



**Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting
October 14th, 2015
Hampton Inn, Scottsbluff, NE**

Those present were Karla Jenkins, Jeff Nichols, Anthony Perlinski, Jon Soper, Bob Browleit, Daryl Cisney, Mary Reece, Nadine Bishop, Jessica Milby, Shelly Kelly, and Kristin Miller, and Angie Petersen attended via phone.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous two meetings were distributed and reviewed. The minutes from February 26, 2015 were reviewed. Jeff Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes, Jess Milby seconded. Motion passed. Minutes from June 11, 2015 were reviewed. Kristin Miller made a motion to approve the minutes, Jeff Nichols seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: The balances of the two checking accounts and three CDs as of October 15th, 2015 were as follows: \$4378.45 for the SRM account, \$6280.67 for the Range Judging account, \$6868.91 for the Nebraska Section CD, \$2586.91 for the HSYF fund, and \$6342.91 for the NE State Range Judging CD. Anthony Perlinski made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Nadine Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed. Our costs our rising and we need to be more careful about future spending as our income is limited.

Committee Reports:

2015 Annual Meeting:

Nominations: Only one individual was nominated this year, Rich Petersen, so no voting was necessary.

Awards: Lemoyne Dailey will be receiving the Rangeman's Award tomorrow at the banquet.

Range Camp: Shelly reported that Range Camp was held June 8-12th, at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp at Halsey. This was the 52nd year for Range Camp. Thirty-two high school students attended this year's camp. This was a large decrease in attendance from last year. Sara Winslow acted as co-chair this year. A huge thank you to her for volunteering and taking on this task. Thank you for all of the entities that sponsor students to attend. Local area ranches sponsor the Ranch Crews as well as entities such as Sandhills Task Force and the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition also provide financial support that make this camp possible. Thank you to all the sponsors. Eight adults served as crew leaders as well as 14 other professionals who helped with

presentations. Registration rates did increase to \$325, due to rising costs. Thank you to all the people who help make camp possible. Top overall camper was Jaythan Scheideler. Top first year camper was Henry Scheideler. It was a great group of kids this year.

HSYF: Trent Elsen was elected as HSYF president for the upcoming meeting. One student will present tomorrow. Students from previous years come to present at Range Camp. Students must attend Range Camp to be eligible for HSYF. We are going to move to online registration this year. There will still be options for mailed forms.

Range Judging: A report was submitted by Kristin Miller. It was the 61st year of Range Judging Contests. There were a total of 1285 students who participated. There were 427 state contestants. Nebraska will be the 2017 host for the Old West Regional. There are updates to the Range Judging Handbook this year. Instead of Range Judging sites there will be Ecological Site Descriptions. Nadine worked hard this summer to get ready for the 2016 contest. There was a workshop this summer for instructors and there may be future workshops next summer to help. North Dakota was the hold for the Old West Regional. It was the same time as our area contests. The handbook may potentially raise the cost to participate to \$3.00 to help cover rising costs. Thank you to Daryl, Kristin and the entire committee who helped manage the contests. Great job and thank you to everyone who helped!

Envirothon: Nadine Bishop reported. The envirothon study guide needs to be updated and they are working to find new reference materials and make revisions. The State Envirothon is scheduled to be held on April 27th, possibly around Nebraska City. It was a great learning experience to attend and help with setting up the contest.

Scholarship: Eight applications were received this year. If anyone is interested in taking over for Jess Milby as chair of this committee please us know. There will be two \$1000.00 scholarships awarded.

Membership: No report.

Producer Affiliations: No report. Sheila Luoma has agreed to fill this position.

Historian: No report

Investments: No report

Student Activities: No Report. Students from both Chadron State College and UNL are expected to attend and report tomorrow.

Newsletter: Sheila reported that she plans to get one out after the meeting, but may need some help getting information to report.

New Business:

This year it was brought to our attention that our insurance coverage may need to be updated. We need to look at our options and possibly other agencies. Angie Petersen will be looking into our options and present at the next meeting.

Shelly brought up the idea that setting up a paypal account for our section would be a good idea that is also simple to do. It would allow online registration for range camp as well as our annual meeting. She has set up an account for another entity and would be happy to get this done for NE SRM as well. Jeff Nichols made a motion to set up a Nebraska Section SRM paypal account and be available on the website. Jess Milby seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Regarding award winners for annual meetings, it was discussed how many individuals we would pay for at the banquet as award winners. As costs are rising it is becoming harder to sponsor numerous award winners and scholarship winners. We may need to develop an annual meeting document regarding award winners and the number of winners that will be sponsored at the banquet.

Jeff Nichols reported on plans for the next annual meeting. The meeting is currently set for Oct 12-14, 2016. He plans to assemble a committee to help plan for this meeting soon. He is open to ideas for a ranch visit or where the meeting may be held. It may be cheaper to host the meeting outside of North Platte. He will continue to keep us up to date as plans develop.

There was discussion regarding having a member of the Parent Society Board attend our meeting. No one will be attending this year. They had asked for money from us to sponsor the individual traveling. This cost is too high for individual sections to cover every year. Discussion was held as to how our membership fees should go to help cover these costs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted
Angie Petersen