



Colorado Section Society for Range Management

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wine Country Inn, Palisade, CO

November 6, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Dixie Crowe, Section Secretary

Call to Order

Introduction of attendees – name and affiliation with SRM

Dan Nosal, President

Sami Dinar Board of Director, Julie Elliott 2020 Planning Chair, Dan Nosal President, Ben Berlinger Youth Activities Chair, Kathleen Delzell, Membership Chair, Clare Hydock President-Elect, Kim Diller member, Josh Saunders Past President, Josh Tashiro Historian/Webmaster, Matt Barnes member, Courtney Hurst incoming Board Member, Emily Lockhart member, Sarah DeVane CSU Range Club President, Lana Pearson Treasurer, Andee Leininger incoming Board member, Paul Meiman University Student Affairs, Dixie Crowe Secretary

Review and Approval of Minutes from Summer Tour

Dixie Crowe, Secretary

Dixie read the minutes

JT motioned to approve the minutes, Josh Saunders seconded, motion carried

CSSRM Officers/Committee Members – Update

Dan Nosal, President

New officers include Kathleen Delzell as membership chair and Ariana Gloria awards committee chair. Chase Dryden resigned as a director in the summer and we're filling his spot this fall. Michael Butterfield was not able to be here today.

Treasurer's Report

Lana Pearson, Treasurer

- Summer tour made \$98.48
- Will work with Dan to complete the 2018 budget report
- Bank balance \$10,905.96
- Scholarship money is pulled out annually from the investment account (\$2000).

Transfer \$2000 from Investment Account to Operating Account.

Category	Total
Starting Bank Balance	\$8,935.03
Expenses	
Website – Weebly	\$144.00
Website – Curt Hulbert	\$95.00
Newsletter – Ann Williams layout	\$125.00
Newsletter – Clare Hydock mailing reimbursement	\$29.55
Summer Tour – Ben Berlinger	\$246.71
Summer Tour – Lahr, Ind Country Johns	\$196.00
Summer Tour – Weld County Cattlewomen (lunch)	\$1,100
Awards – Valley Frames	\$154.00
Sponsorship – Badger Creek Ranch Quivira Coalition Workshop	\$100.00
Awards – SRM Tail Boss Print	\$215.00
Youth – FFA Range Judging	\$200.00

Total Expenses	(\$2,605.26)
Income	
SRM Section Membership Dues	\$935.00
SRM – Summer Tour Donation from Joyce Jordan	\$750.00
SRM – Summer Tour Registrations	\$891.19
Operating Budget – Transfer from Investment Account for Scholarships	\$2000.00
Total Income as of November 6, 2018	\$4,576.19
Ending Bank Balance	\$10,905.96

Josh Saunders moved to approve the treasurer’s report, Clare seconded, motion carried

CSU Range Club Update

Sarah LeVane, CSU Range Club President

- There is interest in club from students at Front Range Community College
- We have 10 students are attending this annual meeting, 9 will do the URME, 4 will participate in plant id exam.
- The fall picnic had some alumni attend.
- We had a spray demo, calibration on the seeding drill, and tractor safety by Paul Meiman at the Waverly property owned by CSU.
- We have new t-shirt and sticker designs for fundraising.
- We were not able to do our annual fall fundraiser for Henderson Mill. It has been postponed until spring semester.
- Sarah asked for suggestions for fundraising opportunities.

Committee Reports

• **Awards**

Dan Nosal, President for Ariana Gloria

- Ariana is the new awards chair.
- Julie Elliot is receiving Trail Boss, Excellence in Rangeland Conservation will go to the Stults Family Ranch, Outstanding Young Professional to Hailey Wilmer, and Outstanding Publication to Crystal Tipton.

• **Membership**

Kathleen Delzell, Membership Chair

- Clare Hydock invited Kathleen to SRM membership meeting. After taking notes in March, Kathleen took over membership chair position. Is there anyone who can attend the membership meeting in Minneapolis, since Kathleen can’t attend?
- How could our section increase membership? Two possible categories that Dan Nosal and Kathleen came up with:
 - More producers, could include ranch managers (such as the TNC)
 - Young Professional/Apprentice level, capturing student transitioning to professionals
- Kathleen is working with membership chairs in other sections to get Allen Press to deliver their spreadsheets for the sections differently.
- The fall newsletter report on membership had 197 paid members, and we have had some deaths in the section:
 - Ross Campbell
 - Bruce Lindahl
 - Elizabeth/Libby Colbert
 - Leona Rittenhouse
 - We will put deceased member’s names in the SRM Range Flash instead of our newsletter
- Now we have 10 members requesting paper ballots (down 10 from last meeting)
- Still cleaning up email addresses that bounce back
 - Allen Press cleaned up some email addresses with Kathleen’s request
 - Kathleen will create a single list for Colorado section members instead of everyone on the board creating a list for emailing announcements and section related materials.

- Dan did have two individuals include their email addresses after sending the newsletter hard copy to 10 members. One other responded by asking to have their name removed from our list for health reasons.
 - Kathleen – we’re down to 7 members without email addresses
- Dan – we had 200 paid members as of October 2018

- **Website/History**

Joshua Tashiro, Webmaster/Historian

- New website
 - Thanks to Dixie, Retta, Josh T.
 - Were able to let Curt Hulbert go and the only expense going forward is just the cost of website, no administration costs
- Thanks to all the Facebook admin for posting things on our page including:
 - Matt Barnes, Retta Bruegger, Josh T., others
 - If you want an admin role contact Josh T.
- Dan, Josh, Ben, and Josh T. will meet in January to go through box from Rob Alexander and Dr. Rittenhouse materials to look at section history and make it digital on the Google drive
 - Have been able to update section President list back to 1973
 - Kathleen may have photos from 1962-1966 when her husband was active in the section

- **Youth Activities**

Ben Berlinger, Youth Activities Chair

- FFA Range Judging – there were NE and SE Colorado Regional competitions, CSSRM handed out awards
- There was also an Eastern Colorado State Range Judging & FFA competition
- We had good media coverage including The Fence Post and Brian Almer of Barn Media who interviewed students from the eight chapters
- Camp Rocky – Dan Nosal handed out awards and certificates of completion
 - Breanna Etl was given a belt buckle for her achievements
- HSYF students have not been chosen yet
- The Range and Pasture Management Book, third edition is \$28.99 or can be downloaded as a pdf for free
 - Emmett Jordan, Jordan Angus Ranch, last year’s Excellence in Rangeland Conservation award winner put the book together for us
 - Ag teachers from all over CO helped with it
 - This is based on a book from 1975, but has been updated starting in 2016, 2018 is the 3rd edition, and is great for any teacher who would like to obtain it.
- Josh T. - I did some historical posts on Facebook on these competitions and in 1951 it was called “grass judging”

- **University Student Affairs and Scholarships**

Paul Meiman, University Student Affairs

- 10 CSU undergrads here, which is a record
- One grad student came with Paul, Jake Courkamp
- There are students here from Colorado Mesa University, Colorado Community College and six undergrads from Southern Utah State.
 - We are doing a mini plant id contest in the morning and a mini URME in the afternoon
 - All SUU students are taking both exams
 - Four students from CSU will do plant id and 9 will do URME
- Changes to the Range program at CSU:
 - Rearranged majors so the range offerings include two concentrations under a Forest and Range major, but in terms of the curriculum there are no real changes in the course
 - The new restoration ecology concentration is similar to a past range restoration concentration
 - These changes have been detailed changes to SRM, these was forwarded up the chain with no concern

- For now, all of these will carry range accreditation (from SRM), but the restoration concentration may become an issue in the future since range is not in the course title
- Matt Barnes – are there enough credits for the students to meet the 18 credits for Federal jobs?
- Paul – yes.
- Commencement speaker this year will be a range student - Cailyn Newcomb
- Troy Ocheltree, range professor at CSU was nominated by Paul and Hailey Wilmer for the SRM Early Career Professional award
- Scholarships
 - Paul is nominating Lee Goertznowsky for the transfer student scholarship
 - Sarah LeVane for outstanding junior/senior scholarship
 - Last year Tanner Marshall graduated in December so there was \$500 left for the spring semester, so Paul proposes that the board support Cody Mortell this semester with that \$500 scholarship

Joshua Tashiro motioned to follow Paul’s recommendation for scholarship awardees, Sami Dinar seconded, motion carried

- Matt Barnes asked about extension status – Paul is listed as 47% extension in his job description, so he does have some role/responsibility, Retta Bruegger covers the western slope, Peaks and Plains extension position was filled this summer by Annie Overland, so we have two regional extension specialists now
 - In 2012 CSSRM asked CSU to fill the extension duties when Roy Roath left, and were told Paul would take on the duties, but the board recognized that Paul had other duties
 - Paul – there was no longer funding for a 100% funded extension position through the University, but what was there helps fund Paul now and is why he’s listed as 47% extension
 - Lou Swanson, Director of Outreach and extension, said when Del Benson retires from Fish and Wildlife there will be a reevaluation of what to do with the funding for extension
 - Matt Barnes asked Paul to keep CSSRM Board aware of this topic

• **Annual meeting**

Clare Hydock, President-Elect

- Budget info in handout
- Eventbrite expenses (more expensive fees than Clare expected) we are at 67 registrations
- Will have more registrations at the door – will run credit cards through Eventbrite
- We will have final registration numbers tomorrow at the door
- We are tax exempt for the banquet
- Josh Saunders also thought Eventbrite fees were expensive, it would be worth looking into finding another source for future workshops
- We only have one paid vendor, we were hoping to have enough to cover the cost of the banquet
- We have a \$50 gift card to Murdoch’s as a door prize and a couple of mineral blocks
- Lana – maybe we could do a split-the-pot fundraiser

• **Investments**

Dan Nosal, President for Joe Brummer

- Joe sent email to Dan and read to board
- Highlights include: operating funds from investment account \$2,000 (11/20/17), and \$2,000 for scholarship fund (8/1/18). We lost \$1385 this year as a result of the recent market downturn. We switched accounts and rebalanced the portfolio in April 2018.
 - \$118,926 in 2107
 - \$113,541 as of November 2, 2018 (\$4,000 withdrawn as noted above)
 - Loss of \$1,385 in account over the entire year

• **Endowment Fund Report**

Paul Meiman, University Student Affairs

- Made a mistake of \$0.28 in the last 7 years, so I adjusted our account to meet the University Accounting numbers
- Corpus of Fund built up by CSSRM, and interest earned off of that supports student travel

- \$40,200, and this year will be \$41,000
- Interest transferred to university account
- There has been an increase in about ~\$800 in the corpus account
- Still recommending \$2,000 for student travel (last year's total was expense \$2,960, with an error of \$400, because the Foundation put the money into the corpus that generates interest but should have been put in the expendable account. Trying to get that money moved. The rest of the difference was the cost of the dinner at the section meeting for the student's portion, which was way more expensive than years past, this was paid by the department head, and charged to the wrong account). We think it will be at \$3,500 by January 2019, we were planning to use the buffer to help cover travel expenses and I would like to make the \$3,500 available to the students with the amount over \$2,000 to be repaid by the students to the expense account by June 2019 since they plan to have their fundraiser after the SRM meeting happens in the spring.
- Dan – we could fund this a couple of ways, through the investment account with a board vote via email or build it into the budget
- Julie – if you build it into the budget then it's voted on and is clean
- Dan – we could put SRM money into the investment account to generate interest to use for travel for the students, we should be supporting the range club more than we have in the past
 - Can we table this until the budget discussion?

• **Nominations and Elections**

Josh Saunders, Past President

- Information was in fall newsletter, we didn't have enough incoming people to the board to generate a vote.

Old Business

• **Summer Tour**

Ben Berlinger/Dan Nosal

- The tour was covered in the newsletter.

• **2018 Operating Budget Review**

Dan Nosal, President

- We're looking good in the budget, we were a little short in the breakfast expenses because it cost more than what we budgeted for (see below).

• **2020 SRM Meeting**

Julie Elliott, 2020 Planning co-chair

- Will do full presentation at the business meeting.

New Business

• **2019 Operating Budget**

Josh Saunders, Past-President

- Had a meeting with Dan in July
- 2019 Proposed Operating Expense Budget

Budget Item	Annual Estimated Expenses	Comments
New Website	\$144	Annual Estimated Cost (Previous Host Website deleted when we went to new website with a cost of \$500/year)
Newsletter	\$300	Annual Estimated Cost
Colorado Secretary of State	\$10	Annual Cost
Youth Activities – High School Youth Forum	\$1,440	Includes expenses for 2 Colorado students to attend SRM Minneapolis 2019 @ \$600 per individuals. Does not include expenses for HSYF Directors who will not be paid by the section for attending).

Youth Activities – Awards	\$550	Expenses for Camp Rocky and FFA Range Judging Awards. Includes purchase of 6 buckles for future supply.
CSSRM Awards	\$800	Includes membership registration, lodging for ERC awardee. Includes funds for purchasing several years supply worth of awards.
SRM Annual Business Meeting	\$350	Food costs for approximately 20-30 high school youth and Colorado State University college students
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$440	Used to pay for videotaping annual meeting by Brian Allmer/Barn Media
CSU Range Club student travel expenses supplement	Not to exceed \$1,500	This is above the \$2,000 amount given to the students by the section
Total Budget	\$5,534	

- Ben – asking the board to pay for 2 students to attend SRM (reduced from 3 to 2 students to save money for the section) for \$1440, does not include expenses for HSYF Directors, for the meeting in Denver we will go back to 3 students. Ben wants to thank the board for support of HSYF
- Clare – do we want to include the fall meeting in the budget? Have we ever talked about setting a cost limit on the fall meeting? Is there a way to lock in a contract for 2 years?
 - Lana – some of it is the cost of the hotel, can we get the Western SARE grant again?
 - Dan – there are other organizations we can get funding from? But do we want to put that in the budget?
 - JT – I don't think throwing it into the budget will help
 - Dan – summer tour same thing? Keep it out?
 - Ben – it might be easier to come up with a number for the summer tour
 - Consensus from the BOD that we would leave annual meeting and summer tour out of the operating budget because it is too difficult to plan for.

JT motioned to accept budget amended budget of \$5,540, Sami seconded, motioned carried

- **2019 Fall Annual Meeting** **Josh Tashiro, Webmaster/Historian**
 - Location and other details to be determined.
- **2019 Annual Meeting - Minneapolis** **Dan Nosal, President**
 - Not going to do a 6:00 a.m. breakfast in 2019. Instead, we will do an evening event after the CSU Alumni social. We'll have a 7:00 p.m. business meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2019.
- **Secretary and Newsletter Editor Discussion** **All**
 - Dixie is leaving to go to the University of Wyoming for PhD. Do you know anyone who would want to become secretary? If so, please nominate them.
 - Same with newsletter editor. Ann Williams moved out of state. Dixie did the layout for the fall newsletter in Publisher, but we are looking for a new editor.
 - Sami said she could help with next newsletter
- **Goodnight Barn Historic Preservation Request** **Dan Nosal, President**
 - Will be sent to the board via email by Clare Hydock for discussion
- **Miscellaneous** **Dan Nosal, President**
 - There was an article about CSSRM in the National Grazing Land Coalition Magazine Year in Review about our "Back to the Future" fall annual meeting from last year (2017).
 - We requested a grant from them last year and received it \$2,000

- Gary Frasier's wife passed away this year. She was a legacy member of the Colorado Section.
 - In the past we've put information in our newsletter, but we didn't know what to do this time
 - Dixie & Kathleen - We should send info to Vicky Trujillo to put into the Range Flash since that is published more frequently than our newsletter.
- The section received thank you notes from Range Judging students.
- Dixie thanked board for support as Section Secretary for the last two years.

Clare Hydock moved to adjourn, Sami seconded, motion carried

Adjourn

