

MINUTES OF IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
WINTER MEETING, JANUARY 30, 1970

President Elmer Norberg called the Chapter to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Borah Theater, Student Union Building, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho. Twenty-three members were present.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$86.97. President Norberg stated that an audit report will be submitted in writing at a later date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bibliography - Paul Dalke reported he has over seven hundred references concerning wildlife work in Idaho. This would amount to about 25 to 30 pages. He estimated that the remaining work would be completed in several months.

Stuart Murrell moved that we publish the bibliography and submit it to the membership--motion died for lack of second. Discussion followed regarding the publishing of the bibliography. Dalke said he had not investigated costs. Suggestions for obtaining funds included (1) making a small charge for copies and (2) seeking aid from the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

*Who?
Dalke.*
Moved by Elwood Bizeau that a one-man committee be appointed to work up information for varied printing, ranging from 250 to 1,000 copies; and to investigate alternate sources of funding. Seconded by Ken Hungerford -- carried.

Historian - Ken Hungerford reported that he had most of the information he needed with the exception of the first year of the Chapter's existence (1964). He appealed for help from anyone who might have copies of correspondence relating to the events leading up to the Chapter's formation.

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Awards - Norberg read the written report submitted by Chairman Dick Norell (Attachment #1). Dave Riley offered that a very fine, monogrammed parchment is available from the parent society which would be suitable for inscription and framing as an award. Hungerford suggested that we reprint the proposal of the committee in the Newsletter for the members to consider for later action. The consensus was in agreement.

Membership - Keith Bayha reported that the Chapter membership had grown to 66 in 1969 and that membership prior to this meeting was 54 for 1970.

Action Upon Death Policy - Neil Argy read the proposed policy which was developed by the committee for Chairman Earl Brooks who was unable to attend. Argy also read the letter from Fred Evenden in response to Brook's inquiry. The written report and Evenden's letter were entered into the record (Attachments #2 and #3).

Moved by Hugh Harper that the proposed policy be adopted by the Chapter; seconded by Ed Tilzey -- carried.

Some members questioned the amount of use the books would receive if placed in the State Library. Moved by Harper that we leave the matter open as to where to place the books; seconded by Fritz Faulkner -- carried.

Nominations - Harper outlined the election procedures. Newly elected officers are: Elwood Bizeau - president; Hawley Hill - vice-president; and Ed Tilzey - secretary-treasurer.

Winter Meeting - President Norberg thanked Duane Asherin and the Student Chapter for the excellent job they had done in hosting the conference.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT:

Hugh Harper explained his role as regional representative; one of eight who, along with the officers, comprise the Council. President Kozicky has appointed over 20 different committees, all very active. These committees are assigned certain responsibilities and report on regular schedules. Council action during 1969 includes:

- 1) Publication of over one thousand pages in the "Journal of Wildlife Management", including a "special issue" devoted to management-oriented papers.
- 2) Publication of two monographs and preparation for publishing three more in 1970.
- 3) Publication of a leaflet containing eight position statements and progress on developing three more.
- 4) Progress toward publication of essays in our field. These will be of two types: technical and popular.
- 5) Granting of \$9,300 to Colorado State University to develop a manual on how to conduct a short course on natural resources.
- 6) Expanding student conclaves from 2 to 3 by adding 1 in the Midwest and granting \$300 to each to help defray costs.
- 7) Presented statements on controversial issues at Congressional hearings; before the Public Land Law Review Commission, Water Resources Council; and to Departmental Secretaries.

Hugh presented a statement on behalf of the Society at the State Legislative Fish and Game Committee hearing in Boise on January 28, 1970.

Hugh expressed the Council's concern about (1) how the Society could best serve its members; (2) the dropout rate; and (3) improving its service to certain long-neglected segments of the profession. The Council granted money to a committee for a study about action that the Society can take in this regard.

The Society has been receiving an increasing amount of publicity. Hugh cited Evenden's recent "White House Bird Count" which made the newspapers across the Nation.

In discussing the request from the Texas Chapter that a portion of the dues paid to the parent Society be returned to the Sections and Chapters, Hugh stated his opinion: that the units should be able to raise their own money without such a kick back. He asked to be informed of any differing opinions.

He urged members to inform him of anything which they believe the Council should be doing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norberg explained that although the membership had voted to join the Idaho Environmental Council, the officers had held up applying for membership until they learned how it would affect our Chapter's tax exempt status. They contacted the Internal Revenue Service who stated that our Chapter could join IEC without jeopardizing our tax exempt status so long as our participation would not constitute a "substantial" part of our program and so long as we would not dominate the IEC. Inasmuch as we do not intend to do either, we joined the IEC. Members will be receiving IEC mail soon.

Moved by Keith Bayha that the Chapter adopt the proposal to assist in receiving publications of valuable information which otherwise would not have been published; and that a Publications Assistance Committee be established to develop and conduct this program. Seconded by Rod Drewien -- carried.

Bayha briefly discussed the need to revise our Chapter by-laws.

The matter of whether or not the Chapter should speak out on issues affecting Idaho's natural resources was discussed at some length. Bayha reported that the most common criticism of the Chapter's activity during the past two years was an inadequate effort in this area. Riley said that a Northwest Section questionnaire indicated the members feel we should speak out. Faulkner stated the development of a position would have to be done by mail, since we meet only twice a year. Riley related that the Northwest Section resolution on the Arctic Slope was

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circulated to 174 people, finalized, printed in seven languages, and distributed in about a month -- all by mail. Bizeau said that communication is not the problem. The point is: Are you and you willing to take a position and are you willing to get up and speak if called upon? Riley advised that any member can speak on behalf of the Society, using the Society's position statements as the basis for his remarks. Bayha pointed out that we need some system for action as the IEC might ask us for advice. Murrell said that he thought the use of a committee for determining what would be said was a good approach.

Knights
Moved by Bizeau that the president appoint a Resolutions and Positions Committee Chairman; seconded by Asherin -- carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outgoing President Norberg turned the meeting over to the incoming president, Bizeau. Elwood acknowledged the efforts of Al and Keith in building the Chapter into a viable organization. Elwood said that he regards the opportunity to serve as an honor and hopes that the members regard it an honor to work for the Chapter because he will be calling on them.

Summer Meeting - Norberg offered the idea of holding regional summer field trips on a common subject which could be further explored by a panel at the next winter meeting. Asherin mentioned the previously discussed idea of using family recreation opportunity as a drawing card, perhaps on a regional basis. Rod Drewien said the South Dakota Chapter found this approach successful. Bayha said North Dakota used it, too. Hungerford said he thought the most successful meetings involved a controversial issue. He suggested a trip to Hells Canyon. Tilzey said he had been approached by the Range Management Society on our possibly co-sponsoring a trip into Owyhee County. This would be for two evenings and one day, plus travel time in and out. Facilities are available for overnight camping. Bayha reported that, on the basis of the questionnaires returned, the members No. 1 choice was for a field trip to Owyhee County. ?

Moved by Ed Tilzey that the summer field trip be held in Owyhee County in conjunction with the Idaho Chapter of the Range Management Society. Seconded by Norberg -- carried.

Bizeau appointed Ed Tilzey as chairman of the summer meeting. Other standing committee chairmanship appointments were:

By-Laws Review	-	Hugh Harper
Publications Assistance	-	Paul Dalke
Awards	-	Bill Snow
Resolutions and Positions	-	Richard Knight
Membership	-	Keith Bayha
Audit	-	Ed Tilzey

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Neil Argy was appointed to investigate book placement alternatives in connection with the death memorial policy adopted earlier in the meeting.

? Winter Meeting - Elwood offered that we might hold a joint meeting with the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Norberg suggested possibly including the Range Management Society. Tilzey said he was approached about co-sponsoring a joint meeting in March 1971 in Boise with the Range Management Society and the American Forestry Society.

Moved by Ken Hungerford that the president be authorized to negotiate with the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and the Range Management Society for a joint meeting next winter. Seconded by Tom Williams -- carried.

Elwood said the officers would select a letterhead if there was no objection.

Moved by Asherin to adjourn -- carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Bayha
Secretary-Treasurer