

**KANSAS SECTION, SRM MEETING**  
**Coyville Community Building**  
**October 7, 1998**

The meeting was called to order the afternoon of October 7, 1998 by President Shaun Vickers at the Coyville Community building. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$5371.79.

Walt Fick gave the newsletter report. A total of 435 newsletters were mailed the last edition with 3 advertisers. Walt requested articles from other members. Shaun suggested the KGLC send information for use in the newsletter.

Paul Ohlenbusch announced that the Kansas Grazing Land Coalition web site was now on line with an address of <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/kglc>.

Walt discussed membership. He has all members who have paid dues as of August 1 on the membership directory list. He would like to include phone numbers and e-mail addresses in the directory. A form will be in the next newsletter requesting this information.

Baron Shively gave the Range Youth Camp report. It was the 38th Range Youth Camp, with 25 youth and 18 counselors/instructors in attendance. All campers were sponsored by Conservation Districts. Baron noted there was good participation from the students. Income from the camp was \$4,900 with expenses of \$4,378. The checking account balance from RYC is \$3,839.46. The date of the next camp is July 15-18, 1999. Jean Stramel and Barry Barber will be co-chairs for the 1999 camp.

Ted Alexander gave the KGLC report. The next meeting will be October 20 at the Hutchinson NRC Area Office. The agenda will be out this week.

Director Rod Heitschmidt gave the report from SRM. Membership has declined from 5200 to about 4000 in the last 2 years. He discussed the possibility of associate membership. This type of membership is being tried on a trial basis in a few sections. Associate members would receive section newsletters and could attend the annual SRM meeting but would not be eligible to vote. The headquarters building in Denver may be sold. It has an estimated value of \$550,000. The Denver staff is starting to help more with putting on the Annual SRM meeting (registration, etc.). In the future professional consultants may be hired to arrange contracts (hotels, airlines, etc.). Rod mentioned the possible name and logo change for SRM. He indicated that the current Board was split on any change.

Steve Clubine, representing the Southern Section, discussed the 2002 meeting in Kansas City. They are still looking for volunteers to help.

Old Business: Paul Ohlenbusch indicated that we can get the Kansas Section, SRM on the internet. We just need information for the site (newsletters, dates of range-related programs, etc.) and someone to maintain it. A motion was passed authorizing Paul Ohlenbusch to start a web site for the section.

Dale Kirkham reported that the National Park Service had developed 5 alternatives for the Z-Bar Ranch. A letter was sent from the Kansas Section, SRM stating the decisions should be based on sound grazing management, known practices, involve range specialists, emphasize ranch management, and the history of ranching. A 1-page position statement was sent to the Park Service. Follow-up hearings will be held in the next few months.

New Business: Jon Ungerer reported on the election. Jean Stramel and Gary Satter are the new directors. Amanda Shaw was elected second vice-president.

Dwayne Rice reported that no nominations were received for Excellence in Grazing Management awards.

Jean Stramel and Carolyn Blocksom will organize the spring meeting. Ted Alexander discussed hosting the fall meeting. Possible topics include grazing management, rangeland recreation, lease hunting, etc.

Certificates were presented to Shaun Vickers and Jon Ungerer in appreciation for their past work at Section President.

Joe Hecht