

MINUTES - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
IDAHO CHAPTER, THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY  
MARCH 12, 1983

The meeting was opened by Lewis Nelson Jr., 1982-84 Chapter President.

Donna Gleisner, Secretary-Treasurer, read the minutes from the 1982 business meeting and the 1982 and 1983 treasurer's reports.

Ernie Ables requested that the Chapter oppose the closure of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Cooperative Units. He urged members to write their congressman.

Jim Nee reported that the Chapter had made \$321 on belt buckle sales since October 1981. On April 1 the price will increase \$1.00 on both the bronze and pewter buckles.

Carl Nellis, a member of the ad-hoc committee to evaluate T.W.S. publications, asked to be informed of any problems, comments, or suggestions in this area.

Packets are still available for those members who intend to apply for certification.

Lew Nelson mentioned the possibility of a summer meeting at the University of Idaho Forestry Summer Camp in McCall. If arrangements can be made, more details will be given in the newsletter.

Dan LaPlant discussed a tax incentive program that would encourage landowners to protect riparian habitat. Many other conservation organizations are already supportive of the program. He asked that the Chapter get actively involved.

Dick Mackie, Northwest Sectional Representative, gave a report on T.W.S. Council activities, including: an increased publications charge for non-T.W.S. members; the more than 3,000 certified members will probably become the dominant force in the Society; the building fund is nearing completion; it is hoped that all Chapter bylaws will soon be completed; and university wildlife programs can now ask for voluntary accreditation evaluations. Dick left the Chapter with several questions. Where should conservation priorities be assigned? Can we do more at the national level? Should we support Montana's resolution for a moratorium on the privatization of public lands until national guidelines can be developed? What policies can be developed for dealing with professional ethics?

The Ted Trueblood Communication Award was presented to Tim Reynolds for his presentation on remote sensing.

Increasing the Elmer Norberg Scholarship Award to more than \$100 was discussed. Lew Nelson will contact several Chapter members and make a decision later.

Carl Nellis made a motion that the bylaws revisions be approved. It was seconded by Ernie Ables and approved by the members.

Lew Nelson reported that the Chapter membership increased from 90 members in 1981 to 189 members in 1983. He wants to see the Chapter more involved in conservation issues, communicating more effectively with other conservation organizations, and more involved in educational programs, such as Project WILD. Symposia on law enforcement and caribou are other possibilities. Lew felt that the Chapter was successful because of the good work done by the members. The future looks very bright.

Ernie Ables suggested that Chapter members serve as resource professionals to represent the Chapter in various conservation issues and to keep the Chapter current.

The meeting was adjourned by Lew Nelson.