

**Wednesday, June 7, 2017
10:30am Mtn, Rapid City, SD
Board of Directors Mtg Minutes**

Roll Call:

Present: *President Bill Kluck, Vice-President Gary Deering, Regional Vice-Presidents Scott Edoff, Mike Maher, Directors David Niemi, Randy Volmer, Bill Paulton, Mark Tubbs, T.W.*

Schalesky, Chance Anderson, Les Shaw, Mark DeVries, Larry Nelson, Kenny Fox, Bob Fortune

Excused: *Chance Davis, Shawn Freeland, Chuck O'Connor, Christian Harvey, David Fuoss, Bob Johnson, Shane Kolb*

Absent: *Matt Kammerer, Sandy Buffington, Brett Stirling, Bob Mack, Brad Bunker, Rick Fox*

Agenda – Motion by Mike Maher, seconded by Randy Volmer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Motion by Randy Volmer, seconded by Bob fortune to accept the minutes for the December 21, 2016 and February 26, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report –

- Bob Fortune presented the financial statements for the FY2017 - May 2016 to April 2017. Fortune made a motion, seconded by Larry Nelson to accept the reports as submitted. Motion carried.
- Fortune presented the proposed budget for FY2018 – May 2017 to April 2018. Fortune made a motion, seconded by Mike Maher, to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried 15-1.
- Silvia Christen reported that the SD Brand Board had negotiated a price of \$6,000 for the sale of the entire lot of hand clippers, electric clippers and spare blades that SD Stockgrowers retained after the brand contract moved to Pierre. Mark Tubbs made a motion, seconded by Les Shaw to sell the lot for that price. Motion carried.
- Building maintenance and repair update – the sign had substantial damage from a recent hail storm and has been submitted for an insurance claim. Silvia has dealt with several minor plumbing repairs. We're still looking for someone to complete concrete work to the sidewalk in front of the building.
- Larry Nelson gave a brief update on the Gator raffle. The machine has been purchased and we took delivery of it. Board members are reminded to help sell tickets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Ag and Natural Resources** – David Niemi reported on the non-meandered waters issues and asked to defer that discussion to the Legislative report
- **Animal Health** - Chairman Bill Kluck discussed the TB outbreak and the GAO report on FMD risks. Asked board members to keep an eye out for those items.

- **Animal ID** – Kenny Fox reported on the ADT meetings held by USDA throughout the month of April. Gary Deering and Silvia Christen attended the meeting in Denver. Bill Kluck, Kenny Fox, and Chris Harvey attended the meeting in Billings. There seemed to be little support for expanding a mandatory ID program to feeder cattle. The official results will be revealed during the NIAA meeting in Denver on Sept 26 and 27.
- **Brand and Theft** – Silvia Christen reported on conversations with law enforcement regarding brand investigations. A meeting will be held in July to initiate a conversation a report will be given at the next board meeting.
- **Education, Taxation, Legislation** – SD Stockgrowers lobbyist Jeremiah Murphy gave a report.
 - Murphy explained recent developments and the planned Special Legislative Session regarding the “non-meandered waters” issues. Stockgrowers has been watching the issue closely as it impacts private property rights of landowners who are flooded by public water. After lengthy discussion, Mark Tubbs made a motion, seconded by Kenny Fox, to support the original proposal from the Summer study committee, but to reject the proposed amendments to weaken landowner rights. The motion carried. Christen and Murphy were instructed to draft a letter to legislators and a press release communicating Stockgrowers position prior to the special session.
 - A meeting is planned for mid-June to address and review concerns about adversely possessed land and the ability of a landowner to recover property lost through adverse possession. Les Shaw and Randy Volmer were appointed to attend the meeting.
 - Silvia Christen reported on the property tax summer study committee. There have not been any meeting scheduled but SDSU Economist Matthew Elliot is expected to attend the SD Ag Unity meeting and present some preliminary information about his study. He will be invited to the SDSGA Convention.
- **Federal Lands** – Mark Tubbs reported on a number of items but focused on prairie dog management between state and federal land management agencies. Reports of encroachment need to be reported asap. Silvia was asked to get information out to members and the media reminding landowners of responsibility to report and manage prairie dogs.
- **Marketing Committee** – Stockgrowers continues to work with R-CALF and other national partners on COOL re-instatement opportunities and the GIPSA rule. The GIPSA rule had gained some momentum when the budget rider was removed, but was later recalled into an extended comment period. USDA will take comments until end of June.
- **Membership Committee** – Gary Deering reminded board members to continue working on membership growth. Board member have been sent lists of members who’s dues are lapsed and Silvia can help with hosting regional meetings or events.
- **Property Rights** – No Report
- **Trade** – Stockgrowers is working through our partners at CPA and OCM to track the Trump administrations work on renegotiating NAFTA. There is still hope that the renegotiation could create an opportunity for reinstatement of all or portions of COOL.
- **Wildlife Committee** – Mark DeVries and David Niemi have participated in the Deer management taskforce over the last months. They will speak to the GFP commission at their July meeting regarding the adoption of the deer plan. They expressed frustration

with the process but also felt it had been valuable for SD Stockgrowers members to be involved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Process for appointments to Committees and Boards - Scott Edoff discussed his concern that some recent appointments of members to serve on various committees by the board had been made hastily. He asked that in future the board be given more notice of positions seeking appointment and that the board take more time to consider a number of individuals. Individuals being appointed to represent the Stockgrowers will be asked to regularly report to the Board of Directors.
- SD ADRDL Advisory Committee – Stockgrowers is currently represented on the Animal Disease Research and Diagnostics Laboratory Advisory Committee by Bob Hutchinson. Bob indicated after the July 2016 meeting that he would like to step down from that position. Several individuals have been approached to fill the position. Seeing no opposition, President Bill Kluck appointed Dr. Julie Trask to the ADRDL Advisory Board.
- SD BEEF Industry Council – Ernie Mertz’s term is ending on September 30. He has asked to not be reappointed. The Board considered several names for appointment but will defer a decision until the September 23 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Mike Maher, Seconded by Kenny Fox, to approve the members as listed in the magazine. Motion carried.
- Black Hills Regional Multiple Use Coalition – Silvia Christen shared some of the work of the BHRMUC group which meets monthly with over 40 partners who are all users of the Black Hills National Forest. Stockgrowers has been a strong partner with that group.
 - Silvia Christen helped BHRMUC develop a grant proposal targeting unethical off-road riders in the Hills. The campaign is called “Ride with Respect” and includes a number of TV ads, Facebook, Social media, and billboard around the Hills.
- Convention planning – 126th Annual Convention and Tradeshow, September 21, 22, 23
 - Discussion of possible speakers, events, and topics
 - Special Recognition of members who have retired from leadership in the last year.
 - Silvia and Lisa will begin working on tradeshow sponsors within the week.

Seeing no further business, President Kluck declared the meeting adjourned.