

**Society for Range Management
Oklahoma Section
Board of Directors Meeting
May 4, 2001
Ft. Reno, Oklahoma**

Matt Mattox called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. A quorum was established.

The following members were present:

Past President/Newsletter Editor – Russell Stevens
President-Elect/ 1st Vice President – Matt Mattox
Director/Historian – Laurie Boerngen
Director – Chuck Stanley
Director – John Weir
Secretary – Chan Glidewell
Treasurer – Jim Shearhart (proxy for Lee Holcomb)
Jason Martin – Proxy for Steve Glasgow
Guest – Ashley Weir

Call for review/adoption of agenda items was done by Matt Mattox. Copies were distributed.

Chan Glidewell read the minutes from the previous meeting February 2, 2001. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Jim Shearhart distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and 2001 budget (copy attached). Also, a copy of the 2000 budget was distributed for comparison.

Newsletter Report

- Editor Russell Stevens reaffirmed the need for newsletter articles from the membership. John Weir will approach graduate students at OSU regarding submission of articles. Chan Glidewell will solicit articles from scientists at the Grazinglands Research Lab. Chuck Stanley will solicit an article from the staff at the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge.
- The OKSRM section will have to bear the cost of postage for the next newsletter as has been budgeted. Deadline for article submission for the next newsletter is May 15th. The next newsletter will go out sometime in July.

Committee Reports:

A list of committees was distributed with names of appointed committee members.

Membership – Matt reported that as of March 31, 2001, the OKSRM section stood at 96 members strong. Total membership of SRM is holding steady at about 3800 members.

Information and Education – The OKSRM website continues to develop and can be found at www.agr.okstate.edu/OKSRM/range.htm. Amy Ganguli, graduate student at

OSU, has created the site and is willing to maintain the site. She requests that the membership supply her with pertinent information to be posted.

Awards - At the national level, the national awards committee has solicited from all SRM sections nominees for an award called, "Excellence in Range Management". Nominees will have a poster presented on their behalf by their "home section" at the 2002 International SRM meeting to be held in Kansas City, MO. Winner will be based on the quality and content of poster display. The board was queried as to whether or not the OKSRM section would be interested in nominating someone for the award. After much discussion, Jason Martin moved that OKSRM submit a nominee for the award. The nominee will be determined by an ad hoc committee of Chuck Stanley, Bob Gillen, Jason Martin, and Steve Glasgow. This committee will also arrange for the abstract submission and development of poster display. Abstracts for nominees are due on July 1, 2001. Laurie Boerngen seconded motion. Motion carried. Recent winners of the OKSRM "Excellence in Range Management" award would be likely candidates as nominees for this international award.

Elections – The Nominations Committee is comprised of Russell Stevens, Dave Engle and Kevin Norton. A list of possible candidates for office was submitted by Russell. Not all of the potential nominees had been contacted regarding their willingness to run for office so the actual slate of candidates has not been finalized. Motion was made (Laurie Boerngen) to accept the list of candidates contingent upon them agreeing to run for office. Chuck Stanley seconded motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

2001 OKSRM Annual Meeting – John Weir distributed an agenda, call for papers and registration form for the 2001 OKSRM Annual Meeting to be held October 19-20 in Stillwater, OK. Motion was made (Stanley) to accept the agenda/call for papers/registration. Shearhart seconded. Motion carried. Next issue of Rangeland Wire (July) will publish these documents, although they may be edited by newsletter editor to conform to space requirements.

2001 Schedule of Board of Directors Meetings – Board discussed options of substituting a June or July meeting for the December meeting or to just add a meeting to be held in June or July. The board did not want to abolish the December meeting, but recognized that a summer meeting may be needed to plan/discuss 2001 annual meeting. Motion was made (Stevens) to keep Board of Director's Meeting Schedule as already approved. Weir seconded. Motion carried. An "emergency" meeting could be called in June or July if needed.

Black Mesa Ecological Academy – The Black Mesa Ecological Academy will be held on July 15-20th. Students will come from 5 states (Okla., Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas) with approximately 10 students per state attending. Enrollment is limited to 50 students. If a state does not use all 10 of their slots, other states may fill them to reach the target of 50 students. Laurie Boerngen read the agenda for the week. Matt Mattox read the letter which is to go out to conservation districts soliciting funding for the academy. It was noted that the dates for the camp on the letter were incorrect and should be

changed to read July 15-20th. Motion was made to accept the letter with date change (Weir). Stanley seconded. Motion carried.

Prescribed Burning Legislation – John Weir gave an overview on status of HB 1633. The bill has passed the House and is in the Senate. Essentially, the bill is an amendment of previous laws. Prescribed burners are no longer liable for smoke. However, whomever starts a prescribed fire is still liable for any damages. A fire plan is necessary to conduct a prescribed burn and it must be submitted to the local fire department.

NEW BUSINESS

National Advisory Council – Matt Mattox represented OKSRM at the SRM Advisory Council meetings held in Hawaii in February. Six recommendations from the Advisory Council to SRM came out of the meeting.

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Trade Show/Convention, July 26-28th, Oklahoma City – The Board discussed whether or not OKSRM wants to set up our display at the trade show as has been done in the past. Booth space is sold at a cost of \$200-440 to businesses, etc. OKSRM has received free booth space in the past as a non-profit organization. Motion was made (Mattox) that OKSRM set up a display at the OCA Trade Show if free space can be obtained. Martin seconded. Motion carried. President Gillen will write to OCA requesting free booth space. If it is granted, Chan Glidewell will arrange for the display to be set up and manned during these 3 days. Help in manning the booth was offered from Jason Martin, Chuck Stanley & Russell Stevens (contingent upon work schedules). Help may also be obtained from SRM members that work at the Grazinglands Research Laboratory.

SRM Charter Members – The History Committee of the SRM would like all remaining charter members to be interviewed. Oklahoma has one remaining charter member, E.H.(Pat) McIlvain. President Gillen will interview Mr. McIlvain.

John Weir moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Stanley seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2001 in Conference Room 101, in the Watkins Center, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of OKSRM.

Submitted by

Chan Glidewell
Secretary, Oklahoma Section

OKSRM

2001 Treasurer's Report

May 4, 2001

Budget
Balance
Sheet
1/1/00
thru
8/31/00

1/1/01 thru 12/30/01 05/04/2001

Item	Amount Budgeted	Received	Spent
<u>Income</u>			
Membership Dues	\$450		\$0.00
Jacket Donations	\$500		\$450.00
Registration from Sec. Mtg.	\$3,000		\$0.00
Interest	\$100		\$38.49
Total	\$4,050		\$488.49

Expenses

Annual Section Meeting	\$1,600		
Jacket Purchase	\$600		\$533.65
Jacket Donation	\$100		\$100.00
OKAEE Display	\$100		
Newsletter/Directory	\$400		
Section Awards	\$150		
Postage	\$50		
Poster Production/Distribution	\$200		
Elections	\$50		
Contributions	\$100		
Memberships	\$200		\$100.00 ¹
High School Youth Forum			
General Supplies	\$100		
Total	\$3,656		\$733.65

Bank Balance (4-17-01)
(General & Jacket Accts.) \$5,242.39

Range Camp Fund Balance 4-16-01 \$731.1

¹ Membership in Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association