

**Minutes Kansas Section, SRM Meeting
September 1, 1999
Mediine Lodge, Kansas**

The annual meeting of the Kansas Section, SRM was called to order by President Dale Kirkham at the People's State Bank of Medicine Lodge at 7:00 p.m., September 1, 1999. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5,568.91.

Walt Fick reported on the summer SRM meeting held August 13 in Ft. Collins, CO, There have been 62 associate memberships given in 1999. The associate membership program is now open to all sections and are to be used to get new people interested in SRM. Associate members receive The Trail Boss News, section newsletter, and can attend meetings. Denver has received only 2 free memberships from the Kansas Section. We can still give 8 more if done by November 1. Kirkham is the contact for gift membership certificates. SRM is also developing a program for certified rangeland managers. Current consultants can pay a fee and would not be required to take an exam. There would be an initial \$200 fee with a \$50 renewal every 2 years. SRM is doing the certification, but you do not have to be a SRM member to be certified. SRM has signed a contract to sell the Denver office building for \$535,000. Other items discussed at Ft. Collins were invasive weeds and proposed listing of the black tailed prairie dog as an endangered species.

Dennis Doring gave the election report: 2nd VP - Baron Shively, Directors - Dwayne Rice and David Kraft. Fick moved to have Harold Gossett fill out the remaining 1-year term as director since Jean Stramel has moved out of state. Motion carried.

Fick reported that only 1 newsletter had been published since May (396 mailed). Ted Alexander led further discussion on the newsletter and publicity. Individuals want to know what SRM is and what we do. We need to promote SRM and what we can do for producers. Dwayne Rice will work on getting more information out about SRM. President Kirkham will form a committee to coordinate our efforts. Ted Alexander and Paul Ohlenbusch volunteered to help.

Fick announced that the CK unit at Dorrance, John Vanier owner and Virgil Huseman-manager, was the only EGM nomination. He encouraged the Section to nominate individuals for SRM awards. Nominations should be routed through our awards committee. Amanda Shaw indicated SRM would be holding a workshop on awards at the Boise meeting.

Fick and Shaw reported that 33 students attended Range Youth Camp. No response for the HSYF. Dwayne Rice and Rick Cantu will co-chair the 2000 Range Youth Camp.

Ohlenbusch discussed the section web page. Help will be needed to keep the web page going and updated.

Jess Crockford reported that the Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition is sponsoring educational scholarships for individuals to attend various meetings/training. These scholarships can be up to 50% of the fees not to exceed \$250/individual. Organ-izations can also receive up to \$2000 per event. The KGLC recently sponsored a grazing school conducted by David Kraft. The next coalition meeting will be September 28.

Old Business: No more information about our IRS tax status. Tabled decision regarding SRM 2000 calendar from the Wyoming Section. North Central Section has SRM belt buckles for sale at \$20 each. If interested contact David Price, P.O. Box 234, Seymour, IL 61875.

New Business: A home study course using riparian management videos is available. It is designed as a tool for high school students through a grant from EPA. Ohlenbusch recommended the videos be reviewed to see if this is something we want to send out. Paul

Ohlenbusch, Ron Ruthstrom, Ted Alexander, and Ken Sherraden will view the videos.

Dale Kirkham passed the gavel to Walt Fick. Walt reported on the spring meeting. Amanda Shaw will organize and plans to contact Rick Cantu to help set up the meeting in northwest Kansas.

Joe Hecht