

Minutes Kansas Section SRM Meeting  
March 1, 2001  
Butler County Community College

The spring meeting of the Kansas Section, SRM was called to order by President Amanda Shaw at 4:00 p.m. on the Butler County Community College campus in El Dorado, KS on March 1, 2001. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,137.81.

Reports: Walt Fick gave a report on Advisory Council activities in Hawaii. SRM has produced an informational brochure about rangelands for use during the transition in administrations. It was requested that the public affairs committee come up with a list of state and federal representatives to receive these brochures. SRM has been contacted about input into the next farm bill. A rangeland video is being produced and SRM is looking for partners to help fund the project. Craig Whittekiend is stepping down as Executive VP of SRM. SRM continues to work on financial and strategic plans. The certification program is turning out better than expected with 171 SRM members now registered as a Certified Professional in Rangeland Management. Total SRM membership exceeds 3800, up about 200 from last year. This summer the Board of Directors will meet in Elko, NV on July 17-19. A raffle (\$5 per ticket) is being conducted to raise money for the SRM Endowment Fund. Walt also discussed a traveling prairie exhibit that will be in the Kansas State library this summer. Discussions in Hawaii continued on a potential name change for SRM and about a new headquarters location. Sites mentioned included Billings, Rapid City, and Casper. Keith Harmoney reported on the technical sessions at the Hawaii meeting.

Walt Fick reported that 439 newsletters were sent out last mailing.

Amanda Shaw gave the awards committee report. Discussion was held about another category for an award. More will be discussed at the September business meeting. Amanda gave the I&E report. The Kansas Section display needs to be updated for use at meetings around the state. Amanda asked for guidance on cost of developing a display and keeping it current. Amanda reported that the Kansas Section has 107 members as of January 31, 2001.

Loren Denetclaw is chair for the Kansas Range Youth Camp this year. In addition to normal channels, RYC information will also be sent out electronically this year.

Jeff Davidson reported on the Kansas Coalition for Carbon Management. This coalition is just getting started and is developing a mission statement. They last met on November 7 in Emporia.

**Old Business:** Dwayne Rice will investigate developing an endowment fund for Range Youth Camp. Paul Ohlenbusch will put together a list of personnel within the media to help promote SRM. Keith Harmoney moved and Jeff Davidson seconded a motion to change the bylaws to include a process for breaking ties in elections. President Shaw will work on a draft statement to change the bylaws.

**New Business:** Keith Harmoney reported on Hays' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Research Center. It will be held September 8, 2001. Different growers groups will have booths. Keith plans to put together an SRM display. He wanted approval and recommendations. Art Armbrust has pictures from Sharp Bros. to donate. Range Youth Camp pictures will also be used. Baron Shively gave the Food, Land, and People Project report. This is a national organization similar to Ag in the Classroom. They have training materials for teachers and training for individuals. Baron also reported about prairie dogs. A proposal repealing the 1902 decision that prairie dogs

must be controlled was submitted to the House. Amanda Shaw indicated that the annual meeting in the fall would be in Meade County in early September and would include a tour.

Amanda thanked everyone who helped on the tour. A motion to adjourn was made and approved.

Joe Hecht