

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE IDAHO CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY 4-24-1992, UNIVERSITY INN MOSCOW, IDAHO

President Jack Connelly called the meeting to Order 2:55 p.m.

. President Connelly thanked all Chapter members for their support during the time of his presidency. Jack gave special thanks to the outgoing officers and committee members for all their help. The members also thanked Jack for his work.

. New Idaho Chapter officers were introduced:

Paul Moroz, President

Alan Sands, Vice-President

Justin Naderman, Secretary

Geoff Hogander, Treasurer

. Paul was installed as the new president by Jack and assumed duties of this office.

. Minutes of the 1991 business meeting were approved as read.

. Treasury balance on 4-1-92 was \$5,092. This was approximately \$2,000 less than a year ago. The lower balance is because of the \$2,000 placed in the Idaho State University Edson Fichter scholarship fund.

A preliminary estimate of net proceeds from the 1992 fund raiser was \$770. This was less than previous years and was because no trips were offered and costs associated with matting and framing prints.

Old Business

. Jack Connelly reported on the Edson Fichter scholarship fund. The Chapter placed \$2,000 into the fund in 1991 with plans to add \$2,000 per year until the annual trust revenue is \$500.

Because of the lower receipts from the fundraiser and a lower treasury balance a motion was made to donate only \$1,000 in 1992. The motion passed unanimously.

. Idaho Outfitters and Guides regulations governing Chapter members offering trips for the Chapter's fundraiser was discussed. Alan Sands, Walt Bodie and Sam Mattise agreed to get clarification on the legality and liability to the Chapter and members offering trips and report back to the Executive Committee.

. Education Committee Report:

Tom Hemker reported a committee set up at the 1991 meeting to develop Chapter educational programs made little progress because of low member interest. Member interest to develop educational programs will be solicited in the June Chapter Newsletter.

. Recognition of Don Oman:

Howard Hudak reported that he drafted a letter based on Chapter bylaws, but did not finalize it because the issue seemed to resolve itself with changes in Forest Service personnel.

A motion to still send a letter recognizing Don for his professional integrity passed unanimously. Howard Hudak agreed to finalize the letter in two weeks. The Wildlife Society, Maryland office, will send a blank certificate for the executive committee review and, if appropriate, send with the letter.

New Business

. Location of the 1993 and 1994 meetings:

After some discussion a motion was approved (1 opposing vote) to hold the 1993 meeting in late February at the Red Lion Downtowner Inn, Boise. Alan Sands, Jeri Williams and Tom Hemker agreed to arrange for and organize the meeting--they'll need additional help.

A motion to hold the 1994 meeting in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho passed unanimously. Sandy Jacobson, Scott Rodinson and Jim Hayden will check on the availability of facilities and report for the fall Chapter newsletter. The opportunity for this to be a joint meeting with other states or Canadian province will also be pursued.

. ASCS Program Compliance with NEPA:

Following some discussion a motion passed unanimously to have and Conservation Affairs Committee investigate whether ASCS is required to complete a NEPA document for projects they administer and supply Federal Funds for. Members felt projects that involve wetland drainage, sagebrush removal, conversion of land from native plants to agricultural cropland, etc. should be preceded by a NEPA document. The committee will report back to the Executive Committee for the fall Chapter newsletter. Randy Smith agreed to assist the committee on this assignment.

. Jack Connelly encouraged members to pay Chapter dues, as provided, through National TWS membership application. This reduces the chance of forgetting to continue Chapter membership because you were unable to attend the annual meeting.

Secretary's Note. I have restructured the membership file to record the calendar year each member is paid up through. The number on your mailing label shows the year your membership with the Idaho Chapter will expire.

. Chapter dues:

A motion to increase Chapter dues from \$5.00 to \$15.00 (students remain at \$5.00) failed.

A second motion to increase dues to \$10.00 (students remain at \$5.00) passed (1 opposing vote). The new dues structure will begin with the 1993 membership year.

. Wolf reintroduction:

Chapter support for wolf reintroduction was discussed. Jim Peek said the issue was priority 11 at the National level with plans to review and comment on the EIS when it is released.

A motion was passed to have the Conservation Affairs Committee investigate the issue and advise the Chapter on direction/involvement within 30 days. Jim Peek agreed to assist the Committee on this issue.

. Air Force Bombing Range Expansion:

A proposal to expand the Air Force bombing range in south west Idaho continues to change. The Conservation Affairs Committee agreed to track the issue and advise the Chapter on the appropriate action/involvement to take.

. 4-H Wildlife Habitat Program:

Dean Rose requested \$500 Chapter support to help sponsor sending the Idaho state winning 4-H Wildlife Habitat judging team and its coach to the national contest. The Financial Committee will review Dean's proposal and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

. Manager's recognition:

Chapter recognition of managers doing exemplary work for wildlife was discussed. It was felt by some members that many managers contribute untiringly toward wildlife habitat needs, wildlife population management and the public's understanding and appreciation of wildlife, but receive no recognition from their peers for their contribution. The opposing view is that professional managers are expected by their peers to do exemplary work and, thus, recognition of everyone reduces the value/meaning of an award.

The Awards Committee agreed to examine the issue further and report back to the executive committee.

- . Tom Hemker presented the Pheasant Forever Award for Professional of the Year to Dean Rose.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Justin Naderman, Secretaty

COMMITTEES of the IDAHO CHAPTER THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY 1992

. AWARDS

Jack Connelly

Mike Kochert

Jim Peek

. MEMBERSHIP

Sandy Jacobson

. NOMINATIONS

. CONSERVATION AFFAIRS

Jeri Williams

Marilyn Hemker

Steve Nadeau

. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Geoff Hogander, Chairman

Jay Crenshaw

Paul McClain

Rich Howard

. NEWSLETTER EDITORS

Mike Gratson, Chairman

Gregg Servheen

Jeri Williams