

**Minutes Kansas Section, Srm Meeting
September 27, 2001
Dodge City, Kansas**

The fall meeting of the Kansas Section, SRM was called to order by President Amanda Shaw at the Comfort Inn, Dodge City, KS at 7:00 p.m. on September 27, 2001. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter. There was no Treasurer's report.

Reports: Sam Albrecht, SRM's new Executive Vice-President discussed the following: redesign of web site, replacement for Jeff Burwell to help with certification, new SRM booth, future annual meeting sites, new rangeland video, financial & strategic plans, and possible new office location.

Walt Fick reported that 431 newsletters were distributed in early September.

Amanda Shaw shared a written report from Carol Blocksome, Award's Committee chair. There were no nominees for Excellence in Grazing Management Awards this year. It was suggested that Kansas Wildlife & Parks be contacted about the EGM Award nomination criteria. We need to reinstate the Trail Boss Award and establish a new award, e.g. Achievement Award to recognize contributions by individuals other than producers. It was suggested that a reminder be put in the newsletter to encourage nominations for EGM awards, etc.

Keith Harmony developed a 3 x 8 foot poster to promote range management and the Kansas Section. Baron Shively volunteered to provide a permanent home for the poster so people have a contact when they want to use the poster. Section membership was at 104 members as of August 31, 2001. SRM does have a new membership brochure.

Dwayne Rice was elected 2nd VP. The new directors will be Lorne Denetclaw and Keith Harmony.

Sixteen students attended the Range Youth Camp July 10-13 at Rock Springs. Lorne Denetclaw was chair, Joyce Wade prepared the notebooks, and David Kraft arranged the tour. The top 3 students were given SRM memberships. A new chairman needs to be identified for the July 9-12, 2002 camp.

Paul Ohlenbusch moved that \$250 be appropriated to establish and maintain photos and a description of the Range Youth Camp on our web site. Motion passed.

Bruce Wells reported on the Range Management School held August 14-16, 2001 at Elmdale. About 40 people from 14 counties and two from Nebraska participated. Financial assistance for the school was provided by the Kansas Grazing Land Coalition (\$2000) and the Kansas Section, SRM (\$250). Registration was \$55/person. A motion was passed to provide \$350 from the Range Youth Camp funds and \$350 from the Kansas Section to support the 2002 Range Management School. The motion passed. The 2002 school will probably be held in northwest Kansas. Support for the school comes from the Flint Hills RC&D, NRCS, KGLC, KS-SRM, KLA, and K-State Research & Extension.

Old Business: The idea of developing an Endowment Fund has been dropped for the time being. Paul Ohlenbusch will update information for working with the media and who to contact. A decision was made to propose a change in the bylaws to allow a flip of a coin to break ties in elections.

New Business: Amanda Shaw said she has sent a letter to conservation districts in Kansas soliciting support for the Graziers Forum to be held in Kansas City during the SRM meeting. The spring meeting will most likely be held in the Hutchinson area during late April or early May. The SRM Annual Meeting will be held in Kansas City, MO February 13-19, 2002.

Amanda Shaw passed the gavel to incoming President Baron Shively and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Walt Fick