

Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting
March 9, 2005, The Grove Hotel, Boise, Idaho

The 2005 Business meeting of the Idaho Chapter TWS was called to order at 5:10 pm by President Gregg Servheen.

The Secretary read the minutes of the 2004 business meeting and of the executive committee meeting of 5 November 2004. Both were approved as read.

Treasurer's report was read and approved. Final account balances as of March 2005 were \$10,657 in our checking account and \$4,442 in the investment account. The Treasurer reported that managing the books is now electronic using Microsoft Money.

Alan Sands questioned the 2004 expenses, specifically the registration gift. Gregg offered that extra effort was to put into the 40th anniversary meeting, including using funds to bring good speakers. Jon added that there was a perceived surplus in 2004 and a desire to give that back to the membership in the form of a gift. The 2005 registration gift was modest, and the extra bags from 2004 were given away to new members.

Committee Reports:

Awards - were not presented as they were held for the banquet.

Conservation Affairs - nothing reported. Jim Hayden volunteered to resurrect this committee in 2005. Chuck Peterson volunteered to assist.

Nominating and Elections - Kerry Reese volunteered to head this committee in 2005. Gregg offered to assist.

Education and Information - nothing reported, but Chuck Peterson, David Musil, and Gregg Servheen volunteered to reactive the committee to address issues related to the web page, as described under New Business.

Other Reports:

Newsletter/Web Page - nothing reported; newsletter addressed specifically under New Business.

New Student Chapter - Brigham Young University - Idaho formed a student chapter.

Northwest Section - 2006 meeting coincides with ICTWS. Discussed under New Business.

National TWS - 12th annual conference in Madison, WI, September 25-29, 2005.

Scholarship and Fund Updates:

University of Idaho had 3 scholarships:

Kvale - for the first time, had funds to disperse in 2004. \$375 awarded to graduate student
Ryan Long

Norberg-Meiner Scholarship - \$660 awarded to MacKenzie Shardlow

Michael Gratson Memorial Field Experience Awards - \$1000 to Troy Hinck and \$900 to John Keener.

Award amounts for 2005-2006 set at \$430 for Kvale, \$810 for Norberg-Meiner, and \$2350 for Gratson Memorial, to be to be awarded after 2005 spring break.

Idaho State University Edson Fictor Scholarship - no one present knew its status. Terry Bowyer offered to look into it.

Boise State University - nothing reported.

Role of the Idaho Chapter in Scholarships was explained – Chapter obligates some level of funds; other sources also contribute. Each university administers as they see fit, working only off proceeds, never the principle.

Old Business

National TWS Endowment Fund: National had requested a total of \$2,500 over several years. Idaho Chapter contributed \$500 in 2004. Motion passed with no objections to contribute another \$500 in 2005.

New Business

1. Sustainable Conferences: The 2004 conference raised the issue of the Chapter's actions reflecting what the Chapter stands for. Thus ensued the "salmon debate" and a discussion of sustainable conference guidelines. This concept expanded to encompass all activities of the Chapter, including its conferences. From that discussion came this motion:
"The Idaho Chapter will, to the maximum extent practicable, conduct its business in an environmentally friendly manner."
This was further explained as the Chapter adopting an intent and philosophy.
A second motion was made to proceed with the process of incorporating this philosophy into the Chapter by-laws, including putting it to a vote of the membership. Motion passed with 1 objection.
2. NW Section: requested that the Idaho Chapter provide member information of those who pay NW Section dues directly to the Chapter. A process was set up for the Treasurer to track this.
3. Funding Requests: The state 4-H Wildlife Habitat Program requested \$500 to help support the state contest in Pocatello and the winning team's travel to the nationals in Arkansas. Other supporters include Idaho Power and IDFG. Motion passed with no objections to approve this \$500 contribution.
4. Web Page: In exploring how the Chapter could be more effective, Gregg proposed the idea of using the web page as a clearinghouse for "all things wildlife". Cost would not be insignificant – would require up-front money for upgraded hardware (memory) and design, and a commitment of time and \$\$ for maintenance. Among the ideas floated were to contract

with a web master, find one person with a long-term commitment, or provide a scholarship to a student. In response to a number of questions from the group concerning the goal of the website, it was decided the concept needed more research. Chuck Peterson, Gregg Servheen, and David Musil volunteered to work on this; the group was re-defined as the Information/Education Committee.

5. 2005 Meeting: 2005 is the Chapter's turn for a joint meeting with the NW Section of TWS. The Idaho Chapter of the Society of Range Management and with the Northwest Scientific Society also were proposed as joinees. A representative from the Society of Range Management was present and expressed their interest in a joint meeting, as well as their desire for integrated concurrent sessions. With such a large group, the locale would be limited to Boise or Coeur d'Alene. Tony suggested that fundraising needs to start earlier than normal for a larger meeting. Gregg will pursue with the other societies.
6. Trends in Attendance: Diane provided membership numbers since 2000 showing a generally increasing trend. Concern was expressed that attendance at the 2005 annual meeting was low, with students noticeably absent. Ideas for encouraging greater student participation in 2006 included a student mixer, jobs board, better promotion of the poster session, travel awards, room discounts, or free registration.

The business meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Awards Addendum

Craig Groves received the Professional Wildlifer Award.

Lava Lakes Land and Livestock Co. received the Special Recognition Award

Best Student Paper: Regan Berkeley, University of Idaho, "Nutrition and habitat selection in a declining bighorn sheep population: is quality equivalent to quantity?" Co-author Janet Rachlow.

Best Professional Paper: Tess O'Sullivan, Lava Lake and Livestock, "Lava Lake's management for sheep grazing and wildlife at a landscape scale in central Idaho".

Servheen, Gregg

From: Evans Mack, Diane
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2006 8:40 AM
To: Servheen, Gregg
Subject: ICTWS minutes

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Hi Gregg -

Attached are the minutes from the 2005 business meeting. Additional agenda topics not reflected in the minutes are:

- position statements issued during the last year (draft grizzly bear delisting, sign-on letter for State Wildlife Grants [per email last July], national TWS's request that any climate change legislation include dedicated funding for fish and wildlife via the Wildlife Conservation and Restoration account of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act)

- Jon's request to discuss the idea of increasing our monthly investment contribution to the Fidelity Investment (he suggested \$50/month plus reinvesting the annual growth back into the fund)

- I would like to quickly poll the membership to assess if we need any sideboards on using the member list for email communications (i.e., are they too frequent? Okay to announce courses or workshops?)

- a quick update as to what happened with our plans to meet with the Range Society. I had several questions about this when our current meeting announcement first came out. You sent the Exec Board an email last May explaining that while they were supportive, they would prefer to have a smaller meeting with just the Idaho Chapter and focus on Idaho issues. I have a few more notes if you need them.

Diane



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