

**Society for Range Management
Oklahoma Section
Board of Directors Meeting
May 16, 2003
Oklahoma State University
Ag Hall Room 374**

Steve Glasgow called the meeting to order at 10:03 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-absent (Amy Ganguli-proxy)
Director – Jack Eckroat
Director – Lee Holcomb-absent
Director – Wade Anderson - absent
Secretary/ Newsletter Editor – Chan Glidewell
Treasurer – Lisa Appeddu

Agenda was distributed. Steve Glasgow called for **review/adoption of agenda items (Hungerford motioned/Weir seconded)**. **Agenda was approved.**

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

Treasurer's Report

- No checks have been written since the last report.
- The section has a balance of \$7,461.50 as of May 15, 2003. The report was discussed and approved (**Martin/Stanley**). **Motion carried.**

Newsletter Report

- June issue of Rangeland Wire looks to be full. Registration form for 2003 Annual Meeting will run along with articles and pictures submitted by Amy Ganguli on OSU student achievements and activities. Brian Northup also submitted a couple of newsworthy items. The newsletter editor appreciates these submissions. Deadline for article submission for the June issue is today.

Membership Committee Report

- The Oklahoma Section member roster for the end of April shows us to have 108 members. One new member, David Gay of the Turley Ranch, was noted.

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 recommends that no formal nomination process be put in place for the new Outstanding Service Awards. This is to encourage nominations by making it easy to nominate. If there is a situation where more than one nomination is made, then a letter of support will be requested from the nominator to help determine qualifications. This letter may be provided with a nomination, but is not mandatory. In the event only one nominee is submitted, adequate information will need to be gathered by the nominator to ensure a proper and deserving awardee.
- The Awards Committee Chair, Russell Stevens also recommended that the Awards Committee Chair become a term position or “semi-permanent”. He feels that this will add some continuity from year to year in identifying worthy award nominees. Russell suggested that this chairperson would work closely with the historian to help remember award winners and award nominees that didn’t win but would be logical candidates the following year. Finally, he suggested that a spreadsheet be developed and maintained by Awards Committee chair and passed on from chair to chair, when their term expires.

Student Activities

- Amy Ganguli gave an update on student activities for the year that included a volunteer event with NRCS and cedar cutting for the Audubon Society. It was suggested that the students put together a poster presentation detailing their activities at the Annual Meeting in Cheyenne.
- At the Plant and Soil Sciences Department awards ceremony in May, nine awards went to Range Students!

Old Business

Excellence in Range Management 2003 Nominations

- Letters were sent in early March 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.

Committee Appointments

- The appropriate individuals have made all committee assignments. See attached page for details (2003 Committee Assignments).

Audit Report Letter

- Finance and budget committee chair, John Weir, submitted the audit report letter describing the audit of treasurer records from June 17, 1996 – December 31, 2001. There were no discrepancies or problems found. **Motion was made and seconded to accept the letter and approve the audit (Hungerford/Eckroat). Motion carried.**

AgNic Program Report

- Amy Ganguli reported on the meeting held in Phoenix on March 20-21.. The University of Arizona has taken the lead in putting range information together from many sources on the internet. State land grant universities will take the lead for each state and each state's information will be compiled in a mega-meta database. Amy said the U of A has done a tremendous job of coordinating this effort.

Oklahoma AgrAbility Program

- Rachael Kircher gave an overview of the program which promotes success in agriculture for people with disabilities and their families. Rachael requested that we put something in our newsletter and a link on our website to help raise awareness of the program.

SRM Unfunded Projects List

- SRM-HQ is requesting financial assistance to help support many projects at the national/international level. **Our section has budgeted \$100 and has chosen to support these projects: the best section newsletter contest and the membership contest. (Northup/Stanley) motion carried.**

OKSRM Membership Contest

- In developing the criteria for a membership drive/ contest, the question was asked, "Who will keep track of solicitations and renewals, etc." Lesley Radke, SRM membership director at HQ, has agreed to track this information for us.

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.
- A tentative agenda and registration form was distributed for inclusion in the June newsletter.
- Northup proposed a mentoring program to implement into the section meeting, as other organizations have done. Amy Ganguli and Brian Northup will work on implementing the program. This program is geared towards students but is not exclusive to students. Anyone new to range management or with burning questions on range related issues can participate in the program. A "call for mentor volunteers" will go out in the June issue of Rangeland Wire.

New Business

New Director

- Wade Anderson has resigned as OKSRM Director since he has relocated to Texas. The floor was opened to nominations for a replacement. Jack Eckroat nominated Joe Vaughan. With no other nominations made, a motion was made that Vaughan be appointed by acclamation (Weir/Eckroat). Motion carried. Jack Eckroat will contact Vaughan to make sure that he is willing to serve.

2nd Annual Oklahoma Grazing Lands Conference (August 15-16, 2003)

- This meeting will be held at the LaQuinta Inn (I-40 and Meridian) in OKC. Since most of the OKSRM Board of Directors will be in attendance it was agreed that the next OKSRM BOD meeting be held at the conference from 5pm-7pm.

Nominations for SRM Officers

- The BOD (and all members) is encouraged to nominate section members for the office of 2nd Vice President and Director. A form outlining the nomination process was distributed to all. The nomination deadline is November 28, 2003. This nomination form will be printed in the newsletter.

SRM Topic and Issue Papers

- Issue papers on Rangeland Inventory and Classification and Invasive and Noxious Weeds were distributed for informational purposes.

2nd National Conference on Grazing Lands (December 7-10, 2003), Nashville, TN

- Information on this upcoming meeting was distributed. More information can be obtained at www.glci.org

Ecology of Grazing Lands Tour – Kansas State University

- A request for support for this tour which is part of a special graduate course, “Ecology of Grazing Land Systems”, was received from Paul Ohlenbusch, State Extension Specialist in Grazingland Management. Specifically, the request was for a monetary donation to help defray transportation costs associated with chartering a commercial bus.
- Because no money was budgeted for this expense in 2003, a financial donation cannot be given. **The BOD agreed to consider sponsoring a scholarship for an Oklahoma student to participate in this course in 2004 (Hungerford/Eckroat). Motion carried.** The board feels that transportation costs should be accounted for in tuition and fees charged for the course. Increased enrollment could alleviate the problem, thus, sponsoring an Oklahoma student to participate would help increase enrollment.

Southern Section Newsletter housed on OKSRM website temporarily

- The Southern Section has asked our webmaster (Amy Ganguli) if they could temporarily “house” their section newsletter on the OKSRM website (www.agr.okstate.edu/OKSRM/range.htm). Amy assured everyone that this would not compromise our website in any way and the **request was granted (Ganguli/Northup). Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned (11:47 a.m.) – (Stanley/Weir). Motion carried.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2003, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Grazing Lands Conservation Association conference at the La Quinta Inn, OKC, 5pm-7pm.

Submitted by

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Secretary, Oklahoma Section*

Society for Range Management, Oklahoma Section
2003 Budget (As of May 15, 2003)
 Lisa Appeddu, Treasurer

INCOME

Item	Budget	Actual	Notes
Membership Dues	500.00	172.00	Rec'd 2/4/03 For 1/1/02-6/30/02
Annual Section Meeting	3770.00		
Interest	70.00	35.53	Rec'd 4/1/03
Total	4340.00	207.53	

EXPENSES

Item	Budget	Actual	Notes
Annual Section Meeting	2425.00		
OKAEE Display	100.00		
Newsletter/Directory	400.00		
Section Awards	350.00		
Postage	50.00		
Elections	50.00		
Contributions	250.00		
Memberships ^a	100.00	100.00	Paid 12/21/02
General Supplies	100.00	12.00	
Donation (Natl.Project List)	100.00		
Total	3925.00	112.00	

^a Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association.

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

Item	Date	Deposit	Expense
Starting Balance	2/21/03	221.56	
Total		221.56	

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE

Item	Date	Deposit	Expense
Starting Balance	2/21/03	7204.41	
Interest (90 day period)	4/1/03	35.53	
Total		7239.94	

TOTAL OK SRM Funds: \$7461.50