

Targeted Grazing Committee 2019 Annual Meeting Summary
Minneapolis, MN

Date: February 10, 2019

Targeted Grazing Committee meeting

Committee Chair: Beth Reynolds Chair Elect: Claudia Ingham

Attendance: 25 people signed in including SRM Board Rep Jeff Goodwin

Those providing email address were added to MailChimp acct.

Meeting convened by Chair Reynolds at 2pm for one hour (2nd hour yielded to Grazing Behavior Committee per their request)

Beth Reynolds presented the document, Need to Know-Graziers & Those Who Hire Them, compiled by Karen Launchbaugh and Beth Reynolds. Content is a compilation of knowledge and skills identified by numerous graziers, researchers and hiring agents involved in activities of the TG Committee over several years.

Discussion of merits of certifying educational programs/grazing schools vs. certifying graziers. Several noted the discussion has continued over several years and action is needed. Voice vote in favor of certifying targeted graziers.

Four attendees noted willingness to work on certification process and criteria.

Two attendees noted willingness to manage social media, including FaceBook, for the Committee.

Attendees invited to Producers Forum on Tuesday, February 12th.

Synthesis Paper authors met at 4pm to discuss details of paper & future submission for publication.

Date: February 12, 2019

54 people in attendance

“Putting Science on the Ground” Producers Forum morning session

Hosts: Targeted Grazing Committee, Grazing Lands Coalition Committee, Redd Fund, South Dakota SARE

Overview: John Hendrickson, USDA-ARS

National GLC: Kim Stein, NRCS retired

Targeted Grazing & Conservation Grazing: What’s the Connection? Claudia Ingham, Oregon State Univ.

Good Grass/Bad Grass: Kenny Miller, Ft Rice, ND

Panel: Perspectives from Hiring Agent and Grazing Practitioner Host: JB Bright, USFWS, Morris, MN

“Putting Science on the Ground” Producers Forum afternoon session

Minnesota Native Landscapes Conservation Grazing, Jake Janski

Oak Savannah & Wetland Restoration on Sherburne NWR, Cody Carlstrom

The Urban Cowboy: Business Model for Vegetation Management, Jake Langeslag

Making Pastures More Productive with Leafy Spurge, Ron Hanson

Controlling Buckthorn with Hogs, Jake Pettit

Practitioners’ Panel Q&A- Host: John Hendrickson

Date: February 14, 2019

Targeted Grazing in Minnesota

Organizer: Kelly Anderson, MN Department of Agriculture

Tour of sites where cattle grazing and goat browsing have provided disturbance to restore and maintain prairie and oak savannah ecosystems on public and private land. The tour included a stop at a winter grazing pilot study site looking at the effectiveness on goats browsing dormant woody shrubs.