

Regular fall meeting was called to order at 8:10 am. Bob **Knight** – President, Charles **Anderson** – 1st Vice President, Paul **Loeffler** – 2nd Vice President, Charles **Hart** – Past President, Hoyt **Seidensticker** – Director, Bill **Pinchak** – Director, Ray **Schimceek** – Director, Tim **Reinke** – Director, Robert **Moen** – Treasurer, Jerry **Payne** – 2nd Vice President candidate, Bruce **Healy** – Secretary. *Absent - Cody Scott – Director, Willy Conrad – Director.*

MEETING MINUTES: **Pinchak** moved to approve the summer board meeting minutes as distributed. Motion seconded by **Reinke**. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT (Moen): *Report provided.* Harold Bryant and Moen are still working on the tax return (now have to use the IRS-990 long version). The Section is in good shape now, propose we consider an investment buffer for the future (*Moen*). Motion by **Schimceek** to approve treasurer’s report as submitted. Motion seconded by **Seidensticker**. Motion carried unanimously.

General Operating Fund (bal 8/31/05)	\$ 44,999.60
<i>GOF – actual usable funds (less \$1500 Small Ranch pub reprint reserve)</i>	<i>\$ 43,499.60</i>
TSSRM Memorial Scholarship Fund (bal 8/31/05)	\$ 55,434.43
Wyche Memorial Scholarship Fund (bal 8/31/05)	\$ 46,953.30
TSSRM Endowment Fund (bal 08/31/05)	\$ 39,651.90

OLD BUSINESS:

Newsletter/Section Business: (*Knight*) Latest issue of **Grass Roots** sent by email Friday afternoon – only 40 copies hard copies sent to those who don’t have an email listed with SRM Office. *Thanks to Knight for pulling this off!* Nick **Garza** has a local contact to do the electronic formatting, now sent out via TSSRM list server. Who will oversee Long-term maintenance of the list-server? **Knight** will oversee and/or membership committee chair. Send all new member email addresses to John Walker’s secretary. **Knight** requested to develop a procedure for the handbook. If **Garza** is submitted an article that he has some concerns over, he is requested to submit the article to the President for printing consultation. **Knight** will continue to oversee the mailing of the hardcopies (using TAMU Range Club help) – as long as the membership chair sends the list of those needing a hard copy (new members, etc.).

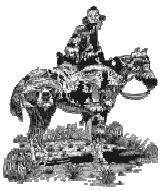
TSSRM Group Email: (*Walker*) up and running.

Videos:

There are no recorded sales for the third quarter. We received an order from NASCO for 3 Legacy tapes, and the video is in their catalog for the first time this year! NASCO is not easy to get into, and they have a great distribution among those customers we are seeking!

We attended the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Conference in Galveston in July. Hoyt Seidensticker delivered SRM materials and helped work the booth as well. Most teachers are interested in new products, but have very limited money. We are using a new color flyer with pictures from the ranch locations on the program to boost interest. We also include this flyer in presentations to potential dealers. We currently have sent information and a copy of the tape to Cabela’s for review.

The CAST Convention is scheduled October 27-29th at Reliant Center. Our exhibit space number is 1140 on the Agricultural and Natural Resources row. I am coordinating the booth arrangements, etc. for this show with Hoyt Seidensticker.



There has been some conversation about developing materials to accompany the *Legacy* video. There was a provision for the development of written materials in the original contract with Cornerstone. However, Cornerstone has never received written approval to proceed with that portion of the agreement. We can develop materials for students and teachers, but need your approval before we can start. Please let me know if you wish for us to take on this project. We can schedule development into our fall activities, and should be able to have something for review by the first of January – ready to produce and market for the spring of 2006.

The Youth Range Workshop production is completed and review copies have been sent to Hoyt Seidensticker and Jenny Pluhar for final review. I need to complete any changes deemed necessary, and then produce the final version. I can make additional DVD or VHS copies as you need them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the office. *Monica Hightower, Cornerstone*

Strategic Planning Session: We need to decide what to do with the information and what is the follow-up process needed. Plan is to have a follow-up session at the upcoming winter board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rangeland Symposium: *Anderson* emailed the board a few weeks ago. Mark **Moseley** and Willy **Conrad** will co-chair the symposium. The list of potential meeting co-sponsors was reviewed. Meeting theme will be *Water (watershed) related*. We need to project ourselves into this arena as a science based natural resource group. Appropriate topic, but needs very focused. Cross-reference with recent science based TAMU publication on the TSSWCB State Brush Control Program. **Hart** and **Pinchak** have volunteered to assist with **Moseley** and **Conrad** on this symposia development. Proposal is for June 2006 (Austin/San Antonio area) – but the committee will make the final decision.

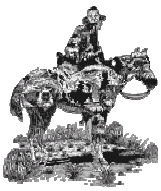
Advisory Council Support for Vancouver: As the meeting is being outside the US, state and/or federal agencies travel funds will be limited. Discussion held on need for TSSRM representation at the SRM Advisory Council meeting. Motion by **Hart** to offer up to \$750 each for all three officers for Vancouver expenses (to be used at their discretion). Motion seconded by **Schimeck**. Additional discussion held. **Vote 3 yes – 3 no (1 abstain), President votes yes to break tie.** Motion carried.

Investment of funds from Fort Worth Meeting: We need to ensure the section's long term fiscal solvency. Current bank balance is \$44,999.60. We made \$16,358.62 from the Fort Worth meeting. Motion by **Pinchak** that we take \$20,000 out of the checking account - \$5000 in 6 month CD, \$5000 in 12 month CD, and \$10000 in 24 month CD to happen by November 1st. Second by **Loeffler**. Discussion held – board members asked to check with their local banks on CD rates of return and report to Moen to make a correct decision ASAP. Call for the question by **Anderson**. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: (*Anderson*) Oral report. We did not attend all of the local field days we hoped to.

- Prescribed burn symposium well attended.
- VATA – membership applications were distributed in registration packet. We plan to have a Plant ID contest there next year. (**Loeffler**) YAC will also be developing 5 rangeland lesson



plans and hope to have a teacher workshop at next year's meeting. *We are working to get rangeland back into high school curriculum.*

- The Wildlife Expo (last weekend) – 35-40,000 people attended, passed out a lot of rangeland publications and informational fliers. We need a publications rack to better display them. We need more lead time to order publications, etc. for booth supplies. Need to develop a calendar of the booth events and provide a copy to the Secretary for posting on the website.
- **(Seidensticker)** 2006 TSCRA booth registration – has it been sent? Funds are in the budget. TSCRA is important: we co-sponsor an award with them; they're the strongest point of contact for rangelands with effective political contacts through their organization. We need to be more effective communicators with TSCRA, especially at their regional meetings. Having a booth/presence at their events, etc. is important. **Seidensticker** recommends we attend. **Booth decision needs to be made by Loeffler & Anderson.**

Annual Meeting: (Loeffler-Lubbock, Anderson -Del Rio) *Oral reports.*

- **Lubbock:** Loeffler met with CVB last week. Looking at October 10-13. Holiday Inn Park Plaza will be the headquarters. Hope to have the co-chairs in place by Jan 1 and let them run it. Jennifer Pluhar will be one meeting co-chair, hope the other will be from Texas Tech (working on). The Lubbock CVB intends to make a big splash at Del Rio. Good ideas on topics, etc. Meeting theme not set yet.
- **Del Rio:** Excellent committee in place. Co-chairs are Butch Taylor & Chad Ellis, Robert Moen is the finance chair. There are some concerns about the meeting location - do we need to move the meeting? **Anderson** proposes to stay with Del Rio. *Loeffler – we need to ask the CVB have any promotional meeting funds available to assist with meetings?*

Awards: (Fox) I suppose the Awards Committee report will be giving at the Awards Banquet. As a reminder, Allan McGinty will be making the presentations for me. Hope y'all have a good meeting. I am sorry that I can't make it down there this year. Bill Awards will cost ~\$800 this year (total).

College Activities: (Ortega) No report received. We have 27 college students attending. Outstanding students – only A&M had an outstanding student submitted to registration.

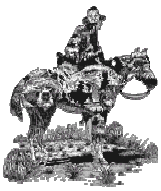
County Level Awards: (Elrod) Only three candidates were submitted to the committee despite several requests for nominees. All three are deserving of the award, but we would like to see more nominations submitted. The cost of the awards should be about \$62.50 each or \$187.50 + about \$12 shipping for a total of about \$200.00. Suggest the chair contact NRCS Zone Range Specialists and TCE Regional Specialists via phone.

Endowment Fund: (Moen) Harold Bryant is still working on the fund investment write-up.

Financial Audit: Audit chair – need ideas as Moen has now become Treasurer. **Anderson will find one.**

Information & Education: (Ligon) Steve Nelle has written *Reading the Land*, a very informative and useful tool for landowners. He has agreed to allow TSSRM to publish it; however it is lengthy. I have talked to Mark Moseley at GLCI to see if they could get funding to produce it.

- Publications are generally written to *address an identified need*. What is the need for this publication? We need an editorial board review it. **Linex is to investigate it and report to the Board at the January meeting.**



Membership: (*Goodwin*) The year end membership report is provided to Knight, as of today. **August membership report – 537 members.** I will be in contact with Leslie Radtke on Monday to see if I can get any more current New and Expired member information. Thank you for the opportunity to chair this committee, I really enjoyed it and look forward to contributing to the TSSRM in the future. Thanks again, and if you need anything or help with future committees just let me know.

Nominations and Elections: (*Rector*) See attached. Elections results: Jerry Payne (2nd VP), Phillip Wright (Director) and Robert Lyons (Director). 40% of the membership voted. George Peacock will not be able to continue as chair-elect, so **Anderson has asked Rector to continue.**

ORM: (*Zuberbueler*) This award will be presented at the Banquet.

Planning Committee: (*Hart- 2008 meeting location to be selected tomorrow*) Six TSSRM members will attend – they need to be there by 8:30 am. Three cities will present tomorrow, a fourth submitted a bid but cannot be here.

Public Affairs: No chair. No report.

Publication Awards: (*Knox*) Committee solicited and received nominations for awards. We voted by e-mail or fax on publications to receive awards. Publication Awards will be presented at the afternoon Awards Luncheon. Committee reviewed recommendation for additional category for books or book chapters. Committee members were polled via e-mail, and no additional categories will be recommended to the BOD this year.

Resolutions: (*Ueckert*) No activity in 2005.

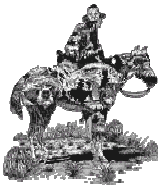
Scholarship: (*Loeffler*) *Oral report.* State 4-H Foundation is providing the report on the Scholarship. Carol Brinley is the recipient (Wildlife major - Texas A&M). She sent a nice thank you. Everything is in process for next year already – recommend we continue with this.

Youth Activities: (*Seidensticker*) *Oral report.* Balance in checking account is \$2,890.18. YAC has selected Ross Tollison, Kenna Brooks to participate in the HSYF. Letters sent (have not heard back yet from students). Shiloh Long will be the HSYF President. Rector will be HSYF chaperone. Long's expenses will be reimbursed by the SRM Office. Funds on hand to cover expenses. CD's have been mailed out to the participants. Several contacts on Range Rovers (returning campers). Interviews/articles conducted at YRW. 50th Anniversary Celebration & Video – have them in hand to complete the final review. Still owe \$1000 upon completion of final product (hoping for ~15 minutes). Reverse Raffle – tickets are being sold, still have some to sell. We anticipate auctioning off the last ticket 8:15 to 8:30. Loeffler on the Youth Activities Endowment Fund. Working on governing board members. Have several donors already on board. They will be visiting with other potential donors – hope to have \$50,000 by Del Rio meeting. **Motion by Hart that we pledge \$5000 to the YAC Endowment the \$5000 6-month CD if they YAC raises \$20000 for the endowment. Motion seconded by Seidensticker. Motion carried 6-1 (1 abstain).**

Comp Registration: (*Knight*) Volunteer papers do not get comp registration if they are TSSRM members. Comp rooms for award winners – up to the annual meeting committee.

Schimcek: Email from the Veterinarian, looking at potential CEU's for Vets at our annual meeting. This may be another potential membership list.

Next Meeting: to be set by Charles **Anderson** – email January schedules to Anderson.



Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Seidensticker. Second by Reinke. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Bruce S. Healy

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