

Idaho Chapter 1987 Business Meeting, February 26, 1988

OLD BUSINESS

Chuck Blair, President (1986-87) opened the meeting by going over last year's minutes. Sam Mattise then gave the Treasurer's report and Bill Mullins discussed membership drive efforts. Bill told Chapter about membership flyer the committee had made and asked everyone to see him or Paul Moroz if they had any ideas on attracting members.

Travel Expenses for President

Chuck opened up discussions on the Chapter paying for the President's travel expenses to attend the Northwest Section meeting or the North American Wildlife and National Resources Conference. John Ratti noted that the President should attend the Northwest Section meeting since he is on the Executive Committee. Discussion followed on whether President can send proxy and the amount of money that should be made available for use. A motion was made and seconded that the Chapter's Executive Committee develop guidelines that would then be implemented allowing the chapter to pay for all or a portion of the President's expenses. A vote in favor was unanimous.

Chapter History

Hugh Harper presented Chuck Blair with files containing meeting minutes and notes from the early year's of the Idaho Chapter.

New Officers

Chuck Blair introduced the new officers:

Jack Connelly - President

Jerome Hansen - Vice President

Signe Sather-Blair - Secretary

Larry Mangan - Treasurer

NEW BUSINESS

Location and Schedule

Jack Connelly opened up discussion on location and schedule of the 1988 annual meeting. Several people thought meeting locations should move around the state while other noted that Boise is most centrally located. Some people noted that when meeting place was rotated several years ago attendance was poor which is why they decided to have it in Boise every year. Cecil Brown suggested that the Chapter meeting should be held in conjunction with the Northwest Section Meeting when it is in Idaho. Tom Reinecker said that Idaho



Department of Fish and Game will work with the Chapter to dove-tail Departmental meeting with the annual meeting. John Ratti moved that the next meeting be held in McCall and attendance assessed. Motion was seconded. Motion was defeated. Signe Sather-Blair moved that the next meeting be held in Boise and membership be surveyed using the newsletter. Motion was seconded and passed with only one dissenting vote.

#### 1990 Centennial Meeting

Mike Scott (Cooperative Unit Leader - Univ. of Idaho) informed membership of plans for the 1990 Centennial meeting with the American Fishery Society. The meeting is planned for the first week in March in Boise. Topics would include a comparison of species distributions and population in 1900 and in 1990. Discussions on the history of natural resource legislation and federal and state management through the century are also planned. Mike indicated that he didn't think we could get any money from the Centennial Committee. Several people noted that it would be good to include the professional societies for range managers and foresters.

#### Summer Meetings

Jay Gore and Paul Moroz updated the membership on the status of the summer meeting. A vote was taken on the dates with all in favor of July 30-31. The meeting will be held in Bear Valley north of Lowman, Idaho. Plans are to visit a stream restoration project and discuss wolves and elk management.

#### Chapter Historian

Barry Keller moved that the Chapter set up a position of Chapter Historian. It was noted that this may require change in bylaws. Motion was removed and replaced with motion that the Executive Committee investigate and provide a recommendation at the next annual meeting. Motion carried.

#### Hells Canyon Joint Memorial

Signe Sather-Blair informed membership of pending legislation (SJM110) dealing with a Hell's Canyon Joint Memorial. There was a lot of discussion on the merits of the memorial. Tom Reinecker noted that more information was needed before a decision. A motion was made and carried that the President should investigate further and Executive Committee should decide course of actions.

#### Scholarship at Idaho State University

Sam Mattise presented a suggestion that the Chapter should set up an endowment at ISU similar to the one we already have at the Univ. of Idaho. Sam suggested that such an endowment would be in the name of Dr. Edson Fichter, professor emeritus at the university. Sam noted that the goal should be for \$5,000 with a minimum initial contribution of \$250. There were some questions on ISU's student chapter status and wildlife curriculum. Barry Keller said that the university has a degree program in biology not specifically wildlife. He



said that while there is a Mink Creek Chapter he has encouraged his students to join the Idaho Chapter. Barry noted that such an endowment could easily be handled through the Natural History Museum. Kerry Reese voiced concern about duplicate programs and fragmented resources. There were many questions from the membership on how the Chapter should be spending its money. Sam motioned that the Chapter set up an Edson Fichter Memorial Fund for a student scholarship at ISU. Motion was seconded but defeated. A second motion was made that the Executive Committee query the membership on how they want to spend Chapter money and tie any effort to a memorial Dr. Fichter. Motion was seconded and passed.

#### Emmett to Mesa Road

Paul Moroz informed membership of Idaho Transportation Department's (IDT) plans for new 4-lane highway through major mule deer winter ranger. IDT is in early planning stages with public hearing scheduled in 1989. Paul encouraged the Chapter to closely monitor this potential highway project.

#### Committees

Jack Connelly said he will solicit volunteers for the various committees.

#### Northwest Section Meeting

John Ratti updated membership on Northwest Section meeting to be held in Coeur d'Alene in April. John noted that one of the main topics at the Northwest Section Executive Committee meeting would be the current meeting and officer rotation system required by the bylaws.

Jack Connelly asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made and carried.

Meeting Notes Taken by

Signe Sather-Blair,  
Secretary.