

**Society for Range Management
Oklahoma Section
Board of Directors Meeting
February 1, 2002
Grazinglands Research Laboratory
Ft. Reno, OK**

Matt Mattox called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. A quorum was established.

The following members were present unless marked absent:

President: Matt Mattox
President-Elect/ 1st Vice President – Steve Glasgow
2nd V.P. – John Weir - absent
Director/Historian – Laurie Boerngen-absent
Director – Chuck Stanley
Director – Jack Eckroat
Director – Denise Turner-proxy, Jason Martin
Director – Brian Northup
Director – Lee Holcomb-absent
Secretary – Chan Glidewell
Treasurer – Lisa Appeddu

Matt Mattox called for **review/adoption of agenda items**. Copies were distributed.

The previous minutes were distributed to the board for their review. **The minutes were approved** (Glasgow motioned/ Stanley seconded; motion carried).

Treasurer's Report

- • Lisa Appeddu gave the Treasurer's Report. The **bank balance is \$5,275.90** after receiving \$2.21 in interest and paying \$100 to Oklahoma Cattleman's Assoc. for membership dues.
- • The **section bank account** has been **changed** from The Stock Exchange Bank in OKC to the El Reno Reformatory Credit Union in El Reno.

Newsletter Report

- • Chan Glidewell has assumed the duties of newsletter editor, effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Committee Reports:

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 (photos, links, text, powerpoint presentations, etc.). A **discussion board has been added** on the website. This is for posting topics of discussion, asking questions or replying to posts.

Directors had questions about the **frequency of updates** on the website. It was suggested that updates be made, at least, on a **quarterly basis**. The “trigger” for website updates is membership supplying materials to webmaster (Amy G.) for posting.

It was suggested that **items of historical interest** to the OKSRM **should be posted on the website**. The historian (Laurie Boerngen) should compile some items and get with Amy Ganguli to have it posted.

- • **Posture and brochure impacts** – The section currently has an ample quantity of rangeland posters and brochures that need to be distributed. We are waiting on a formal authorization from the Oklahoma Tourist Information Center, which will allow us to place our brochure, “Welcome to Oklahoma Rangelands”, at all Oklahoma information centers (typically located on an interstate near a state border). Brochures have been placed at the Ft. Reno Visitor’s Center and at the Grazinglands Research Lab headquarters. **The following directors requested a quantity of 1 box of brochures for distribution: Eckroat, Glasgow, Martin, and Northup (GRL).**

Awards Committee – 1st V.P. Glasgow appointed David McGough and Chuck Stanley to the awards committee.

Overall, there is a need to update committee appointments. Appointees should be notified via letter and once accepted, these appointments could be posted on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Angela Williams’ bid for 2nd Vice-President – Angela was not elected 2nd V.P. in 2001. In accordance with SRM policy, President Mattox sent a letter to Denver acknowledging this. The Board agreed (Martin/Northup; motion carried) to support Angela in running for 2nd V.P. in 2002, as well.

NEW BUSINESS

2002 Budget – President Mattox distributed copies of the 2002 budget (copy attached) for discussion and review. Budget was discussed and approved (Stanley/Glasgow; motion carried.).

Envirothon Donation Request – President Mattox has received a donation request from Envirothon. Envirothon is a competition between high-school aged students. The subject matter is natural resources based where competitors test their knowledge in different arenas, such as: wildlife, aquatics, soils, forestry, an oral presentation and a current issues question. This year’s current issues question is: “Introduced species and their effect on

biodiversity.” The Envirothon is nationally sponsored by Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Given what little information regarding the type of information exchange that will take place, the Board was unable to reach an informed decision regarding whether or not financial support should be given to the Envirothon. A motion was made (Glasgow/Martin; motion carried) stating that financial support for this activity would be contingent upon receiving more information from Envirothon. If their teaching “platform” and educational materials are consistent with SRM position statements, President Mattox will decide whether or not to support financially, fully considering the Board’s interests, as discussed.

2002 OKSRM Annual Meeting – A full report on planning of the annual meeting was given by Mattox and Glidewell. The date is set for October 4-5th, 2002. The location will be Ardmore and the theme is: “*Rangelands: Oklahoma’s Endangered Ecosystem?*”.

Northup suggested that a written account/ abstract of all talks be submitted by authors and printed as a “proceedings” for distribution at the meeting. The planning committee will consider this.

Denise Turner, status as Director – Due to personal reasons, Denise has informed President Mattox that she will not be able to fulfill her duties as Director. In accordance with section by-laws, Jason Martin was appointed and approved to replace Denise for the duration of her term, which expires 12/31/03 (Stanley/Eckroat; motion carried).

Excellence in Range Management Nominees – A couple of potential nominees were discussed. More discussion centered on the fact that committee appointments are incomplete and/or out of date. The chair of the Excellence in Range Management committee, along with the Awards committee, selects nominees for the Excellence in Range Management Award. The board also discussed the fact that, due to timing, our Excellence in Range Management Award winner would not be able to compete for the national Outstanding Rangeland Management Award until the next year. Also, all past winners of the Excellence in Range Management Award are potential candidates for the national Outstanding Rangeland Management Award.

Membership Directory - The board discussed the need for a more current Membership Directory to be printed and distributed. The last Membership Directory was printed in 1999. It was noted that the newsletter editor (Chan Glidewell) would be the person to facilitate the production of a Membership Directory since they have access to and frequently update the mailing list with input from SRM-Denver. Chan will compare the amount of updates needed and report back to the board prior to updating the Membership Directory. If such an update is warranted, mass distribution via USPS will require approval of the Board due to mailing costs.

Oklahoma Grazing Lands Conservation Association (OGLCA) – This year’s conference, “Grazing Lands Dollar\$ and Cent\$”, originally scheduled for Feb. 1-2, is being tentatively rescheduled for either August 16-17, or August 23-24.

Meeting Adjourned (12:40 pm) – Stanley/Glasgow; motion carried.

**Next Meeting: Friday, May 17, 2002 at the Grazinglands Research Laboratory, HQ,
1st Floor Conference Room at 10:30 am.**

**Oklahoma Section
Society for Range Management
2002 Budget**

Income	Item	Amount
	Membership Dues	\$ 500.00
	Annual Section Meeting	\$4,125.00
	Interest	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	Total	\$4,725.00

Expenses	Item	Amount
	Annual Section Meeting	\$3,500.00
	OKAEE Display	\$ 100.00
	Newsletter/Directory	\$ 400.00
	Section Awards	\$ 150.00
	Postage	\$ 50.00
	Elections	\$ 50.00
	Contributions	\$ 250.00 (a)
	Memberships	\$ 100.00 (b)
	General Supplies	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
	Total	\$4,700.00
	Income above Expense	\$ 25.00

Items not shown on budget: Jacket Purchase and Donations – National Office

High School Youth Forum - \$1250 est. expense
offset by Noble Foundation grant

Black Mesa Range Camp – separate account

- (a) Donation to Oklahoma Envirothon
- (b) Membership dues, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association

Will seek donations from local ranchers to offset estimated \$1,200 meal expense associated with \$3,500 annual meeting. If entire \$1,200 donation is received, annual income above expenses will be estimated at \$1,225.

Annual meeting revenue estimated from attendance of 75 people at an average registration of \$55 each (45 SRM members, 10 students, 10 spouses, 10 others).

Minutes submitted by

Chan Glidewell
Secretary, Oklahoma Section