



**Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting  
October 15th, 2015  
Hampton Inn, Scottsbluff, NE**

**Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting was distributed and reviewed. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

**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.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominations:** Only one individual was nominated this year, Rich Petersen.

**Awards:** Lemoyne Dailey will be receiving the Rangeman's Award.

**Range Camp:** Shelly reported that Range Camp was held June 8-12<sup>th</sup>, at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp at Halsey. This was the 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 61<sup>st</sup> 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:** 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 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Historian:** No report

**Investments:** We currently have 3 CDs for a total of \$45,060.00. We use interest from these accounts to fund one of the scholarships. An anonymous donor provides for our second scholarship. The Investment Committee Report was submitted by Walt Schacht.

**Student Activities:** Students from both Chadron State College and UNL attended the meeting and reported on their annual events

**Newsletter:** No report

### **New Business:**

The 2016 SRM Annual Meeting will be Jan 31- Feb 4 in Corpus Cristi, Texas.

The Range Short Course will be the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. The section scholarship for a rancher is \$225.00 for the week.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Petersen