

SRM Council Meeting
11:00AM CST - Jan 25, 2019
Zoom Teleconference Location

Members Present: Mitch Stephenson, Jack Arterburn, Brad Schick, Tony Perlinski, Nadine Bishop, Mary Reese, Jeff Nichols, Bob Broweleit, Kristin Dickinson, Jess Milby, Laura Rubeck, Lance Schutte, Sara Wahl.

The SRM council meeting was called to order by Mitch Stephenson.

Review and Approve Minutes

October 2018 minutes were corrected by Jeff Nichols to include the word range in title. Description now should read Outstanding Young Range Professional Award. No other comments on minutes.

Mitch Stephenson made a motion to approve minutes. Lance Schutte moved to approve Jack Arterburn seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Angie Petersen sent out the Treasurer's Report. Most accounts are doing quite well, the William Wester HSYF was moved into a higher rate. Angie Petersen is looking for feedback on what should be done with state tax numbers that aren't being used.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting Committee

Lance Schutte indicated the annual 2019 Fall section meeting will be held at the US Meat Animal Research Center. Hotels will be located in Hastings, 30 minutes to the west of Clay Center. He is currently trying to get speakers lined up. Originally, he suggested having the meeting early to mid October 2019. Nadine Bishop indicated a later date would be more appropriate to accommodate for federal employees planning for funding in relation to the fiscal year.

Membership

Lance Schutte reported that membership levels have dipped. Currently the Nebraska section includes 78 current members and 41 lapsed members. Currently 50% of lapsed memberships are students along with 15 regular members. Lance indicated he sends out a monthly email to lapsed members encouraging them to renew.

Envirothon

Nadine Bishop reported the state contest will be held south of Ericson Neb. The 2020 North American Envirothon will be held in Nebraska, with anticipated locations including Lincoln or Omaha. Nadine revamped the study guides for topics and included a link to the site in the written report.

History

Jeff Nichols indicated his report is updated and has been placed on the website by Dorrene. Nothing else to report.

Information and Education

Nadine mentioned if anyone has any news releases or anything to be distributed, please let her know.

Nominations

Bob Broweleit had two nominations last year, including Bob Wesley, who may be willing to run again. Bob indicated he is always looking for other candidates, please let him know of any names.

Mitch Stephenson commented on the shortage of applications for the board of directors serving at the national level, if anyone is interested serving on the national level as a board of director, please let him know and he will assist with that nomination process.

Producer Affairs

Sheila Luoma was not present for meeting, nothing to report.

Range Judging

Kristin Dickinson reported the winter meeting was held on Wednesday and it was agreed they would pay half of the liability insurance for the next insurance period. Kristin indicated they are looking into a couple minor things in relation to how the contest runs and the time to complete the range program. Bethany Johnson has stepped down as cochair, and Ben Beckman is going to fill her spot. Three new members have been added. A video contest will be held with a submission deadline this September for youth in FFA or 4H to produce videos on three different topics associated with range judging. Winners will be announced at the fall meeting. Winners will receive three \$500 scholarships and selected videos be made for public use.

Range Youth Camp

Sara Wahl announced range camp will be moved to NCTA in Curtis, Neb. June 10-14 in an attempt to attract new students and provide different plants to study. It is the goal to begin rotating camp every few years to introduce vegetative diversity to the camp. Range camp had 20 sponsors last year. SRM members are encouraged to help attract new sponsors. Sara will send out a sponsorship form denoting the three different levels of sponsorship.

Nathan Burnett will be participating in HSYF at the national meeting Feb 10-14 in Minneapolis, Minn. Lisa McMillian will serve as chaperone.

Sara indicated she will review insurance coverage for NCTA campers, if its assumed under UNL.

Jeff Nichols reported the lack in continuity for report submissions and reminded maintaining that continuity is necessary for keeping the entire section informed of our club's two primary functions, which are range judging and youth range camp.

Sara indicated the anonymous donor's \$1250 donation to fund travel for HSYF will be exceeded by Lisa McMillian's accompaniment.

A motion was made to provide additional funding beyond what the anonymous donor has provided to cover extra travel expenses incurred by Lisa McMillian and Nathan Burnett to travel to national HSYF.

Jeff motioned to make that additional expense to be covered up to \$600 where the Nebraska section will appropriate any overages up to \$600 over what is being covered by other sources. The move was seconded by Tony. Motion carried and passes that the council approves up to \$600 to be used for travel.

Scholarship

Jess Milby was not available

Student Affairs

Mary Reece indicated there will be 23 attending Minneapolis and Lisa is helping on a national subcommittee, which is why her room costs are getting paid and not incurred by the section.

Awards

Tony Perlinski indicated only updates were associated with attempting to build a committee for awards and evaluating the associated bylaws. Tony will look for a regional individual to be nominated for the Rangeman's Award.

Old Business

Taxes

Handbook

Jeff Nichols directed an update be made to include the award for Outstanding Young Range Professional in the handbook, Sec. 5 Article 7.

Jack Arterburn made the motion to approve, Brad Schick seconded, motion carried.

New Business

Advisory Council – Minneapolis Meeting

Tony Perlinski indicated the advisory council meeting will focus on diversity and inclusivity regarding the ethics to task force issues. Ethics documents have been created which highlighted some behaviors frowned upon at the international meetings.

2022 Meeting

Tony Perlinski indicated if Nebraska is interested in hosting, a professionally planned event where we attached our name and let the parent society plan meeting is an option. Or look into locations like Omaha.

Eastern Red Cedar control

Mitch indicated he will write up some ideas for eastern red cedar control to be passed around.

Mitch motioned to adjourn meeting, Brad Schick moved the motion and Tony Perlinski seconded. Meeting adjourned.