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Annual Meeting

The Idaho Chapter Annual Meeting was held on January 12 & 13 in Boise. The theme of this year's meeting, Wilderness & Wildlife, drew much attention with 200 members and non-members attending. The first day's symposium on selected species was of extremely high technical quality. We sincerely appreciate the participation of the out-of-state speakers, Charles Jonkel, Robert Ream, and Riley McClelland as well as the excellent papers from our members, Jim Peek, Maurice Hornocker, Gary Kohler, Wayne Melquist, Brent Ritchie, Lonk Kuck and Don Johnson.

The second day's session dealing with social and political aspects was begun by an excellent review by Dr. John Hendee followed by representatives of private, state and federal organizations and agencies, the Governor's office and the U.S. Senate. An abstract of Dr. Hendee's talk is included with the newsletter. I'm certain that all in attendance were as proud as I was to be a member of the Idaho Chapter as our program rivalled many Section meetings in content and professionalism. Credit lies basically in the hands of Lloyd Oldenburg and Jim Nee who spent many hours getting this program together. Lloyd and Jim, thanks for a memorable session!

Business Meeting - by Jim Nee

Idaho Chapter, TWS, January 12, 1979

The meeting was called to order by President Dean Carrier at 3:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the Idaho Department of Transportation Building, Boise. There were 40 members present.

Jim Nee, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that the Chapter treasury has \$187.97 in it. Expenses totalled \$386.35, due primarily to the purchase by the Chapter of the Elmer Norberg collection of wildlife journals. These journals were then donated to North Idaho State College in Coeur d'Alene for their new wildlife program. The president explained that our depleted treasury hinders us from being as active as we'd like. He recommended an amendment to the By-laws which would increase Chapter dues to \$3.00 per year. Elwood Bizeau moved to raise the dues to \$3.00. The motion was seconded and then approved unanimously.

The President discussed the need for a By-laws amendment to have the president and secretary-treasurer live in the same geographical area of the state. Stu Murrell moved that each new president appoint the secretary-treasurer. The motion was seconded by Karl Holte. The motion passed with 27 in favor and 11 against.

Lewis Nelson explained the TWS certification program and will provide each member with more information soon.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m., following which Karl Holte urged members to review the BLM's Malad Unit Management Framework Plan. Karl was concerned that the plan, as proposed, will cause harm to wildlife resources.

After the meeting, 72 people attended a pizza and beer feed. They joyfully consumed 35 pizzas and drank \$89 worth of beer and soft drinks!

Northwest Section Meeting

On February 13, 14, and 15 I attended the annual NW Section Meeting in Portland, Oregon. The meeting contained various subjects and numerous joint sessions so it was impossible to attend all of them. At the business meeting subjects discussed included certification (more on this later), building fund, next year's meeting and candidates for election. As you may know, both candidates for President Elect are members of the Idaho Chapter, Dr. Steve Peterson and Thomas Leege. Steve is located at the University of Idaho and is currently Chairman of Wildlife Resources. Tom is continuing his elk research in Coeur d'Alene and is past-president of this chapter.

Next year's meeting will be held in Edmonton, Alberta. It will probably be held in April to alleviate some of the problems of sub-zero weather.

Member Wins Award; or Practice Makes Perfect

Wayne Melquist won the J.R. Deming award for best technical paper at the NW Section meeting. His paper on his otter research was quite informative and well done as Wayne had much practice, having given a similar paper at the Chapter meeting. Congratulations, Wayne, it really was the best of the session!

Wildlife Conclave

The University of Idaho is hosting the Western Wildlife Conclave on March 29, 30, and 31st. This year I urge all members to attend and support our student chapter in this endeavor.

Membership List

We have drawn up a current membership list and will mail newsletters only to those members on the list and selected agency heads.

New TWS Dues Structure

With the new dues structure I would hope all Chapter members take advantage in joining the parent society and supporting your only professional organization. The new dues structure is as follows:

- a) Basic Membership dues are \$12.00/year, includes "The Wildlifer" newsletter
- b) If you want the Journal, that's an additional \$18.00/year. It is published four times a year.
- c) If you want the Wildlife Society Bulletin, that's an additional \$8.00/year. It is published four times a year also.

Certification

Dr. Lewis Nelson, Professor of Continuing Education at the University of Idaho has agreed to be our Certification Chairman, a newly appointed post. Lou will be contacting you in the near future on the benefits of certification. Please, consider it as a major step to upgrading our profession.