

Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting June 10th, 2013 4-H Camp, Halsey, NE

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES – JUNE 10, 2013, Halsey, NE

Members present were Jon Soper, Bob Broweleit, and Kristin Miller

There were not past meeting minutes or treasures report due to an emergency with Angie Petersen.

Many other committee chairs were present at the State 4-H Camp facility and planned to try to join the meeting as range camp duties allowed.

Bob discussed the annual meeting. The meeting will be held in Ainsworth on October 8-10. John Gross is his local contact and has been helping with local arrangements. The main location for the meetings will be at the community center. The council meeting, auction and banquet will be held at the Elks Lodge. Bob discussed his draft agenda. There were a few brainstorming ideas shared to enhance the program.

Kristin reported that the membership currently has 103 active members. She also reported that she is serving on the membership committee at the national level. Discussions are being held about the large number of membership options and also on ideas for membership recruitment and retention.

Kristin reported on that she continues to produce 2 newsletters per year. These are sent out by email and also about 10 are mailed hard copy. She is also sending timely information out through the email tree. Dorrene continues to help with the website and posts most information that Kristin sends out.

Jon led a discussion about several new business items. Any action items Jon will send out by email to the council for consideration due to poor participation in the summer council meeting.

SRM has again been asked to be a sponsor at the Grazing Lands Conference in Kearney in August. We have been asked to contribute at the same level as last year. There will be one comp registration with sponsorship. It was the consensus of those present to again try to offer it to a producer than any of the council knows that will be attending the conference.

SRM has also been asked to be a sponsor at the Prescribed Burning Conference in Kearney.

Nebraska is also getting "pressure" from higher up to submit a bid to host the 2017 SRM Annual Meeting. This may be an opportunity to host with another smaller section. It would also be an instance that the meetings may not actually happen in Nebraska. Lengthy discussion was held about needing to take this information to the entire section at the meetings in October, as this is a large time commitment from all members. It was also noted that operations have changed for hosting a meeting since the meetings in Omaha, and it would be a less time commitment than those meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Miller