



Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting January 2020

Notes taken by Jess Milby via conference call. Members present on the call: Jack Arterburn, Brad Schick, Mitch Stephenson, Jess Milby, Lance Schutte, Ben Beckman, Kristin Dickinson, and Sheila Luoma.

Motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting was made by Brad Schick and seconded by Mitch Stephenson. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The increase in the checking account was due to income from Range Camp. The annual meeting did see a small loss in revenue rather than an income.

Motion to approve the report was made by Kristin Dickinson and seconded by Sheila Luoma

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting Committee:

Jack Arterburn reported that the meeting is planning to be held in Lincoln this year. He is working with Walt Schacht to plan the meeting. Dates will need to be set soon for the NRCS to plan accordingly for those in attendance from State Agencies.

Awards: Mitch Stephenson requested for the council to think about possible award recipients. He will help look at what is available and the requirements if needed. You can also contact Jeff or look on the website to see previous winners.

Envirothon: No report.

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

Historian: No report

Information and Education: Mitch followed up on Nadine's report given in October. Handbook updates to committee descriptions were discussed.

Investments: No report.

Membership: Lance Schutte reported for the membership committee. There are currently 77 members with 35 lapsed. Discussion on how to reach new members was considered. Mitch discussed having joint meetings periodically with Game and Parks/Wildlife/producers.

Nominations: Bob Browleit not on the conference call but does ask for council member nominations.

Producer Affairs: Sheila Luoma presented a report. She is working with NGLC for a tour in June. There will be a limit to the number of people due to buses. They are looking for people to talk about the Sandhills. Brad asked if registration was open and mentioned adding it to the next newsletter. They also discussed SRM sponsoring but were unsure what the sponsorship levels are.

Public Affairs: Vacant

Range Judging: Kristin Dickinson presented a report. She is working on getting area contest dates set. The State contest is set for Sep. 29-30 in Cherry County. No Old West last year so scholarships will go to nationals. The switch from rosettes to medals was well received. The Range Judging meeting in North Platte is planned for Jan 22nd.

Range Research: Vacant

Range Tour: Vacant

Range Camp/HSYF: Shelly Kelly not on call, but Mitch reported that camp is scheduled to be held in Curtis again, June 8-12.

Student Affairs: No report

Scholarship: Info will be sent out when school resumes.

Old Business:

The Powerpoint made by Nadine, Jeff, and Mary outlining the roles/duty of each committee will be put on the website. Lance will work with Nadine and Jeff on it.

New Business:

Committee chairs need to look at their sections and look at amendments that need to be made to the by-laws.

Jeff and Mary made a poster for Excellence in Range Management for the meeting in Denver. They asked for money to print the poster (approximalty \$50.00) and pay for registration costs for Russ Sundstrom to attend. He will cover travel costs, but unsure yet if he will go.

The question was presented if there is anything we wanted covered at the advisory committee meeting in Denver.

Jess Milby moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mitch.

Respectively submitted,

Jess Milby and Angie Petersen