



Regular 2nd quarter meeting was called to order at 10:10 am. **Present were:** John Walker – President, Cody Scott –1st Vice President, Willy Conrad –2nd Vice President, Jeff Goodwin—Past President, Mandi Ligon – Director, Dandy Kothmann –Director, Frank Price – Director, Melissa Teague—Director, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Jeremy Hasty –Social Media, Natalie Bartek –Secretary. Also present were Brian Hays and Allen Rasmussen to report for their respective committees.

Walker called the meeting to order; a quorum was established. Walker welcomed everyone and quickly reviewed the agenda.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 4/18/2014 & 4/23/2014. Scott made a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed out. Ligon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s Report, plus additional attachments, provided and reviewed by Moen. Cash revenues up due to 2013 revenues; expenses normal. Eventual royalties are looking very well and will be considered “bonus”, not line-item numbers in our budget.

Current Balances (as of 4/23/2014):

TSSRM General Fund	\$29,160.00
<i>(Usable bank balance = \$29,160.00)</i>	
<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>	

Community National Bank-Hondo	\$7,478.61
Sonora Bank-Sonora	\$1,090.00

Current Investment Balances (as of 3/31/2014):

TSSRM MSF (IPI)	\$88,787.84
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI)	\$71,644.05
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$73,027.96
TSSRM YACEF (IPI)	\$23,397.86

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, by Ligon. Motion seconded by Hays. 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: SRM will not pick up website costs. We can use whom we want. We can stick with Ann, go through Melissa or even go with someone else. Facebook name change is coming so searching is easier and more accessible.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

Several events are coming up. The booth has been traveling, even with AgriLife. More money has been spent for this committee but all is justifiable for the return of people’s interests in stopping.



ANNUAL MEETING:

Marfa/Alpine/Ft Davis (2014)

Looking for Sponsorship/Exhibitor chair; no one is available within that area. Anticipating decent representation from Mexico attendees. Draft schedule of events. Still trying for big name entertainment; if it happens, it will be advertised to the public and we will sell tickets. Hoping to give TSSRM more exposure and hope to pick up a new member or two.

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

Contract signed with Hotel Wichita Falls; more than adequate. Under \$80/night. Initial meeting with committee and facilities coming hopefully this summer. In talks with Noble Foundation inclusion.

2016 Annual Meeting –Conrad

Outreach to different places for potential hosts. Lubbock, Odessa, Kermit, Uvalde, Abilene.

Corpus Christi Annual SRM Mtg:

-Membership attendance issues; figuring out how to get federal agencies to allow personnel to attend. Met with BLM (will allow 15 people attend), Forrest Service looks similar. What do we do to get more than 15? Strategy, met with Jess and legislative staff. To maintain professional competence, federal employees need training from professional societies. Org for state ag commissioners contacted. Will more than likely take two years to break down resistances. Coordinating with other societies as well.

-Agency Level: Have agency-related trainings at symposium. Room reservations model depends on technical papers accepted, training symposia, and cost reductions. Working many different directions to open up more flow to CC; some non-traditional in the sense of past meetings. Robert Moen- Treasurer, Lynn Drawe, Wayne ; Poncho (Sr) Program Chair.

-Trade show (biggest hurdle right now): long term attendees/national level. Other meeting issues—we're trying to not have those. Sponsorship committee is being "put together" and it will be in place by their August 2015 meeting.

-Tour Ideas: East Foundation (Robert East Estate)-working ranch wildlife foundation; 200,000 ac, \$200 million Endowment Fund. Located in Hebbronville all the way to the gulf coast; unique place, about an hour from Corpus.

-MOA (attached): who's responsible for what? Review/discussion of Draft MOA; to pass up to SRM. Revisions need to be as simple to understand and as fair as possible. John made corrections for possible approval, based on BOD conversation...

A motion was made by Price to approve the updated MOA for approval from the parent society. Cody Scott seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

AWARDS:

Have received 2 nominations for 2014. Please spread the word to send nominations for Young Professional, Outstanding Achievement, Outstanding Contributions, Fellow, and Special Recognition. Review of different awards by BOD, for possible nominees.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

No action or request items at this time.

ENDOWMENT: No report



GRASS ROOTS AWARDS:

Nominations for Grassroots awards are requested.
Review of different awards by BOD, for possible nominees.

INVESTMENT:

Handbook changes from last meeting? (Price, Ansley, Walker)
Fee based to transaction based. Report is positive. Lack of return concerns on YAF. Monies will be invested the same as others for the same type of returns. The investment was too conservative so when it lost, it took longer to bounce back and it seems everything is corrected now.
Proposed changes to Investment Committee Handbook.
With the changes shown on the Investment Committee document and the verbal correction mentioned, Kothmann made a motion to approve the updated changes to the handbook. Hays seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

MEMBERSHIP:

Cody to forward most recent report to Bartek.

MENTORSHIP:

- Mentors and mentees have been paired and all have accepted.
- Mentor and mentee bio-sketch completed and communication between pairs is regular.
- May is the 6 month checkup evaluation of the pairs and each pair will be contacted.
- Carrie wants to give those pairs who have hectic schedules a chance to meet up face to face before the Annual meeting in Alpine. She is working to organize a dutch treat luncheon with a compromising location for all pairs.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Hohlt will be meeting with his committee soon.

ORM: No report

PLANNING:

Sent out info, trying to find info for a good place to go. Once Conrad is done, the Planning Committee will prepare it for the board. Hope to have bids to look at by the July meeting.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: No report.

TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance): No report.

PUBLICATION AWARDS: No report.

RESOLUTIONS:

No report. Discussion about topics, especially about prescribed grazing. Willy to talk to Tony to help draft a position or resolution statement. Can we potentially share with TNLA and others to get actual movement/attention to it?

SCHOLARSHIP:

4-H Foundation presentation; June 9, 2014; should be able to have a representative there but will let people know the agenda to make sure. Fundraiser at AM: Silent auction at banquet (concert) or a reverse raffle. Scattered evenings will be challenging.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: No report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Summary of accomplishments from Jan 30 –April 25:

Our committee members have been working to publicize the 60th Annual Youth Range Workshop, to be held June 22-27, 2014. Plans are coming together for the event, including sponsorships, staffing, and agenda items.

1. We are pleased to report that our Texas delegates to the 2014 High School Youth Forum at the SRM meeting in Orlando Florida performed at an exceptionally high level and represented our Section well. First Place in the HSYF paper presentations was awarded to Lexie Brooks from Kimble County for her presentation "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: A Landowner's Guide to the Do's and Don'ts of Land Management". Third place was awarded to Myca Reed from Live Oak County for her presentation "The Struggles of Quail Management". And Kaden Kothmann from Glasscock County took 5th place for his presentation titled "Cedar: Turning Wood Into Feed. Who Knew?". Thank you to the Board of Directors for funding the travel expenses for these outstanding young people, and their dedicated chaperones, Dr. Barron Rector, Mr. and Mrs. Seidensticker.
2. 2014 Youth Range Workshop announcements and registration forms were mailed to 250 County Extension Offices and 290 Agriculture Science teachers and FFA programs by the end of April.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Meeting with NRCS Texas State Conservationist-Salvador Salinas (Walker/Conrad)
Fed travel regulations, negative publicity, policies—Sal has specific approval limitations and any more than what he's allowed to approve will need to go up to the RAC. Sent several to another meeting that was approved by the chief because many who attended help assist/put on the training and needing the training. National and State training objectives for agencies need to be considered to get them approved to be there.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 3rd Qtr Friday, July 18, 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 Price. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie W Bartek, Secretary