



**Central Rockies SER Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday, September 17<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, 11:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO**

**Attendance: 13**

**Fort Collins:** Brett Wolk, Randy Mandel, Casey Cisneros, Chris Herron, Andrea Borkenhagen, Jeremy Sueltenfuss, Anita Kennedy, Sherri.

Calling in: Tim Hoelzle, Megan Bowes, Sara Copp, Jennifer Neale, and Betsy Kao.

**President Report:**

- President Randy Mandel extends his apologies for not having a meeting during the summer months. The consensus is that we will have more regular meetings at the same time every six weeks.
- Global SER Organization
  - Currently seeking applications from its membership for the position of Executive Director.
  - Closing date for applications is Friday, October 3. For detailed information about the position and application instructions, see: <http://jobs.ser.org/jobseeker/job/19914030>
- Chapter Leaders Quarterly Call:
  - Scheduled for the first week of October.
  - This will be the first meeting in a few months.
  - Brett will participate and update us next meeting.

**Treasurer Report**

- Our current balance is \$11,593.52
- Since our last meeting we spent \$400 on application fees for the non-profit 501c3 status and received \$389.50 from membership dues from the parent organization.
- Pursuing non-profit 501c3 status with the IRS
  - Treasurer Tim Hoelzle submitted the paperwork a few months ago and is waiting to hear back. The approval process can take up to 120 days. Tim expects we will have status by the end of the year.

**Secretary Report**

- Based on the roster received by the parent organization on September 11<sup>th</sup>, membership has reached to 81 members.
- Emails from the monthly membership list have been updated on the listserv and a welcome to the chapter message has been sent.

## Outreach Committee Report

- Successfully recruited new outreach committee members and now currently have 8 members. Last meeting was in May.
  - Casey Cisneros Chris Heron, Susan Sherrod, Jeremy Sueltenfuss, Jim Bromberg, Amber Shanklin, Patricia McIlvenna, Jayne Jonas
- There's been many outreach ideas discussed and prioritized.
- Has not been any progress on the Laramie Pub Talk which the outreach committee wanted to host in Sept.
  - Need to get with Patricia to figure out if this is still a possibility in Oct.
  - If not a possibility, should we try to do something in Fort Collins again soon? This would likely be easier from a logistics standpoint.
- Recommend regularly scheduled board meetings to maintain momentum and accountability of outreach committee
- Chris and Jeremy are currently working with Brett and Anita to engage the student guild at Colorado State University.
  - Jeremy, with Colorado Natural Heritage Program, and Anita, president of the CSU student guild, plan to organize some restoration and monitoring events.
  - Jeremy is in contact with entities that are willing to fund students to go out into the field and do restoration.
  - Suggestion to engage with students include, matching up restoration practitioners and students, having an online message board for practitioners to post job or intern opportunities for students, organize a networking event at a brewery or the botanical gardens, students sponsor a speaker series.
- Discussions with Jenny and Becky from the Denver botanical gardens
  - They would like to become more involved in restoration activities and educations and could cosponsor an event at the gardens.
  - Casey will follow up with Jenny who will look into the sort of event that will work at the gardens.
- Current objectives:
  - Follow up with Patricia about further developing plans for a pub talk in Laramie, discuss event at the botanical gardens, and coordinate with the student guild to organize a networking event.
- Are there any projects that the committee can be working on currently?





**The High Altitude  
Revegetation Workshop  
and Central Rockies Chapter  
of the Society for Ecological  
Restoration  
2015 Conference**



**High Altitude Restoration Science & Practice**

March 10-12, 2015

Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado

**Scientific Meeting Committee Update**

- The conference is currently in the planning stages and is scheduled for March 2015.
  - It will include a half day workshop, a plenary session, two days of oral presentations, and a poster session.
- There are a lot of opportunities to get involved. Please consider volunteering for a subcommittee. We need a lot of help.
  - Logistics, Marketing, Pre-conference workshop, Sponsorship.
- CeRSER has not hosted a conference in a few years. By collaborating with HAR, we hope to have about 250 people attend.
- Suggestions for organizations that could sponsor the conference?
  - Randy will send out information to the listserv by November 15th about sponsorship levels so members can help solicit
- Student participation
  - Anita will coordinate with the logistics committee and Brett to host a lunch of happy hour mixer with attendees and mentors. Suggested to occur on the first evening.
- Social hour
  - The consensus was that a social hour during the poster session would be a better event than a sit down banquet. Suggested to occur on the second evening.

**Society for Range Management Workshop**

- Brett is organizing the workshop and would like to invite some of our members to attend. The one-day workshop will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> and is co-sponsored by CeRSER. Our logo will be advertised. It is a regional meeting that usually has 75-150 attendees. The field workshop that occurred at the beginning of September has 75 people so Brett is anticipating a good turn-out for the workshop. There is only about four people that have memberships with both groups so there is not much cross-over.
- The workshop is about restoration and monitoring techniques of rangelands, a similar theme to the one for the HAR-CeRSER conference.

- Mulching, collecting data, reseeding methods... ect.
- Mark Paschke is the keynote and will be doing a workshop session as well.
- **ACTION –ITEM:** Advertise conference in the website
- Should we have a booth at the conference?
  - could get more members and sell t-shirts
  - the idea is still on the table for this
  - vendor level is cheaper than sponsor level
  - no decision reached, more discussion required at the next meeting.

### Other Business

- Sponsorship request for the Sustaining Colorado Watershed Conference
  - 7-9 October, 2014.
  - Randy is on the organizing committee and requests that CeRSER sponsor the conference. He is abstaining from voting as a CeRSER member. He is also confident the SCW organization will reciprocate and sponsor our conference.
  - Recommends that CeRSER sponsors a table for \$390. This comes with one registration and gives us the ability to advertise the organization and our conference.
  - Vote:
    - No one opposes sponsoring a booth for \$390
- Put out a call to the members to offer free registration in exchange for representing CeRSER at the booth during breaks.
  - Andrea will send out an email and Tim will be the contact and will write the check to SCW.
- We have a poster board and t-shirts
- **ACTION –ITEM:** Marketing committee to create poster by the end of September for HAR-CeRSER.

### Next Meeting

The next chapter meeting will be on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm at Colorado State University in Forestry room 114. Thank you.