

Board Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2022

4:00 pm

Attendees:

Doug Warnock

Tom Platt

Hannah Tomlinson

Craig Madsen

Ken Visser

Saundra Morris

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm

Fall Section Meeting and Tour, 2022 (Hannah & Saundra): Hannah says we need to decide on a meeting location and then venture/explore field tour options within reasonable driving distance. We could either pick Spokane or Palouse to hold the section annual meeting. Hannah would like to collaborate with Spokane Tribe of Indians, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, and Coeur d'Alene Tribe for field tour sites. We should plan for the first two full weeks in October. The board tentatively decided that the SRM Section Annual Meeting will occur in October 6th, 7th, & 8th 2022 in Spokane, WA. Hannah will start researching hotels that offer group rates for the first two whole weeks in October (2022) in the Spokane area to check for availability. availability. availability.

Saundra suggested the WSU Soil Health Demonstration Plot north of Spokane. WSU is working with the NRCS Plant Materials Center to develop soil health research plots. They're at the beginning stages of planning but they're conducting soil improvement activities on pastures, cropland, and grazing land. Craig was going to follow up with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe riparian project on hangman creek as a possible field tour site.

Saundra says we need to work with college professors to understand students summer work jobs, school schedules, and homework to improve our college student participation in our SRM Meetings.

SRM Board Vision: Craig & Doug have been thinking about a process that has been used and integrated into the organizations they are involved in. This process will take time and they propose a separate zoom meeting to focus on the SRM Board Vision. Doug and Craig are going to devote one to two hours to focus on one of the processes of the SRM vision. Craig and Doug have the starting point from the bylaws and PNW SRM mission statement to start broadening WA SRM Board Vision. WA SRM Board will need to be involved in answering these questions. This is not a one- or two-person job. We will table this agenda item till April 7th, 2022.

WA SRM Cross-Pollination Cheat Sheet: Ken Visser created this sheet to share with the WA SRM Board. Ken looked at other ecological groups and their subject interests to see if we could reach out to local Washington State groups to tap into their resources (e.g., speakers, field tours, expertise). The cheat sheet includes the subject interest, name of organization, website, and contact information.

Meeting adjourned on 5:03 p.m.

Next Meeting is March 3rd, 2022 @ 3 p.m. via Zoom with guest speaker Vanessa Schroeder “The Influence of Grazing and Weather on Sagebrush County Birds”. Board Meeting will follow-up at 4 p.m.