

SER-SW Business Meeting (Alpine, TX; Sat, Oct 18th)

Present:

Laura Norman
Michael Ingraldi
Christopher Morris
Lois Balin
SW Fire Consortium
Mike Gaglio
Matt Grabau
Shawn Lowery
Valer Austin

We had a very casual meeting that lasted about 35 minutes, squeezed in between conference sessions. There was no formal agenda. Below are Carianne's notes from the discussion:

- Warren Buffett bought a ranch outside of Naco (Mike Ingraldi)
- Discussion about mesquite encroachment
- SW Chapter information bank – how do we share information
 - Quarterly Meeting Info exchange?
 - unified front – position papers? (Valer – we're a bunch of old floppy noodles)
- Global restoration network
 - database
 - user uploaded case studies – can we tailor these regionally?
 - Can we do a SW-centric
- Member recruitment
 - universities – focus on grad students
- Presentation Committee – use for recruitment
- Teaming opportunities for annual conference
 - Colorado Plateau every 2 years
 - Arizona Riparian Council
 - Santa Cruz River Researchers Day
 - ESA – SW Section
 - Wildlife Society SW Chapter
 - DLCC
 - Tamarisk Coalition