

Meeting Minutes  
Washington Section, PNW Chapter, Society for Range Management  
Meeting by Computer Connection (Zoom), March 13, 2025

Attendees: Craig Madsen, President and Acting Treasurer; Ken Visser, Vice-President (also – meeting minutes recorder), Board Members Doug Warnock and Will Keller; Bob Gillaspay; Tom Platt, Treasurer PNW Section

Meeting was convened at 3:05 PM.

- Craig reviews the notes of the last chapter meeting held in October 2024. Minutes approved by consensus.
- Craig provided financial report:
  - Current funds –
    - \$2460.21 Checking.
    - \$3254.18 CD.
    - TOTAL: \$5714.39.
  - Outgo since last meeting – payment to Kevin Guinn to compensate for the expenses that he incurred to produce SRM award medallions.
  - Income since last meeting – payment from SRM Section and SRM National for provision of SRM medallions to them for awards purposes.
- Planning for Fall PNW Section Meeting:
  - Possible tours Central WA -
    - Molly Linville's Ranch – change from cow/calf to yearling operation; fire effects on operation
    - Mike Wilson – virtual fencing
    - Cass Gebbers – cattle, cherry orchards – extensive operation
  - Other possibles -
    - Check with Jay Keeny to see what recent projects they have funded with a view to see if one or more of them would make a good tour option.
    - West Side – check with Marty Chaney as regards prairie restoration efforts and grazing in the South Puget Sound area (near Joint Base Lewis-McCord [JBLM])
  - Meeting participants who made the tour suggestions will make the appropriate contacts and follow up with Craig via email.
  - Meeting timeframe: mid-September to mid-October.
- Quarterly Webinar: A suggestion was to have Gene Fults give a presentation about the National Resource Inventory. The suggested time was April 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.
- WA Chapter Officer Recruitment: Will Keller will contact Richard Fleenor who recently separated from being the State NRCS Range Con to see if he would be willing to serve on a nominating committee to find new chapter officers. Tom mentioned that Derek Marin of the USFS, who he spoke to at the February national meeting, indicated a willingness to serve in some capacity at the section level.
- Miscellaneous: Bob Gillaspay noted that there will be a National Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) tour in the Tri-Cities area this June. The GLCI is a product of the National Grazing Lands Coalition whose general mission is to transfer knowledge and raise awareness as regards pasturelands and rangelands management. Since there is no WA chapter of the National Grazing Lands Coalition, the tour may be a feeler to see if one could be organized.
- Next Board Meeting: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM. Tom will make Zoom arrangements.