



Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting June 30, 2020

Lance Schutte called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Ben Beckman, Jeff Nichols, Bob Broweleit, Jess Milby, Walt Schacht, Kristin Dickinson, Jack Arterburn, Angie Petersen, Brad Schick, and Lance Schutte attended via conference call.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed from the January meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jack Arterburn, seconded by Ben Beckman. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The balances of the two checking accounts and three CDs as of June 30th, 2020 were as follows: \$8146.74 for the SRM account, \$10267.48 for the Range Judging account, \$7172.27 for the Nebraska Section CD, \$2767.36 for the HSYF fund, \$9269.56 for the Range Judging CD and \$6622.54 for the NE State Range Judging CD. Several CDs will come due in July and August. I will try to get a higher interest rate if possible and roll them over, but interest rates are currently very low. While we did not have Range Camp there were a few expenses that we had already paid for such as belt buckles and books that were already ordered and paid for before the decision was made to cancel camp. Insurance was paid for the year at a cost of \$1408.00 split between both Range Judging and the Section Account so those expenses are reflected in the totals above. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ben Beckman, seconded by Jack Arterburn. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting Committee:

Jack Arterburn and Walt Schacht presented information about the annual meeting scheduled in Lincoln this year. There was discussion regarding how to hold the meeting. Due to the current Covid-19 situation discussion was held regarding whether or not to hold the annual meeting in person as previously planned, via zoom or other telecommunication, or some sort of hybrid meeting with both options. A PIE grant had been approved to help fund the meeting, but if the meeting is not in person this would need to be discussed. There was discussion regarding costs and agreements made with the hotel prior to the current situation, as well as current travel restrictions for many individuals. Due to the current uncertainty of many of these questions the issue was tabled for now. Jack and Walt will work to check on some of the different options and we may need to wait to see how the situation stands closer to the time of the meeting.

Awards: Mitch Stephenson was not able to be on the conference call but did ask for anyone to send nominations.

Envirothon: Nadine Bishop was not able to be on the conference call but did send a short report. Both the State and North American Envirothon contest were cancelled due to Covid-19.

Fundraising: Vacant position. Please think of new ideas for fundraising.

Historian: No new information to report.

Information and Education: No new information to report.

Investments: No report

Membership: Lance Schutte reported for the membership committee. The Nebraska Section currently has 97 current members. There are currently 24 members who have let their membership lapse. Lance and Angie Petersen have been working the National SRM to work on how dues are paid out and keeping better records to dues paid for each year by the membership. Lance will continue to work on this issue with National SRM.

Nominations: Bob Browleit reported. There has been one nomination so far. If anyone has knows of anyone else please let Bob know.

Producer Affairs: No report

Range Judging: Kristin Dickinson, Range Judging Committee Co-Chair presented a report. As with Range Camp and our annual meeting, discussion was held regarding how to handle Range Judging amid the current Covid-19 situation. Cards have been ordered and medals are ready to go should we be able to have it as planned. Until school is back in session and the situation is more current a decision has not been made. Kristin will continue to reach out to the committee and schools to asses the situation and possibility of having the contests as planned, or what modifications could be made to still make them possible.

Range Camp/HSYF: No report

Scholarships: No report

Student Affairs: No report

Okd Business:

Lance Schutte send out the By-laws Update. Please look if there are sections that need revisions. Please send revisions to Lance or bring them in Oct for the membership to vote.

New Business:

Jeff Nichols discussed the absence of the Outstanding Young Range Professional Award in the by-laws. The addition of this award to our by-laws was brought forth and voted on at the 2018 meeting Business meeting to add it as an official award. Anthony Perlinski and Jeff Nichols presented it at that meeting and it was put to a vote, and approved. Jeff Nichols had drafted the wording to be put in the by-laws, but it was never put into the by-laws. This wording will be reviewed and voted on so that it can be put in the by-laws.

Nadine Bishop, Jeff Nichols, and Mary Reece had put together a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the committees and their duties that was presented at the annual meeting. Lance will send out the PowerPoint for review and vote to put it on the website as a resource for information on Nebraska SRM.

Jack Arterburn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brad Schick. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Respectively submitted,

Angie Petersen