

1987 Business Meeting

President Chuck Blair called to order the 1987 business meeting of the Idaho Chapter - The Wildlife Society at 3:30 pm on February 20, 1987, at the Red Lion Downtowner, Boise. Chuck opened the meeting by moving that the minutes of last year's meeting be approved as published in the April 1986 (2) Idaho Chapter Newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved by vote.

Dan Herrig, Secretary-Treasurer, reported that the current balance of the treasury is \$1,709.82, not including meeting expenses or registration, membership payments, etc. from the 120 registered that day. The major expenses since last year's meeting were stamps and copying fees, \$100 to the Idaho Foundation for wildlife-related books for schools, and \$200 to Idaho Humanities Foundation to defray copying expenses of Wolf! A Modern Look. Dan also reported that the 1986 total membership was 184. He estimated that with registration today, plus those who paid through the TWS, the Chapter membership should be about 180 again in 1987.

Bill Mullins (Membership Committee) reported that membership has declined over the last three years. There were about 210 in 1984 and 191 in 1985. Bill did not get much response from the membership questionnaire published in a newsletter last fall. Some old members did join, and there were newcomers, but none expressed reasons why they hadn't joined. Justin Naderman asked

if any age group or agency was not joining or rejoining; Bill said we really don't have the data to say. The greatest correlation may be that those who attend the annual meeting usually join, whereas those who do not either forget or just never get around to doing so. It was noted that Project Wild teachers should be encouraged to join.

Chuck noted that the bylaws had passed and he has copies if anyone wants them.

There was considerable discussion about the interest, desirability, and format of a summer meeting. After some debate, it was decided that the meeting (if held) should combine a field trip with a social function and that it should be rotated around the state. A motion was made, seconded, but defeated which would have required that the summer meeting question be aired in the next newsletter before a decision to have one was made. A motion to have the summer meeting in Southeast Idaho was made and seconded. After more discussion, that motion was amended to state that it would be on a weekend and not include a business meeting. The amendment was seconded and the amended motion passed. The meeting this summer will be handled by Justin Naderman and friends!

Our annual debate as to the pros and cons of having meetings in Boise was conducted. After debating the issue at length, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to have the 1988 meeting in Boise. To be continued.....same time next year!

Chuck reported that the committees (except for Program and Membership) were generally not active in 1986. Although Ad Hoc committees might be better for our purposes, the by-laws call for standing committees. Chuck said he would continue to do what he could to make committees active. Chuck reminded everyone that a membership directory would be out in a couple months.

There was concern by some that our mail-in ballots were not confidential since we had to sign them. Next year we will have one individual who will check that all ballots cast were signed (on the back) by members in good standing and another group who will count ballots. This ^{should} ~~will~~ alleviate the concerns expressed.

Or is it this year?

Chuck suggested that we celebrate our 25th Anniversary in 1988 by doing something special. Among items/activities brought up were:

- an Idaho Chapter logo and/or newsletter title contest
- have the TWS Field Representative attend the annual meeting.
- have a banquet with a well-known speaker
- document the history of the Idaho Chapter, including information on the early "movers and shakers".

on this subject will follow
More ~~will be coming~~ in the next newsletter.

Karen Steenhof briefed the group on the Western Raptor Management Symposium and Workshop to be held in Boise in October. The meetings are being sponsored by the Raptor Research Foundation and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). Our chapter is the

local host for NWF portion of the meeting. We will be providing a number of services and may need more help!

The Ted Trueblood Communications Award was discussed and it was suggested that it be limited only to students (as do many other societies). Much discussion occurred and it was eventually moved, seconded, and passed to have two awards -- one for students, another for professionals.

Chuck announced that Signe Blair was elected for the secretary position and Sam Mattise to the treasurer's post. Congratulations!!

Lew Nelson, NW Section TWS President, complimented our Chapter on being one of the best in the section, and briefed us on the following.

- TWS continuing education program will get off the ground in Quebec City in March.
- A salaried journal editor ~~would~~^{will} be hired in 2 years.
- A full-time conservation affairs person ~~would~~^{will} be hired in D.C. *Soon.*
- Accreditation for wildlife schools would be addressed again,
~~soon~~

As a footnote, Jay Gore and Paul Moroz volunteered to handle the 1988 summer meeting -- will probably be in Bear Valley.

Dan Herrig

Auction Items

Donor	Item	Buyer
Larry Mangan	Sage Grouse Hunt	Larry Donohoo, \$30
Mullins/Melquest	Payette River Trip	Steve Boman, \$45
Bob Jones	S.F. Snake River Trip	Jeff Hogander, \$85
Gene DeReus	Blue Grouse Hunt	B. Mullins/A. Sands, \$45
Jay Gore	Snake River Waterfowl Hunt	Delmar Vail, \$25
Steve Caicco	Wildflower Trip	Diane Ronayne, \$25
Bill Davidson	S-t Grouse Hunt	Tom Parker, \$35
Larry Mangan	Lemhi Sage Grouse Hunt	Mike Anderson, \$25
Tracey Trent	Henry's Fork Trip	Tammy Froscher, \$75
Gary Powers	Black Bear Photo Hunt	Jim Blaine, \$150
Sam Mattise	Brownlee Bass Fishing Trip	Delmar Vail, \$60
Karen Steenhof	Horseback Ride	Signe Blair, \$25
Hadley Roberts	Grayling Fishing Trip	A. Sands/B. Mullins, \$80
<i>Chuck Connellly?</i> ?	Mountain Goat Photo Hunt	Chuck Blair, \$40
Wayne Melquist	Boise River Float Trip	Tammy Froscher, \$25
Bill Bernt	Steelhead Trip	The Blairs, \$85
Gene DeReus	Christmas Tree	Allan Sands, \$30
Edson Fichter	Sharpshin ^{wed} Hawk Print	Steve Langenstein, \$35
Wayne Melquist	Tapestry	Liven Peterson, \$40
Erica Craig	Red-Tailed Hawk Print	Bill Davidson, \$35
J. Michael Scott	Forest Bird Book	Jeff Marks, \$25
Edson Fichter	Antelope Print	Tammy Froscher, \$40
Erica Craig	"Deerslayer" Print	Dan Herrig, \$70
Gene DeReus	Steelhead flies	Delmar Vail, \$25
Edson Fichter	Mountain Goat Print	Tracey Trent, \$75

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