



## **Colorado State Section Society for Range Management Annual Meeting**

**Date:** *October 23rd 2019*  
8:15am - 10:30am Mountain Time

**Attendees:** *Clare Hydock, Josh Tashiro, Dan Nosal, Andee Leininger, Ariana Gloria, Roy Roath, Smai Dinar, Ben Berlinger, Courtney Hurst, Kathleen Delzell, Lana Pearson, Randy, Reichert, Maria Fernandez-Jimenez, Julie Elliot, Baili Foster, Jordan Spaack,*

**Location:** *Cheyenne, Wyoming*

**Hosted by:** *Colorado State Section Society for Range Management*

Please visit <http://www.cssrm.org/events.html> to review minutes of the last meeting, and board & committee reports. Print off & bring what you need with you.

**Purpose:** To continue collaboration, share information and strategically plan future endeavors amongst all members of CSSRM

### **Agenda:**

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Determination of a quorum - Clare Hydock**
- 3. Disposal of minutes - Clare Hydock**
  - a. Josh moved to approve minutes, Courtney seconded. Motion passed.
- 4. Treasurer's report - Lana Pearson**
  - a. We currently have \$6941.36. The budget is run from the annual meeting to annual meeting.
  - b. The books need to be audited according to bylaws.
  - c. In the past, the section receives a check from Colorado State University that is then appointed for scholarships.
  - d. The section made money this summer - thanks to Julie for lunch at the summer meeting!
    - i. \$100 can be added back to budget as it was not allocated to the city of Wray

- e. Registration is \$135 though it needs tweaking.
- f. No scholarship check was written last fall so this year's amount was changed to \$3000. The scholarship will go back to \$2000 next year.
- g. Josh moved to approve report, Sami seconded, motion passed.

**5. Officers & committee reports. See at [www.cssrm.org](http://www.cssrm.org)**

**6. 2020 Budget - Dan Nosal**

- a. The section is paying \$144 for website, budgeted \$150. Sec of state is \$10, for maintaining our 501c3 status.
- b. Youth budget - Ben requested HSYF funding of \$1455 for Denver. \$1,600 is what Dan put in budget this year, which is \$500 per student plus \$100 for additional expenses.
- c. CSSRM awards - \$1000: \$400 goes toward awardee meeting registration. Plaques for awardees are \$300, certificate of appreciation frames are \$40.
- d. \$350 toward food for mtg at annual mtg.
  - i. Ariana says awards were \$330 This year, so Dan undershot by \$30.
- e. CSU range club is typically \$500 though they haven't asked for it yet.
- f. Misc. \$500
- g. \$5000 on operating expense budget for 2020
- h. The section typically does not include the annual mtg or summer tour in budget expense because the price fluctuates so much every year
- i. Roy, treasurer should look at budget and expenses every year and compare
- j. We need to track our budget a little better
  - i. Courtney, how much does audit cost? We do it internally, so Dan, JT, Ben
- k. Not sure if books have ever been reconciled
- l. Roy wants to know if Lana can put footnote on CSU's \$500, that if they don't use it this year, can we keep it and give it to them next year, in addition to \$500 next year for Boise
- m. Motion passed.

**7. Proposed change to Awards Criteria - vote needed - Clare Hydock**

- a. Nominees must be a current SRM member in good standing, meaning that dues must be paid by January 31st. As of right now, you can pay dues the day before the award is appointed.
  - i. Only applies to Trail Boss or Outstanding Young professional award
- b. Courtney mentions that it should be something presented by Awards Committee to Board, not other way around. Red line, send it to Board via email and we can aye or nay.
  - i. Kathleen, had a nominee who was not in good standing this year.

**8. El Paso County Ag Expo - request for donation, vendor, door prize, etc. Vote needed. - Josh Tashiro**

- a. El Paso County conservation district has asked for \$100 for the Ag Expo; Pam Davison.
  - i. The money is for small acreage people in the county, soil health, beekeeping.
    - Roy - do we get a booth space if we donate?
    - JT - we need to spend some money on an actual banner or tablecloth because our section doesn't have one.
    - Dan - it's not in the budget, we need to do a better job of tracking budget. We don't know exactly what a booth space costs.
    - Gary, wants SRM to have booths at events to recruit more members.
    - Vicky Trujillo has booth stuff in Littleton that's available.
- b. Dan - do we need to put marketing money in budget?
- c. Randy - do we have a strategic plan?
  - i. Roy - yes, it was started and now collecting dust.
  - ii. Randy - we need to get it up and going, make an Ad Hoc committee.
  - iii. Claire - she and several others got together in 2016 to discuss strategic plan. Rob Alexander, Sami Dinar.
  - iv. Courtney volunteered to work on strategic plan, needs to be tweaked every 3 years or so.
    - Julie Larson also volunteered.
  - v. Kimberly - outside folks were brought in to look at strategic plan.
- d. Claire - we need to move forward, have request on the floor for \$100. This could come from 2020 Outreach Budget.
- e. Julie Elliott - co section could pay for the booth and get reimbursed by 2020 Outreach Budget
- f. Sami makes motion to have booth at El Paso Ag Expo for \$100, and get reimbursed by 2020 budget. Courtney second, motion passed.
- g. Focus on membership component, call members before membership expires, decide whether to amend meeting.

**9. Student Affairs/URME & Plant ID at fall meeting -**

- a. CSU - 9 students coming to URME tomorrow, no plant ID tonight.
- b. Would like to footnote this year's \$500 for Boise next year. They have been fundraising like crazy.
  - i. Alexis and Amanda are co-presidents of club.

**10. Proposal to pay 2020 registration for Julie Elliott - vote needed - Clare Hydock**

- a. The section discussed this via email during summer, do it need more discussion?
- b. Dan did put it in 2020 budget, but Julie has also submitted travel to NRCS.

- c. Roy - government employee can't accept gift, Lana will run it up ethics chain.
- d. Jordan Spaak - if you get Ethics approval, we can pay for Julie's registration.
- e. Dan moves to cover Julie's registration if the government doesn't pay AND if it clears Ethics. JT seconds, motion passed.

**11. Call for volunteers to submit WSARE grant - Clare Hydock**

- a. Baili offered to help with this. It looks good to have someone from Extension assist with this - JT will contact Jennifer in extension.
- b. Try to hit all criteria for proposal - Maria can help

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**12. Call for SRM officers & BOD - parent level - Clare Hydock**

- a. Several emails have been sent out regarding this. We are really looking for assistance here!
- b. Updates from Maria - ethics task force. We have never had an official process. Board passed guidelines for professional conduct at annual meeting. Proposal for new certification - target grazing cert. Trying to reward Wild Horse and Burro project. 3 sections created a national WHB summit in Reno
  - i. There is a lot of discussion on what's going to happen with culls, is there any way to have oversight on private lands who buy culls?
  - ii. BLM office move to Denver, not supported by SRM?
  - iii. Correspondence with Yellowstone, they might be involved in 2020.
  - iv. Boise 2021, Albuquerque 2022.
  - v. Maria can email us the 12 slides the parent SRM sent her.

**13. Swearing in of new officers - Dan Nosal**

- a. Bylaws created in 1973, amended 1986 and 2016. Nominations for any position shall bear the signatures of 20 voting members.
  - i. We have not done this for a really long time.
- b. Bylaws say it shall be the duty of the elections committee to prepare list of candidates and receive nominations from membership.
  - i. We need to have an election and can send ballot out. 30 days until you can count ballots.
- c. Nothing in bylaws about only two people with interest.
- d. Secretary is supposed to send out electronic ballot by Oct 15.
  - i. Roy suggests sending out ballot now, then install new board members at 2020.
  - ii. Dan asks if current board stays in place for now. Dan asked for nominations in newsletters and a last minute email. Nobody wants to be President Elect.

- iii. We should do it officially and send out ballot, even without President Elect on it.
  - Jordan might be possible President Elect nominee, Dan will talk to him.
- e. Discussion about streamlining next annual meeting and maybe look at non hotel venues.
  - i. Maria suggested splitting responsibility of annual meeting, like President does venue and president elect does program.
  - ii. Dan will send out ballot in 2 weeks.
  - iii. Jordan might be President Elect if he can get Ethics approval, he works for NPS.
- f. JT was signed in as the new CSSRM president

**14. Discussion & decision needed regarding lack of a President-elect position - Clare Hydock and Dan Nosal**

- a. We have two new members to consider - Kevin and Jordan

**15. 2020 Meeting - Julie Elliott**

- a. We are going to have meeting at 2020 to swear in New board members. Tuesday night before the dance at a food event

**16. Youth Activities Report - Ben Berlinger**

- a. Ben thanked volunteers and committee members for help with youth. Need help with volunteers. They received \$3000 from Cortiva. This helped with Camp Rocky expenses.

**17. Old business**

**18. New business**

- a. Range position approved to be refilled at Colorado State University. It will cover rangeland ecology, restoration, fire and more. Maria will send more information
  - i. Hiring a silviculture position at the same time

**19. Next BOD meeting date and time. At 2020 meeting?**

- a. Tuesday night before the dance at a food event

**20. Adjourn - Clare Hydock**

- a. Dan moved to adjourn, Andee 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. 10:46 AM.

