

**Society for Range Management
Oklahoma Section
Board of Directors Meeting
February 21, 2003
Oklahoma State University
Ag Hall Room 374**

Steve Glasgow called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was established.

The following members were present:

President- Steve Glasgow

1st V.P./ President-Elect – John Weir

2nd V.P. – Chuck Stanley

Director – David Hungerford

Director – Brian Northup

Director – Jason Martin

Director – Jack Eckroat

Director – Lee Holcomb-absent (Terry Bidwell-proxy)

Director – Wade Anderson - absent

Secretary/ Newsletter Editor – Chan Glidewell

Treasurer – Lisa Appeddu

Past-President – Matt Mattox

Other Members Present: Aaron Perkins, Amy Ganguli

Steve Glasgow called for **review/adoption of agenda items**. Agenda was distributed.

The previous minutes were distributed and reviewed. **Minutes were approved (Weir motioned/ Northup seconded). Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

- The section has a balance of \$7,425.97 as of 2/21/03. The report was discussed and approved (**Martin/Stanley**). **Motion carried.**

Newsletter Report

- March issue of Rangeland Wire looks to be full. Information on the Range Ecology Academy (including Application form) will run along with articles submitted in 2002 by Dr. Bill Phillips and Steve Glasgow. Deadline for article submission for the March issue is today.

Membership Committee Report

- Steve distributed the most recent Oklahoma Section roster of members which showed us to be 104 members strong as of 1/15/03. Steve conveyed SRM President Bob Budd's goal of increasing SRM membership by 20% in 2003.

Awards Committee

- The Oklahoma Section, historically, has given out 2 awards: the Trailboss Award (for SRM members) and the Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship Award (open to members and non-members). Two new awards, to be called Outstanding

Service Awards, have been approved by the Board of Directors. One of the Outstanding Service Awards will be for members only. The other will be given to deserving members or non-members of SRM. These awards will be given “as-needed” to recognize deserving individuals.

- Criteria for the established awards (Trailboss and Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship) have been developed and are in place. The Awards committee would like to see the eligibility criteria and nomination process for the new Outstanding Service Awards be minimized and streamlined. The Awards Committee will submit a one-page nomination form prototype at the next BOD meeting.

Student Activities

- Amy Ganguli and Aaron Perkins represented the students today. The two of them gave an update on what activities the students have been participating in:
 - Selling Range Club T-shirts and the new, *Field Guide to Oklahoma Plants* (Tyrl, Bidwell and Masters, 2002).
 - Have begun a cedar clearing enterprise to raise money. Also, volunteered to clear cedars in conjunction with an Audubon Society Field Day in Payne County.
 - Are seeking range professionals to speak at the Range Club meetings.
 - Are promoting student attendance at Oklahoma Section and SRM meetings.

Old Business

2003 Proposed Budget

- The 2003 Budget was distributed, discussed, and approved (**Hungerford;Weir**). **Motion carried.**

Excellence in Range Stewardship/ Range Management 2003 Nominations

- A couple of names were mentioned to promote for the National Excellence in Range Management award to be given at the 2004 SRM meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. The deadline for this award is April 30, 2003.
- The awards committee will send letters to all the conservation districts in Oklahoma soliciting nominations for the Oklahoma Section Excellence in Range Stewardship Award that would be given in September at the OKSRM Annual meeting.

2003 OKSRM Annual Meeting

- The Annual meeting is slated for September 25-26 (Thursday-Friday), 2003. It will be held near Cheyenne, OK at the Coyote Hills Guest Ranch.
- To encourage student participation, a student rate will be advertised (graduate/undergraduate). Also, an option on the registration form will allow SRM members to “sponsor a student” to attend the meeting by paying for all or a portion of a student’s registration fees. Any additional monies generated by this option will carry over to sponsor other student activities.

Membership Directory

- It was agreed that instead of “re-creating” the wheel as a section, we will have a link on our website that will take you to the rangelands.org site where a member database with security features will be available to SRM members.

Committee Appointments/Responsibilities

- Several committee appointments have been made. Several more need to be made. A complete list will be developed before or during the May BOD meeting.

Audit Subcommittee Report

- The audit has been completed, however, the report is not complete. The final report is forthcoming. Initial remarks from the subcommittee chair (John Weir) indicate that the financial records are complete and accurate.

Membership Drive – Award Recommendations

- The section would like to implement a member recruitment/retention contest to help build our membership. It was noted that this kind of idea had been proposed in the past, but accountability of solicited memberships was lacking. It was agreed that the Membership Director of SRM (Lesley Radtke) would be the logical person to keep track of this. Amy Ganguli has communicated with Lesley about this and said that she is gearing up to track this information.
- Matt Mattox agreed to pass on to the Awards Committee chairperson (Russell Stevens) a previous proposal submitted by the Advisory Council to the SRM BOD regarding a membership drive to help in developing the award.

New Business

SRM Advisory Council Recommendations

- Steve Glasgow distributed the 5-page document, Advisory Council Recommendations, Casper 2003, for the Board to review.

2002 Oklahoma Section Annual Report

- The 2002 Annual Report, developed by past-President Mattox was distributed. A few of the highlights:
 - Approximate 5% increase in membership for 2002.
 - Welcome to Oklahoma’s Rangeland brochures in all Welcome Centers.
 - Black Mesa Ecological Academy.
 - Envirothon sponsorship.
 - 2002 Annual Meeting.

2003 Mini-Directory

- President Glasgow has updated the mini-directory which will be printed in the Trailboss News and will be available on the Oklahoma Section website.

Rangeland Wire Costs – Correspondence to Noble Foundation

- A letter from President Glasgow to the Noble Foundation was distributed. The letter requests continued support from the Noble Foundation in the form of

printing and distribution of the section newsletter. It was estimated that this service is worth about \$2000/year to the section.

- As talk shifted to reducing costs associated with the newsletter it was moved that our membership be given a choice to receive the quarterly newsletters via e-mail or traditional hard copy. For the remainder of 2003, newsletters will be distributed via USPS and also via e-mail to those with internet access. Later in the year, members will be given the opportunity to choose a format for newsletters received in 2004. Those with internet access are encouraged to opt for e-mailed newsletters (**Hungerford;Eckroat**). **Motion carried.**

Wade Anderson status as Director

- Wade has accepted a position in Odessa, Texas as District Conservationist with the NRCS. Wade has offered to remain a Director, but would only be able to attend one BOD meeting in 2003. He also would be willing to step down if the Board felt that would be in the best interest of the section. The Board will ask Wade to submit a letter of resignation before any action takes place.

Oklahoma AgrAbility

- This item has been tabled until more information can be obtained about the program and their needs pertaining to OKSRM.

AgNIC Information System

- The Agricultural National Information Center (AgNIC) is trying to consolidate web-based agricultural information into a single internet site with links to all the land-grant universities in the 17 western states. Barbara Hutchinson, University of Arizona, is currently directing this effort. The University of Arizona is the only university participating right now. Other organizations such as the Noble Foundation may be linked to the site to access range-related information. Amy Ganguli (OSU), Matt Mattox, Russell Stevens, and Patrick Brennen (all of the Noble Foundation) will attend the March 20-21 meeting in Phoenix. Matt, Russell, and/or Amy will report on the AgNIC meeting at the next BOD meeting.

Challenges and Direction for 2003

- Steve, I didn't take good notes here. Can you recall some of the high points of this discussion? My notes refer only to student activities and how the OKSRM can help our students. Maybe we can delete this from the minutes? Not if you think of some points that were made. Sorry

Meeting Adjourned (12:20 p.m.) – Weir/Stanley. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: February 21, 2003, at a location TBD.

Submitted by

Chan Glidewell
Secretary, Oklahoma Section