MINUTES OF IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL WINTER MEETING--APRIL 9, 1968

President Norberg called the Chapter to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Officer's Club at Gowen Field, Boise. He introduced the other newly elected officers as Elwood Bizeau, Vice President, and Keith Payha, Secretary-Treasurer.

Minutes of the last winter meeting were read and approved, as corrected. The treasurer's report revealed \$63.06 on April 8, 1968. Paid membership at that time was nineteen. (Fifteen additional memberships were received that evening to bring the total to 34).

Hugh Harper, Regional Representative, reported on the parent society's annual meeting in Houston March 11. He indicated the recent Society questionnaire concerning the Journal revealed a general approval of the present Journal, but with more papers on wildlife management, administration, and enforcement. He pointed out that, although this region has about 25% of the members, we contribute the fewest number of Journal papers of any region.

Concerning the formation of new sections, chapters, and student chapters, Hugh stressed that strong sections and chapters provide excellent means of communication among wildlife biologists. He urged our chapter and its members to assist the efforts being made in Moscow to form a new student chapter.

Hugh said he is new in the job of regional representative and looks forward to helping and serving us.

Elwood Bizeau reported on the NW Section meeting held in Edmonton, Alberta, last month. He complimented the conference leaders for a well conducted meeting. The highlight was a panel discussion concerning the Journal and the reviewing procedures for papers submitted. Concerning the inclusion of fishery papers in the Journal, Elwood reported the concensus was that the few high quality fish papers appearing in the Journal do no harm. He indicated a trend toward more monographs and Journal issues treating one species or subject.

President Norberg reported that the Texas Chapter, whose meeting he recently attended, had 134 members with a good number of committees. They hold one annual meeting with a formal, technical session and are real going concern.

Al then launched the group into a free-wheeling discussion of our Chapter and what type of meeting is desired.

Moved by Dave Neider that the Chapter continue to hold summer meetings with field tours as a major activity. Seconded by Hugh Harper - carried.

Moved by Les Trout that the Chapter hold a winter business meeting and include papers as deemed appropriate. Seconded by Bob Autenrieth - carried.

After considerable discussion on the summer meeting, the consensus was to conduct a field trip into the Owyhee Mountains to view big horn sheep, mule deer, and sage grouse projects. This trip would be held just prior to the Idaho Fish and Game Biologists summer field meeting in this area. Levi Mohler was named program chairman for this event. Roger Williams volunteered to serve on this committee.

Elwood Bizeau was appointed program chairman for the winter meeting. He suggested the period of January 1 - 15 for a day and one-half meeting to be held in Boise. He named Clyde Scott, Ed Tilzey, and Tom Leege to serve on his committee.

Dale Turnipseed suggested that part of the winter meeting be devoted to a series of short progress reports with open discussion. The idea was favorably received.

Moved by Bizeau that the Chapter sponsor the compilation of a bibliography of all wildlife research work performed in the State of Idaho, including published material, theses, and a selective listing of important state and federal reports on Idaho wildlife research work. (See Bizeau's memo).

Moved by Keith Bayha that the Chapter poll the other sections and chapters concerning their program of activities and that a summary be submitted to The Wildlife Society News. Seconded by Tom Leege - carried. Bayha was appointed chairman of this project.

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Turnipseed moved to adjourn - carried. The time was 9:00 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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