

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY, MARCH 5 1994, TEMPLINS, POST FALLS, ID

President Paul Moroz called the meeting to order at 1543 hours.

The 1993 minutes of the general business meeting were read and accepted.

Geoff Hogander read a report of the treasury balance as of January 1, 1994. Balance was \$5100.00. Current priorities for expenditures are as follows: 1) Chapter business and newsletter, 2) education, 3) research, and 4) awards.

Committee reports:

Conservation Affairs:

- 1) responded to wolf reintroduction EIS via comments and letter
- 2) testified at hearing and IDFG commission on bombing range issue
- 3) discussed Idaho Wilderness bill and legislation
- 4) helped out with the rare animal meeting

Membership Committee:

- 1) no recent activity

Newsletter:

- 1) published 4 newsletters
- 2) complimentary copies went to IDFG, BLM, and USFS field offices one time

Nominations Committee:

- 1) got a slate of candidates together for this election
- 2) will report on winners later

Education:

- 1) no recent activity

Old business:

A discussion occurred about whether we should have a policy on personnel affairs - whether it was proper for the Chapter to support members on professional and job-related matters and ethics. An ad hoc committee formed last year discussed this issue and decided that any members requesting help from the Chapter should be given direction on where to go for help, for example the AFSEE.

A discussion occurred about the Inland Empire Natural Resource Youth Camp. It was decided that the Idaho Chapter and the Washington Chapter will each contribute \$100 each year for 5 years.

President Paul Moroz thanked the executive officers - Alan Sands, Justin Naderman, Geoff Hogander, and Jack Connelly and other members for their help the last 2 years.

New business:

The new officers were announced.

- 1) President - E. Ables
- 2) Vice President - J. Unsworth
- 3) Treasurer - M. Wakenhut
- 4) Secretary - M. Gratson

Next, a discussion occurred about where and when to hold next years annual meeting. Jack Connelly asked about Boise. Barry Keller suggested Pocatello or Idaho Falls in conjunction with the NW Science society, about March 9-12.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to let Barry look further into the matter and serve as the local chairman of the annual meeting.

A letter was received on the Idaho Agro-forestry initiative. This will be passed on to the new president.

Information on Lynx lynx is requested from members by Washington State University. The IDFG Conservation Data Center will respond to the request on behalf of the Chapter.

Paul Moroz presented information on the 4-H Wildlife Habitat judging contest. Should we give \$ to send kids to the Nationals? Discussion about this occurred and a motion was made, seconded, and passed to donate \$500, with the provision that the Chapter be given credits on news releases, etc.

Geoff Hogander reported that we had committed to donate \$100 per year for 5 years to the Idaho State University Edson Fichter Scholarship fund.

Paul Moroz was requested to provide a review and comment (using Chapter members) on the Columbia River Basin Mitigation report. Much discussion occurred on just what this was all about and how much time it could take. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to have Jim Peek talk to T. Franklin about this and have the final decision, to be made by the executive committee, published in the newsletter.

Discussion occurred about National TWS Awards Nominations, which recognize individual TWS chapters for excellence. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Paul Moroz should look into this.

Discussion about the Idaho Wilderness legislation occurred. Lisa Lombardi requested that members provide information on areas potentially covered by the Wilderness bill and handed out Input Criteria to members. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to get this off the ground and moving.

Jim Peek gave an update on the new TWS annual meeting to be held this fall.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the annual business meeting.

Secretary - M. W. Gratson

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