



Colorado Section Society for Range Management

**Business Meeting Minutes taken by Dixie Crowe
Sparks, NV
January 31, 2018 - 7:00 AM**

Call to Order

President-Elect Clare Hydock for President Dan Nosal

Introduction of attendees – name and affiliation with SRM

Clare Hydock CSSRM President-Elect, Paul Meiman CSSRM Student Affairs/CSU Range Faculty, Julie Elliot CSSRM member/2020 General Co-Chair, Ben Berlinger CSSRM HSYF/Student Affairs Chair, Sami Dinar CSSRM board member, Rob Alexander CSSRM member/2020 Outreach committee, Roy Roath CSSRM member/SRM BOD/2020 Outreach committee, Dan Nosal CSSRM President (by phone), Dixie Crowe CSSRM BOD Secretary, Maria Fernandez –Gimenez CSSRM member and SRM Board Member, Ariana Gloria soon to be CSSRM member, Rhetta Brueger CSSRM member, Mysti Tatro CSU Range Club President, CSSRM BOD member and CSSRM student member

Don Hajar CSSRM member/Pawnee Buttes Seed, Tom (E.T.) Barlett CSSRM member and NM section member, Scott Woodall CSSRM member and AZ section member

CSU Range Club students: Kate Weimer CSSRM member, Cody Mortell CSSRM member, Amanda Interpreter CSSRM member (graduated Dec 2017), Savanna Pague CSSRM member, Kasey Dollerschell CSSRM member, John Larsen CSSRM member, Kait Evensen CSSRM member, Katsi Pena CSSRM member, Spencer Good CSSRM member/Range Club Historian, Bianca Bonizio CSSRM member, Sarah LeVane CSSRM member/Range Club Secretary/Treasurer, Amanda James CSSRM member

High School Youth Forum parents and students: Brett Ormiston Fowler HS Ag Ed teacher/chaperone for HSYF students, John Shannon HSYF parent/chaperone, Cecil Shannon HSYF participant, Jacquelin Alvey HSYF participant, Shannon Wallace HSYF participant

Review of Minutes from Fall Meeting

Secretary Dixie Crowe

Minutes have been emailed to section members and were not read aloud.

Updated CSSRM Officers/Committee Members Directory

Clare Hydock

The update is complete and finished.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lana Pearson

Lana not able to attend. We do not have a report.

Maria Fernandez-Gimenez reported \$1,400 raised from Poetry of Range project, there is a publisher for the book. Book sales will benefit scholarships for international students.

CSU Range Club Update

Range Club President Mysti Tatro

This year the focus has been on outreach especially to a diverse student population. The students have an updated retractable display for the booth, new range bison shirts, worked on removing cattails from Henderson's drainage ditch for fundraising, and had a guest speaker from Rocky Mountain Wolf Project. There are 14 CSU students attending SRM Reno including eight sitting for the URME, two competing in Plant ID, and four on Range Cup.

Committee Reports

2018 Annual Meeting

Clare Hydock

Fall meeting planning committee for section meeting includes Rhetta Bruegger, Sami Dinar, Roy Roath, Dan Nosal, and Clare Hydock. All those interested in helping are welcome! Contact any of the planning team members if interested. Looking at venues on the western slope. February conference call set up to hear from venue committee. Dates may be mid-October or early November to try to have good weather.

Awards

Vacant Position – Need Volunteer

Vacant position, we need someone to sign up.

Roy – we have 4 trail boss prints, they are with him.

Ariana Gloria volunteered to take on this position for the section. She has previous experience with the AZ section. Julie will help her get it up and rolling.

Information and Education

Randy Reichert

Randy is not here, no information submitted

Membership

Clare Hydock

Looking for someone else to step up. SRM has a membership tool kit that we can utilize, including template letters and other tools to use for recruitment. Maria will help with ideas, but can't be chair. As of January 22, 181 active members and 45 lapsed members. Allen Press is still struggling with January 1 renewal. When Clare gets back she will compare the lists to who we've already contacted and then give info to Vicky Trujillo to mark as inactive. Clare will send list out for others to review per Rob's request. Parent society 1,610 members (1,200 did not renew in January); but there are 4,000 Facebook followers. Josh Tashiro is our web person, perhaps we could better utilize social media to get new members.

University Student Affairs/Scholarships

Paul Meiman

Senior recipient, Tanner Marshall, graduated in December. Paul is working on identifying a student for the remaining spring portion of the scholarship.

Youth Activities

Ben Berlinger

CO Section committee very active. Camp Rocky had 11 campers at Divide, CO. We gave out two SRM belt buckles. FFA Range Judging, growing rapidly in eastern Colorado. The section recognizes outstanding achievement in two main contests, awards handed out for plant ID and combined score.

Three HYSF delegates are attending SRM meeting. Brett Ormiston is the FFA advisor in Fowler, John Shannon is chaperoning and the parent of Cecil.

Other Committees (Budget, Investments, Nominations and Elections)

Not Represented

No other committee reports read

Clare reported on the SRM Advisory Council meeting – membership put together a program using a black board that says, “We are Rangelands” called a “Flat Stanley.” The idea is to take photos with it and then email photos to SRM. The board is supposed to be continually moving around. For example, to be used if people are doing field work, students, etc. The CSU students offered to take it first. Rhetta could pick it up at the end of March from Paul.

Julie – maybe Josh Tashiro could put something on the website about the location of the sign so we could keep track of where it is?

We should be able to put it in a padded envelope and mail it around the section.

Old Business

2017 Fall Meeting Report

Ben Berlinger

Reporting for Dan – we had a successful meeting, Regenerating Landscapes: Back to the Future, with 130 participants, 20 speakers. 49% attendees were ranchers or landowners, and 51% in the agency category, which is a good split. Net profit just under \$2,000. Awards: Emmett Jordan Excellence in Range Management, Josh Toshiro got Young Professional, Matt Barnes Outstanding Publication, and Randy Reichert received the Trail Boss.

2018 Approved Budget

Lana Pearson

2018 Operating Expenses Budget (Approved 10/30/17)		
Budget Item	Cost	Comments
Website	\$180	Annual
New Host Website	\$500	Estimated Cost
Newsletter	\$250	Annual – Paid to Anne Williams to build two newsletters
CO Secretary of State Fee	\$10	Annual
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$400	
Youth Activities – HSYF	\$1,800	Includes expenses for three HSYF CO students to attend Sparks, NV. Does not include expenses for HSYF Directors
Youth Activities - Awards	\$500	Expenses for Camp Rocky and FFA Range Judging Awards
CSSRM Awards	\$1,600	Includes membership, registration, lodging for ERM awardee. Includes funds for purchasing several years supply of awards
SRM Annual Meeting Breakfast	\$260	Breakfast costs for approximately 26 HSYF & college students (CSU Range Club)
Total 2018 Expenses Budget	\$5,500	

Clare Hydock - This budget doesn't include the fall meeting and probably should. Once the planning committee has a better idea of what cost estimates are we'll bring that to the board for a vote.

2020 SRM Meeting

Julie Elliott

Roy – coming together in concept. MOU presented to BOD tomorrow to spell out revenue sharing between parent SRM and our two sections. Julie and Chuck Butterfield (Wyoming Section) are the co-chairs. There will be a booth at the GLC meeting in December. Outreach is already happening. We're looking for people to contribute to the overall planning. If you have a special talent, get involved. We welcome any volunteers!

New Business

Summer Tour(s)

Ben Berlinger

We are planning on two summer training sessions. One will be at Emmett Jordan's ranch in Briggsdale at the end of May/June for a one day tour. Pawnee Buttes' team up for helping with reclamation.

Leininger Ranch south of La Junta, for the ranchers in the area (Andee Leininger UWYO, NRCS Range Specialist will help organize) in late summer as training session/educational event. Maybe in early to mid- September after the school year starts.

New Website Discussion (Weebly, etc.)

Dixie Crowe / Retta Bruegger

Rhetta – we need to be open to options moving forward.

Dixie – discussed advantages of moving site to something like Weebly in terms of templates, ease of set up, ability for section members with access to update content regularly, and low annual cost (below current projected budget to remain with old website).

2017 Fall Meeting Feedback Discussion

Retta Bruegger / Clare Hydock

Rhetta – feedback from the fall meeting included that we're not meeting enough diversity of speakers, how we structure the meeting, to reach as many people as possible. There was a lack of female speakers, especially on the first day. We can do a better job with that. Planning guidelines for annual meetings are to assure quality of speakers, and sets forth inclusion.

Clare – students felt left out. Some perceived university bashing. We need to respect everyone in the room, speakers and audience. Planning committee for 2018 will work on that. Working on venues looking on the western slope.

Don Hajar – are there field tours planned?

Clare – depends on where we end up.

Paul – important for us to do and follow up on (the diversity piece).

Other?

HYSF Students thanked the section for bringing them to SRM Reno and for breakfast. CSU Range Club students thanked the BOD for the section breakfast and support of the club.

Next BOD meeting at Summer Tour

Adjourn