MINUTES OF IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY WINTER MEETING, JANUARY 25, 1969

President Elmer Norberg called the Chapter to order at about 12:40 p.m. following lunch at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant in Boise, Idaho.

After self introduction of the 44 persons attending, the minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report indicated a balance of \$74.90. The only expenses were \$38.48 for postage and envelopes. A detailed written report was entered into the record.

Committee Reports

<u>Membership</u> - Chairman Keith Bayha paraphrased the written report which was entered into the record.

By-Laws Review - Chairman Les Trout reported he found our current by-laws to be adequate and made no recommendations for revision.

Awards - Chairman Don Metz has moved to Virginia and no report was made.

<u>Historian</u> - President Norberg conveyed Dr. Hungerford's report that he had made no progress but that work would begin following his return from sabbatical leave.

<u>Bibliography</u> - Dr. Dalke reported that due to his extensive travel during the past year, no significant progress had been made. He indicated that next year he would have something to report.

<u>Winter Meeting</u> - Chairman Elwood Bizeau had no additional comments to make. It should be stated here that the first winter wildlife conference to be sponsored by the Idaho Chapter was generally considered to be outstanding. About 75 persons attended the morning session which featured a panel discussion of the "Impact of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on Idaho." The afternoon session featured eight technical papers and was attended by about 60 persons, including two members of the Idaho Legislature. A total of 75 persons signed the conference register.

<u>Poll of Chapter and Section Programs</u> - Keith Bayha summarized the results of this poll in terms of those points of significance to the Idaho Chapter. This summary was entered into the record. The results of the poll will be prepared for submission to The Wildlife Society News after additional questionnaires are returned and analyzed.

Report of Regional Representative of the Council

Hugh Harper reported that the Yukon Territory and the Mackenzie District of the Northwest Territories have been added to our region. He noted that 18% of TWS members live in this region, rather than the 25% figure reported at our last winter meeting. We are still not submitting our share of papers to the Journal. There are two schools of thought within the Society: (1) the traditional, research-oriented school and (2) those who are management oriented. This results in a restlessness within the Society which Hugh referred to as growing pains.

The Council has produced seven position statements within the last year. There has been a lot of discussion within the Council regarding how actively we ought to seek to influence legislation. Again there are two schools of thought: (1) that we should pass resolutions, etc., and (2) that our proper role is to facilitate communication among biologists.

He reported his job as Regional Representative requires about $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 hour a day to do an adequate job. His file of correspondence is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick after less than one year as Regional Representative.

President's Report

President Norberg reported that, as president, he had filed notice with the Internal Revenue Service to enable us to accept tax-free contributions, therefore making dues paid to the Chapter tax deductible.

As a member of the Nominating Committee for the Northwest Section, he is still accepting nominations for the membership.

President-elect Kozicky has requested suggestions for committee chairman and members for the coming year. He wants greater participation by the membership.

New Business

The president entertained suggestions for the site of the 1969 summer meeting. Owyhee County and northern Idaho were suggested. The president will discuss these and others in the near future and appoint a program chairman who is in a position to handle the event. Hugh Harper volunteered to serve on the committee.

Moved by Clyde Scott that the Chapter continue to hold winter meetings similar to the 1969 meeting. Seconded by Don Jenni and carried. Dr. Dalke suggested we consider reserving l_2^{\perp} days for the next meeting. The consensus was in agreement. Levi Mohler suggested we meet in Boise again in 1970.

<u>Moved</u> by Bizeau to appoint a winter program chairman and that he be empowered to determine the site and date. Seconded by Tom Leege and carried.

Elwood pointed out that we have several options: (1) The Student Chapter at Moscow could serve as host. (V. W. Harwood, President of the Student Chapter, indicated the only problem would be to set a time when sufficient lodging would be available in Moscow.) (2) A joint meeting with either the Oregon or Washington Chapter. Elwood felt such meetings would strengthen the Northwest Section.

Keith Bayha's proposal that the Idaho Chapter sponsor a program for facilitating the publication of valuable information which would not otherwise be published, was presented in written form and circulated prior to the meeting. Because of limited time the proposal was not fully discussed. President Norberg asked the membership to study the proposal and be prepared to discuss it in depth at our next meeting.

Mohler moved to adjourn - carried. The approximate time was 1:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Treasurer's Report (April 9, 1968 - Jan. 24, 1969) Membership Committee Report Summary of the Poll of Chapter and Section Programs Proposal to sponsor publication assistance program