



The Australian Rangeland Society

Council meeting No. 212 – 25 November 2010

MINUTES

4pm Queensland Time by Teleconference

1. **Present:** John Taylor, Carolyn Ireland, Peter Marin, Graeme Tupper, Larissa Lauder, Kate Masters, Peter Johnston, Annabel Walsh

Apologies:

2. **Minutes of the previous meetings** 29 July 2010 Council Meeting were approved – Moved Graeme Tupper, Seconded Peter Johnston, Carried.

3. Business arising from the minutes:

- Honoraria. Peter J to write to each recipient. Carolyn to forward payment information once this is done.
- New producer member's competition. One award has been made to Leonard Nutt a producer from SA.
- Professional Affiliation and Alliance Opportunities No action necessary on that item. Peter J to write to them.
- Publications Committee to submit a concise Policy and Guidelines and Schedule of fees for Advertising in ARS Publications to Council for approval – no action on this item.
- Global Rangelands Repository. John recorded a conflict of interest – Carolyn took over the Chair. SRM will only allow access to their publications after three years. Recommendations from the previous meeting were:
 - that the Range Management Newsletter, Biennial Conference Proceedings and Abstracts of TRJ be made available for publication on the GRR but not full Journal articles.
 - some documents are already scanned in pdf format (TRJ Abstracts). There will be a cost to scan the balance of documents. It is recommended that the ARS seeks financial support from GRR for scanning the balance of the documents, if Council agrees to engage in this initiative.

Before proceeding, copyright issues need to be checked. Peter Marin said that we are registered with Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) – when people want to reproduce items from Journal they pay CAL on our behalf. John – we need to a little more homework before we give a response. We now have good recommendations but copyright needs to be explored in more detail before Council responds. Peter M. and Ken to explore further and report back to Council on January 20, 2011.

- Potential new publishers for TRJ. Ken Hodgkinson requests a 12 month extension on the CSIRO Publishing contract for TRJ. Council will approve 12 month contract on the proviso that Peter J and Peter M will look at the contract, approve it and then John to sign and send to CSIRO. Moved Carolyn, Seconded Graeme, Carried

- Website requirements:
 - i. Rangeland Alliance links will be fed to Ken Hodgkinson for the website.
- Guidelines for future Conference Proposals have been placed in the RMN and on website; noted and thanks to Larissa
- WA Conference Proposal. Larissa will attend the next Organising Committee Meeting in Perth tomorrow and will update Council by email. Larissa to work on promotional material for SRM and IRC.
- IRC in Argentina. Website under development for 12 months. Organising Committee are testing website and it should be up and running soon. John has a conflict of interest. Share a Trade Display with e.g. Rangelands Australia, CSIRO Publishing. CSIRO could possibly help with designing posters etc. Roster of people to run the booth. Carolyn to email seeking expressions of interest and approval of a joint branding of a Trade Display. Moved Graeme, Seconded Kate, Carried. Carolyn to obtain quote on a banner with images from Ken.
- Review of Membership by March 2011. Also Company memberships and discounts for attendance at the Rangelands Conference Kate and Graeme to prepare a paper for March meeting.
- Nominations of new fellows – guidelines have been placed on website and in RMN asking for nominees by March 2011 meeting of Council. Carolyn - Reminder in RMN February 2011 and flash on website at the same time. Carolyn and John to work out of session on nominations.
- Changing articles to reflect: Timeframe for calling meetings (currently 6 weeks) and advertising meetings on the website or by email
- SRM Meeting in USA – proposal from John T. Conflict of interest from John. Carolyn to email seeking expressions of interest and approval of a joint branding of a Trade Display. Council approves a joint display for two years, review to be done on its effectiveness on subscriptions and society memberships. Moved Annabel, Seconded Larissa, Carried. Logistical issue – some stands just have brochures with people at lunch and tea. How do we service it and how often? Feb 2011 – John will attend and also possibly 2012. Graeme – we should maintain a presence at both conferences. Council agrees that we should support it to promote the ARS and our publications. Peter Marin – any funding should be targeted. Carolyn to come up with a membership flyer.

4. General Business:

4a. Membership – Graeme Tupper:

Membership 306 active members – up 50 since the Conference. A few more through the website. Also thirteen pending activation. These numbers lift the upper limit for Fellows. At the conference a number of people paid registration as if they were members and are now being approached individually to either pay extra for conference OR pay for their membership. Council needs to look at this carefully for the next conference and ensure that membership is current.

4b. Finance – Peter Marin:

In terms of the current financial situation we have a total of about \$302,000 across the three bank accounts. The breakdown is about \$10,000 in the operating account. We have about \$39,000 in the conference account; still need all the final receipts and payments. Business Online Saver Account approx 252,000 dollars. Problems with PayPal – recommend that we do not use it for the WA Conference.

4c. Publications Committee

No report tabled.

5. New Business:

- Application for travel grant received from Bob Shepherd, Christine Ferguson and Carolyn Ireland. Carolyn Ireland recorded a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion. This item is to be considered after the 1st December. Meeting called for Thursday 2 Dec 2011 5 pm Queensland time, Graeme, Peter J, Annabel, Larissa, Kate, John to attend.
- Appointment of Prof Murray MacGregor to the Publications Committee. Approved by Council. Moved John, Seconded Carolyn, Carried. John to write a letter confirming this appointment.
- Extension of Associate Editor terms for another 3 years – Maria Fernandez-Giminez, Neil Macleod and Brandon Bestelmeyer. Approved by Council. Moved John, Seconded Greame, Carried. John to write letters confirming these appointments.
- Proposal from CSIRO to list a paper by Gary Bastin in an Institutional Repository. Wait for a recommendation from Publications Committee.
- SAMDB Plan information has been mailed to John Taylor at Carolyn's home address – John needs to record a change of address.

6. Correspondence:

INCOMING

29-Sep-10	Letter	MDBA	Letter to John Taylor re MDBA Plan
21-Oct-10	Email	CSIRO	Publishing G Bastin paper in the Institutional Repository
28-Oct-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Ken has placed everything that Carolyn has asked his to on the website
02-Nov-10	Email	Bob Shepherd	Application for Travel Grant to attend IRC
05-Nov-10	Email	Russel Grant	Regarding ID required for Pay Pal
11-Nov-10	Email	Chinese Network Co.	Regarding registration of "austrangesoc" in China
20-Nov-10	Email	Christine Ferguson	Application for Travel Grant to attend IRC
22-Nov-10	Email	Carolyn Ireland	Application for Travel Grant to attend IRC
24-Nov-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Request to Extend TRJ Contract for 12 months
18-Nov-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Extension of term for three Associate Editors
18-Nov-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson	Prof Murray MacGregor to Pubs Committee

OUTGOING

15-Oct-10	Email	WA Conference Committee	Confirming the Kununurra Conference and requesting information about budget, OHS and people on the ground in Kununurra
17-Oct-10	Email	Publications Committee	From Council re: extending CSIRO Contract for TRJ, seeking proposal from other publishers etc
17-Oct-10	Email	Noelene Duckett	Fellows Guidelines and info about Conference Guidelines to the RMN
17-Oct-10	Email	Ken Hodgkinson and Paul Novelly	Regarding promotional material for the IRC and Rosario, Argentina
19-Oct-10	Letter	Leonard Nutt	Award of Producer Membership

7. **Next meeting** – The next meeting will be held by teleconference on 20 January 2011 at 4 pm Queensland Time let peter j know

Meeting closed at 5.50 pm.