- Memorandum of Agreement with SRM (see attached): **Motion by Conrad:** use the draft as the basis agreement, as revised, to negotiate Corpus Christi AM and approve Goodwin, Poncho Jr and Rasmussen as meeting liaisons; final document shall be reviewed by TSSRM BOD. **Motion seconded by Kothmann; unanimously approved.**
We need to have confirmation of what has been done with this meeting on the chair side of things. Poncho and Rasmussen need to be present at a quarter meeting so all are on the same page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

To get contact information at events, want to give away Moore Maker knives with TSSRM logo. Plan to send received contact information to Tyson so they can receive the TSSRM newsletter; at end of year, send a membership registration letter/email. Loeffler suggested he'd try to "sweeten the pot" by getting SRM Stewardship emails send to them as well.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Marfa/Alpine/Ft Davis (2014)

October 7-10. Committee met in Alpine in December. Venues are all secure. Wednesday is the tour day (full day). Chair people are interested in having "big name" band, to possibly secure and sell tickets outside the section, as a possible fundraiser. Extended credit to college students?? Bi-national program: Poncho, Carlos Villalobos, Margo, Tuesday afternoon (Marfa), presenters from both US & Mexico have been listed; no contacts just yet. University of Chihuahua has expressed interest in attending. 5-6 presenters that afternoon. Travel support to delegation from Mexico.

Wichita Falls (2015)

Location: Holiday Inn at the Falls (recently remodeled)

Dates: Wednesday, October 7, 2015—Friday, October 9, 2015 (pending)

Committee Chairs: Tony Dean & John Paclik

Registration: Reggie Quiet & Royce Siebmann

Focus: Back to the Basics

Potential Committee Members: Bill Pinchak, Jim Ansley, Russell Stevens, Chad Ellis, Will Moseley, Nathan Haile, Gerald Hobson, Ralph Porter, Charles Kneuper, Dias Murray (Tour?) & Wynne Whitworth

Other Thoughts: Invite the Texas Council of Chapters of the SWCD to the meeting. Separate session. Oklahoma Section?

Separate symposium with TX Chapter and TSSRM—outside of both party's annual meeting



2016 Annual Meeting –Conrad

Corpus Christi Annual SRM Mtg: Poncho Ortega Jr. & Allen Rasmussen. Draft MOA.

AWARDS:

April 30th is deadline to submit nominee paperwork.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

No action or requests at this time.

ENDOWMENT:

No updates for the Endowment Fund at this time.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:

Nominations for Grassroots awards are requested.

INVESTMENT:

Suggestions for Schimcek replacement; **Motion by Scott:** Contact Bob Whitson and ask if he will serve on the Investment Committee. **Motion seconded by Ligon; unanimously approved.** **Motion by Conrad:** Board will ask Heit Schmidt if Bob cannot make the commitment. **Motion seconded by Ansley; approved by all.** IPI has been invited to attend meetings (mid year and 13 AM). Goals? Risk Assessment? Long term/short term outlooks? Frank, Jim and John will be a sub-committee to review the Investment Fund Handbook for possible revision and better understanding; Bartek will send info to them.

MEMBERSHIP:

310 current members. Hit first hard first 6months after expiration; otherwise, it doesn't seem like they renew. Open to suggestions on efforts. Main goal is to keep our existing membership; don't worry too much about recruiting. John will verify confidentiality issues with Nick Dormer to make sure we can email to entire board so we know who is expired.

MENTORSHIP:

-Questionnaire sent out on what mentors and mentees thought of the program after the first year and suggestions for improvements.
-2013-2014 Mentorship Handbook done
-2013-2014 mentors and mentees have been paired, made first contact and all have accepted.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Electronic balloting; SRM is working on bylaw changes through paper ballot to make electronic balloting good to go. TSSRM is still going to do electronic balloting if the member has selected electronic balloting on the SRM site.

ORM: No report

PLANNING: No report.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

TSSRM has a procedure in place through Public Affairs to respond to proposed TSSRM position statements from members and we would welcome the opportunity to address these.

TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance): No report.



PUBLICATION AWARDS: No report.

RESOLUTIONS: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP: Will need to find a replacement for Melissa, since she's now a board member.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: No report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: May need to find a replacement for Kevin, if he's not a member. The BOD feels Committee Chairs should be led by members of the Texas Section.

The following individuals have again agreed to serve as members of the Youth Activities Committee in 2014: Dr. Barron Rector, Hoyt Seidensticker, Dr. Bob Knight, Jenny Pluhar, Keith Blair, Lee Knox, Kim Peters, Paul Loeffler, and Dandy Kothman as Board Liaison.

We present a summary of our accomplishments over the past few months, as well as plans for a busy spring and summer.

- 1) The 2013 Youth Range Workshop participants selected to represent the Texas Section at the 2014 High School Youth Forum and SRM Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida are Kadden Kothmann from Glasscock County, Myca Reed from Live Oak County, and Lexie Brooks from Kimble County. Each delegate is preparing a range related power point talk for the Forum Presentation Competition.
- 2) Heston Henry from Ector County will also return to the 2014 High School Youth Forum, and serve as its president.
- 3) As part of the award and recognition on being selected to represent the Texas Section SRM at the Orlando Meeting, all of the new High School Youth Forum Delegates Student membership fees were paid for by the Youth Activities Committee (\$180).
- 4) From October to January, Barron Rector and Hoyt Seidensticker have been working with the Texas delegates to the Orlando HSYF to prepare for the SRM Annual Meeting and participation in the High School Youth Forum.
- 5) In November all of the 34 Youth Range Workshop Participants from 2013 received a letter and the new GLCI sponsored TSSRM Small Acreage Landowner Tips publication from the YAC.
- 6) The Youth Range Workshop application and brochure were updated and these were handed out at the State Fair of Texas Range and Pasture Plant Identification Contest
- 7) We are currently planning the 60th Youth Range Workshop will be held at the TTU Center in Junction this summer.
- 8) The Youth Activities Committee is concerned about the status of the Youth Endowment Fund and we have requested quarterly updates from the Investment Committee.

2014 BUDGET REQUEST

We, the members of the Youth Activities Committee, submit the following budget request to the TSSRM Board of Directors for the 2013 fiscal year.

.....Requested Amount = \$2,550.40.....

This amount, if approved, will be used to purchase lodging, meeting registration fees, and airline tickets to send the three youth delegates and the youth forum president to Orlando Florida for the 2014 Society for Range Management Annual Meeting. We ask for your continued support of these outstanding young people, who have been chosen to represent you at the 2014 High School Youth Forum.

Airline tickets	\$267.60 * 4 = \$1070.40
<u>Lodging and Registration</u>	<u>\$370 * 4 = \$1480</u>
Total	\$2550.40

The Youth Activities Committee will be paying for all on-site costs for the 4 delegates and 3 chaperones (Dr. Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Seidensticker). These on-site costs include local transportation, tips, and other local fees and expenses that are estimated to be \$1800. In addition the Youth Activities Committee will pay for airline tickets for the 3 chaperones at a cost of \$727.80. The Youth Activities Committee will pay approximately \$2,527.80 of the costs for the Forum trip to Orlando which is approximately 50% of the total trip costs.



NEW BUSINESS:

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2nd Qtr Friday, April 25, 2014 10am, Texas A&M Center, San Angelo, TX
3rd Qtr Friday, July 2014 10am, Texas A&M Center, San Angelo, TX
4th Qtr October 2014 am, Alpine, TX

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by Scott and seconded by Ansley. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at 3 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie W Bartek, Secretary