

**Society for Range Management
Oklahoma Section
Board of Directors Meeting
October 19, 2001
Stillwater, Oklahoma**

Bob Gillen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.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

Director – Denise Turner

Secretary – Chan Glidewell

Treasurer – not present

Guest – Dick Hart, SRM Director; many OKSRM members present.

Journey to Change – Dick Hart, SRM Director, spoke to the membership about the Journey to Change and other items of interest at the international level of SRM. Dick solicited feedback from our members regarding the 5 biggest challenges the SRM faces in the future. Members were encouraged to come up with their own lists and pass on that information to Dick so that he could take the information back to Denver. Dick recognizes that change of SRM is not welcomed by all, but urged everyone to be proactive in dealing with SRM's biggest future challenges

Call for review/adoption of agenda items was done by Bob Gillen. Copies were distributed.

The previous minutes were distributed but not read. Any corrections or changes of previous meeting minutes (as distributed) should be directed to Chan Glidewell.

Treasurer's Report

- Bob Gillen gave the Treasurer's Report. Current income for the year is \$799.12 against expenditures of \$764.35. The bank balance is \$5,025.54. Starting in 2002, the SRM will assume responsibility for funding the jackets for National Range Judging Contest winners. Oklahoma SRM will no longer solicit funds for that activity.

Newsletter Report

- Editor Russell Stevens reaffirmed the need for newsletter articles from the membership. Several members did not receive the last newsletter. All newsletters were mailed at the same time and in the same manner so the problem was apparently with the Postal Service.

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 request was made that the application for the **SRM Masonic Range Scholarship Award** be made available on the website. Motion made by Lorie Boerngen, seconded by Matt Mattox; motion carried.

Awards – Bob Gillen reported that an “Excellence in Range Management” poster will be presented at the Kansas City meetings of the SRM. The Phelan Ranch will be highlighted as the Oklahoma nominee for this International Award. Authors of the poster are Rich Riddle, Bob Gillen, and Chuck Stanley. Jack Eckroat, Steve Glasgow and Jason Martin will provide assistance in preparing the poster.

President Gillen presented an award to Jim Shearhart (not present) for 5 years of dedicated service as OKSRM Treasurer. Volunteers are being sought to replace Jim as treasurer.

No nominations were received this year for Excellence in Rangeland Stewardship Awards within the section. President Gillen suggested that the call for nominations for section awards should go out in the first newsletter of the year to allow more time for members to submit nominations.

Elections – Results of the recent election are in: **2nd Vice-President will be John Weir.** New **Directors are Jack Eckroat and Brian Northup.**

Historian - Bob Gillen reported that he recently met with and interviewed Pat McElvain (Oklahoma’s only surviving charter member of SRM). Dr. Gillen recorded the interview and a copy of the audio cassette has been provided to Laurie Boerngen, Historian, for her files. A copy of the interview was also sent to Tom Bedell, chairman of the Historical Committee of SRM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association Trade Show – The OCA hold their annual meeting in Oklahoma City each July. The OKSRM has set up a booth/display, in the past, if OCA had unrented space available (i.e., free space). There was no free space available this year, therefore, we did not set up our display. If we were to pay for exhibit space, it would cost at least \$250.

Black Mesa Ecological Academy – 32 students from 5 states (Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico) attended this year's academy held July 15-20th. Conservation districts, retailers, and government agencies showed excellent support and sponsorship. Next year's academy is scheduled to begin the week of July 29th.

Boy Scout Range Conservation Merit Badge – The OK Section has worked on this item for a couple of years. A set of requirements has been developed and is available for use. The merit badge has not been accepted at the national level of BSA. However, the badge can be earned as special project within Oklahoma. Prototype badges (embroidered inflorescence of Indiangrass) have been developed.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint Meeting with Kansas Section – President Gillen has been approached by members of the Kansas Section of SRM interested in conducting a joint annual meeting with the Oklahoma Section. Not much discussion was generated other than a consensus that such a joint meeting would be considered, but no timeline was developed. Such a meeting would not likely occur before 2003.

John Weir moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Stanley seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 7, 2001 in Oklahoma City (location TBD).

Submitted by

Chan Glidewell
Secretary, Oklahoma Section