

**Minutes Kansas Section, SRM Meeting**  
**May 10, 2000**  
**Oakley, Kansas**

The spring meeting of the Kansas Section, SRM was called to order by President Walt Fick at the Colonial Steakhouse, Oakley, KS at 7:30 p.m. on May 10, 2000. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$6,138.01.

Reports: Fick gave the SRM report. About 1500 attended the annual SRM meeting last February in Boise, ID. The Society is still considering a new location for it's headquarters. Jim O'Rourke will be hired by SRM to help plan future SRM meetings. The Kansas Section donated two wildflower books for the silent auction. David Kraft discussed the Excellence in Grazing Management Award. Nominations were distributed through NRCS and extension and are due July 15. Ron Ruthstrom led discussion from I&E. The section has a display but it needs updated. The Kansas Wildlife Society is interested in having a joint meeting with SRM. Amanda Shaw reported that the Section currently has 99 members. Fick mentioned the availability of associate memberships. Dale Kirkham indicated that he is seeking nominations for director and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and that the ballots will be included in the summer newsletter. Baron Shively, public affairs, discussed the possible listing of the blacktailed prairie dog on the endangered species list. Dwayne Rice indicated the Range Youth Camp will be held July 11-14. He also reported that Mark Moseley started an endowment fund for the range youth camp in Oklahoma. Rice moved that the Kansas Section pursue establishing an endowment fund for the Kansas Range Youth Camp. Shaw seconded the motion, and the motion passed. A second motion by Rice, seconded by David Kraft, and subsequently passed instructed President Fick to send a letter of support to Mark Moseley for a regional youth camp to be held in Boise City, OK during 2001.

**Old Business:** How to work with the media to promote SRM was discussed. Paul Ohlenbusch will look into this matter.

Dale Kirkham reported he sent the riparian management videos to Ken Sheraden and the NRCS State Office.

Dwayne Rice discussed a cooperative project with Oklahoma on cedar control. This would include education to promote prescribed burning to the public. This would be an interagency effort with Wildlife and Parks in Oklahoma. Rice moved to have President Fick write a letter of support for this educational effort and have it reviewed by Public Affairs before sending. Shaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Shively reported on the need for additional committee members. Doug Spencer is now on the Awards Committee. There are two openings on the I&E Committee (note: Keith Harmoney agreed to serve on I&E).

**New Business:** Kirkham reported on an adult range camp. KLA is also interested in such an activity. Bruce Wells, Flint Hills RC&D, wrote a grant proposal to the Kansas GLCI for funding. A camp will be held this year on August 15-17 at Webster Reservoir. The camp will be limited to 25 and if successful could be expanded to two camps next year. Art Armbrust moved that the Kansas Section donate \$250 for the camp. Motion was seconded by Shively and approved.

Fick discussed donating funds for jackets at the National Range and Pasture Judging contest in Oklahoma. Armbrust moved that we contribute \$50 for 2000 and \$50 for 2001 for this activity. Motion was seconded by Shaw and approved.

The Beef Improvement Federation is meeting this summer in Wichita with a tour in Chase County. Armbrust moved that we have a SRM booth at the tour and provide \$200 to be used for drinks on the tour. The motion was seconded by Shively and approved. Fick will contact SRM about a booth and see if space is available.

The annual meeting will be held in Manhattan. It was moved by Kraft and seconded by Shaw to have the meeting on a Friday prior to a K-State football game. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned.

Joe Hecht