



**Nebraska Section SRM Council Meeting
June 11th, 2015
4-H Camp, Halsey, NE**

Bob Broweleit called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm CST at the 4-H Camp, Halsey, NE. Those present were Jon Soper, Bob Broweleit, Sheila Luoma, Anthony Perlinski, Kristin Miller, Jeff Nichols and Angie Petersen.

Treasurer's Report: The balances of the two checking accounts and three CDs as of June 11th, 2015 were as follows: \$3127.59 for the SRM account, \$7122.43 for the Range Judging account, \$6860.78 for the Nebraska Section CD, \$2584.60 for the HSYF fund, and \$6334.92 for the NE State Range Judging CD. The William Wester HSYF CD matured in May 2015, it was carried over again as a 15 month CD. All three CDs are set to mature again in July 2016. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jon Soper, seconded by Jeff Nichols. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Range Judging: Kristin Miller gave a report. The locations for all area and state contests have committed and should be on track for hosting this year's range judging contests. The committee has been working on updating the Range Judging Handbook to transition to Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs). They are also working on holding workshops for Ag Ed Instructors to give training on this change. Nadine Bishop is working on a history of range site condition; from the foundation and where we've been, summarizing changes, and moving toward ESDs. For the 2015 contest it will remain with the current range site condition. In 2016 the plan is to transition to the new ESDs. As changes are made we will rely mainly on the website to get out the new information. As of right now they plan to go through and make updates, if need be, approximately every 3 years to the Range Judging Handbook. They are working to get everything on a website where awards may not be handed out at contests, but rather recognized later after the State Contest. Old West Regional will be in North Dakota in September this year. There are 16 new FFA programs in Nebraska this year, so hopefully we can continue to see good participation in our range judging contests.

Range Camp/HSYF:No report at this time.

2016 Annual Meeting: No report from Karla at this time. It was briefly discussed that she is currently looking into tour locations. It is currently scheduled from Oct. 12-16th in Scottsbluff.

Nominations: Bob would entertain any new nominations for the committee.

Envirothon: The range portion of the contest was very tough this year. As far as press releases are concerned, if you have any events please let Nadine know and she will distribute them.

Membership: No report

Awards: Jon will be sending out an email around the 1st of August regarding nominations for both awards. If there is a producer in the area of the meeting please keep that in mind and possibly submit a nomination for the award. We would like to see our great producers recognized.

Scholarship: We will send out information when school is back in session.

Producer Affiliations: No report. Trying to fill the position of committee chair.

Historian: No report.

Investments: No report.

Student Activities: No report.

Newsletter: We will send out a newsletter soon, following information from Range Camp as well as include tentative information for annual meeting in October.

New Business:

There has been discussion regarding holding joint meetings. The issue was discussed as to how this may work. While we appreciate the invitation at this time, it was decided not to accept the invitation to hold a joint meeting. Jeff Nichols make a motion to decline the invitation to a joint meeting for 2015 and 2016. Kristin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Angie Petersen
Secretary-Treasurer