

1990 Idaho Chapter, TWS Business Meeting

President Jack Connelly called the 1990 business meeting to order at 3:30 PM on March 2, 1990. Signe Sather-Blair read the minutes from the 1989 business meeting. Paul Moroz gave the Treasurer's report.

An overview of the Idaho Wildlife Viewing Guide was given by Leslie Carpenter. Wayne Melquist provided additional information on development of the guide.

Jack Connelly recognized outgoing officer's, V.P. Jerome Hansen and Sec. Signe Sather-Blair, and introduced the new, V.P. Bill Mullins and Dave Koehler, Sec.

Discussion of Old Business consisted of a report on the Edson Fichter Fund by Jack Connelly. Jack reported that the Executive Committee had decided to establish the fund at I.S.U. Sam Mattise, who was responsible for working out the details, was not present to report.

Jack Connelly reported on his attendance at the Northwest Section Meeting. It was noted that attendance was poor (approx. 25 people) and that the Section had asked for more Idaho Chapter involvement. The next meeting, which will be in Seattle, will have a symposium format and an expanded awards ceremony in an attempt to generate more involvement.

Jack reported that TWS dues were to increase approximately \$10 to enable the funding of a full time Conservation Affairs position.

Reports were given on current status and activities of Regional Wildlife Councils by Joyce Gebhardt (Reg. 3) and Barry Keller (Reg. 5).

Jack briefly discussed committee reformation and warned of impending contacts to solicit volunteers.

Hadley Roberts reported on his new book "Birds of East Central Idaho". Potential sources of funding to cover publication costs were discussed. Several options were considered and a motion for the Chapter to provide some funding was deferred to the Executive Committee pending more detailed information on costs.

Signe initiated a discussion on the proposal before the legislature to introduce the cardinal to Idaho. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed, for the Chapter to write a letter of objection to the F&G Commission outlining potential problems.

Chapter involvement in nongame program funding problems was also discussed. Signe made a motion for the Public Affairs and Resolutions Committee to explore ways to improve funding for the nongame program and to write a letter to the Dept. of F&G and the

F&G Commission (and to report back to the Executive Committee within 6 months). Alan Sands also motioned that the Chapter go on record with JFAC in favor of establishing a Centennial Nongame Trust Fund.

Jerry Gregson reported on the vacant seat on the Challis Experimental Stewardship Steering Committee and noted that a wildlife advocat was needed. After some discussion, a motion was made to draft a letter to request representation on the Committee.

Paul Moroz made a motion to have the Chapter treasury auditted. Barry Keller volunteered to conduct the audit.

Dale Toweil briefed the Chapter on the proposed Craters of the Moon National Monument expansion and redesignation. A discussion of potential management implications followed. The Conservation Affairs Committee was requested to monitor progress of the proposal.

Jack Connelly reported on the Chapter's Trumpeter Swan Petition status. It was reported that the petition had been ignored by the the FWS and that the Chapter had subsequently filed a Freedom of Information request. After a discussion of options available to the Chapter the 1990 business was adjourned.