



Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting June 25, 2019

Mitch Stephenson called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM at Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, NE. Mitch Stephenson, Kristin Dickinson, Jack Arterburn, Angie Petersen, Brad Schick, and Lance Schutte attended via conference call.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the January meeting. Motion to approve the minutes with amendments for name corrections was made by Lance Schutte, seconded by Laura Rubeck. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: The balances of the two checking accounts and three CDs as of June 25th, 2019 were as follows: \$8158.58 for the SRM account, \$7532.84 for the Range Judging account, \$7092.51 for the Nebraska Section CD, \$2683.96 for the HSYF fund, and \$6548.89 for the NE State Range Judging CD. Range Judging Committee decided to transfer \$9000.00 to an 18 month CD so that is now reflected in the reported accounts. Insurance did come due in May and is a 3-year agreement again. All State and Federal Taxes have been paid.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting Committee:

Lance Schutte provided updates on the upcoming annual meeting. Everything is set for the meeting, Oct 22-24, 2019 at the Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center.

Membership: Lance Schutte reported for the membership committee. The Nebraska Section currently has 101 current members. There are currently 30 members who have let their membership lapse, and the majority of those are students.

Awards: A report was offered by Anthony Perlinski. We will be presenting 3 awards this year. Awards include the Rangeman's Award, Range Management Service Award, and Outstanding Young Professional Award. We want to recognize people for their work. We need to increase the number of award nominations. The parent society is also struggling with awards and receiving nominations. We need to be more active with award nominations and encourage members to write nominations. If you have any nominations please send them to Tony. For the upcoming meeting, if anyone knows producers in the area that could be recognized please nominate them.

Newsletter: Laura Rubeck should have the newsletter out this week.

Envirothon: Nadine Bishop presented the committee report. The 2019 State Competition was held near Erickson in late April.

Fundraising: Vacant position. Please think of new ideas for fundraising.

Historian: No new information to report.

Information and Education: No new information to report.

Nominations: No new information to report. Just as with awards, if you know of candidates please let the committee know. A few new names were mentioned as possible candidates.

Producer Affairs: No report

Range Judging: Kristin Dickinson, Range Judging Committee Co-Chair presented a report. Locations and dates are set. The state contest is set for Sept. 24 and 25th. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Roger Lechtenberg for his service to the Range Judging Committee. They are in the process of switching from rosettes to medals as it is cheaper and easier to mail out. There is also going to be a contest for students to create a video segment for Range Judging. They will announce the winners at the State Contest and then put the video segments online.

Range Camp/HSYF: Range Camp was a huge success and took place at NCTA this year. 49 students participated. Thanks to sponsorships and cooperating ranches students were only charged \$100.00 to attend, but many had sponsorships to help cover this cost as well. They are hoping to send 2 students this year, but issues regarding cost of students is still a concern.

New Business:

The cost of the upcoming meeting was discussed. A motion to give Lance the approval to increase the cost of registration for the upcoming meeting to add income back to the Nebraska Section was made and approved.

Brad Schick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jack Arterburn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23.

Respectively submitted,

Angie Petersen