

Minutes of
IDAHO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES ASSOCIATION

Spring Meeting — Ketchum, Idaho

May 23, 1964

The meeting at the Alpine Cafe was called to order by President Paul Filer at 9:30 a.m. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and by voice vote, the minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership.

Al Tice reported on the Licensing Board. Jay Taylor has been hired as executive secretary to help with administrative problems and do some policy and rule enforcement work as specified by the Licensing Board. The executive secretary position was made necessary by the increased work load, and salary was to be paid by Board funds which are derived from license fees. Mr. Taylor is paid \$3,600.00 per year.

Mr. McCurdy thanked the membership for nominating him to be a member of the Licensing Board and explained why he had to decline appointment. He said he would be willing to help as he could and President Filer thanked Mr. McCurdy on behalf of the membership for his past services.

President Filer discussed the ruling of the Attorney General to the effect that the late filing fee of \$50.00 is legal and enforceable. However a new guide making application would not be subject to the penalty. There was considerable discussion as to the desirability of this law with several expressions that it should be repealed. No action was taken.

President Filer explained the new Resolutions Committee that had been formulated at the Board of Directors meeting on May 22, 1964 and announced membership of the committee: Martin Capp, Chairman; Neal Silver, and Pat Reed.

Mr Capp stated the Association has expanded so much that many things need to be accomplished and he recommended adoption of a seven-point program and appointment of a committee to expedite each aspect of the seven-point program. Fields of activity and committees would be as follows:

1. Membership
2. Legislation
3. Forest Service Relations
4. Fish and Game Department Relations
5. Licensing Board
6. Public Relations
7. Resolutions

Mr. McCurdy further discussed the problems of the Association in regard to their relations with the public, associated industries, and legislative action. He felt the outfitters and guides meetings should be open to attendance by representatives of civic clubs and industries of similar interests. The Association must also demonstrate the benefits the public receives from the outfitters and guides industry.

Mr. McCurdy moved that: "The Idaho Outfitters' and Guides' Association hereby instruct their President to appoint a public relations committee, or publicity committee, or both, to educate the public of our intentions and purposes and to further organize the people who render service to the tourists and sportsmen." The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Osterhout and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker requested the by-laws, rules and regulations be made available for new members and interested organizations. Mr. McCurdy said the Licensing Board could be supplied with this material to help in distribution.

The area system was discussed and several infringements on areas were reported. Such infractions of the areas should be reported to the Licensing Board for enforcement and correction. Only the Licensing Board has jurisdiction on this problem. Complaints must be registered by letter; verbal and word-of-mouth complaints are not sufficient or valid.

Several outfitters have become associated with local Chambers of Commerce with mutually beneficial results. Challis and Salmon City Chambers have either sponsored or will sponsor booths at California sport shows where many nonresidents are contacted. After more discussion, Mr. Garner made the following motion:

"The Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association start planning to attend the 1965 Los Angeles Sportshow. Final plans are to be completed at the 1964 Fall Meeting."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Beckley and passed unanimously. There was considerable discussion but no decisions on sponsorship, financing, sharing, manning, and operation of booths at sport shows.

Mr. Capp re-introduced the subject of the seven-point program and asked if the group wished adoption of the plan. After some discussion, Mr. Capp made the following motion:

"The Idaho Outfitters' and Guides' Association adopt the seven-point program as previously presented to the meeting."

Neal Silver seconded the motion and the motion carried.

President Filer appointed several persons from different areas to solicit advertising for the 1965 brochure.

Mr. Bill Guth presented the following resolution from the Board of Directors' meeting of May 22, 1964:

"Due to the fact that Tillman McCurdy, the Board member of North Idaho, has resigned his appointment to the Licensing Board and the nominee Ken Strickler from South Idaho was appointed in his place, we the Board of Directors felt the appointee should be a man from the North Idaho area."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Garner and carried unanimously.

Mr. Max Walker presented the following resolution at the request of District Two of the Idaho Wildlife Federation:

"We wish to protest the tree planting project on the Bungalow District, Clearwater National Forest. The plan is to build roads into the Cook Mountain - Weitas Creek area to plant trees by machine. We protest this plan because: (1) There is already a new growth of trees on the site; (2) they plan to disc plow and terrace the area ahead of the planting machine - this will kill more regrowth than will be planted; (3) the area involves the spring calving area of 75 percent of the North Fork of the Clearwater elk herd; (4) the outfitters and guides in the area cause over \$50,000 to be brought into the State annually and the proposed road would put them out of business; (5) the area already has a good multiple purpose program in the form of grazing, recreation, natural timber production and watershed and it seems a waste of taxpayers' money to replace trees where they are already naturally abundant.

Mr. Walker moved the resolution be adopted; it was seconded by Mr. Guth and the motion carried.

Mr. Anderson inquired if every boat in a boat trip excursion should have a licensed guide aboard. This was prompted by an article in the Twin Falls paper implying there were laws to this effect. President Filer requested Neal Silver to contact the paper for correction: commercial boats need a licensed guide but private boats do not.

Mr. Garner suggested that all resolutions to be presented at the Fall meeting be prepared by the Resolutions Committee.

Mr. Garner moved for adjournment; motion seconded by Neal Silver and motion carried.

(Adjourned)

The afternoon meeting was called to order by President Filer at 1:30 p. m. The secretary reported on distribution of brochures. Many requests for brochures

had been received as a result of advertisements placed in national magazines.

Mr. Sam Defler, Supervisor, Payette National Forest, McCall, commented on several subjects: There have been no policy changes affecting the Outfitters and Guides since the Fall meeting and no major problems have occurred. Mr. Defler said he was not informed regarding the tree planting project on the North Fork of the Clearwater River but was sure the proposed project had been carefully evaluated prior to activation. Reports on such projects are always available and the Forest Service is ready and willing to explain and discuss any project. In regard to road construction, Mr. Defler stated multiple-use interests are carefully analyzed and the road program has the objective of providing total use of all lands — except for Wilderness Areas. Permanent roads are constructed to serve main drainages and smaller roads are built for timber access and some of these should be closed after timber harvest has been completed. More money is being made available for trail construction and maintenance. A trunk system of trails will be provided through the Wilderness and Primitive Areas.

Mr. Wes Carlson, Supervisor of the Challis National Forest, discussed forest insect problems.

Mr. Defler said a court case on use of trail machines in the Primitive Area is pending.

In response to a question from President Filer, Mr. Defler said livestock increases or decreases on national forest lands are based on range forage surveys which determine the amount of feed available and that livestock numbers would be determined by this procedure. Where the potential and possibility exists, ranges are being improved by reseeding, fencing and water development.

There were several complaints about grazing restrictions enacted during the last several years. Mr. Defler stated increases in animal use have been possible in many areas but much of Idaho is short on summer rainfall and soil conditions are poor in many areas. He issued an open invitation to anyone who wished to accompany Forest Service range managers on a range forage survey and analysis project.

Mr. Robert Salter introduced Fish and Game Department personnel in attendance. Commissioner Holmes discussed the importance of outfitters and guides to Idaho and their part in game management. Mr. Salter discussed the Department's cooperative program with the Forest Service on spraying projects. Emphasis is on the fisheries problems but animals receive consideration also.

Mr. Gene de Reus, Land Management Supervisor of the Fish and Game Department discussed management of department properties on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River.

There was a discussion of the bighorn sheep seasons, some expressing opinions that the seasons should be longer but should not have general open seasons; that the three-fourths curl regulation should be reduced to one-half curl to get better meat instead of a trophy. However, Mr. Guth said bighorn sheep should be regarded only as a trophy animal, not to provide meat. Several said the season is fine as is and should not be changed.

Mr. Salter said about 500 sheep tags are sold annually and about 50 sheep are harvested. There is only one special hunt, a five-permit hunt in Fremont County. Nineteen bighorn sheep from British Columbia have been released in Owyhee County and about 80 more will be released during a five-year period. The wild turkeys released in the lower Salmon River area have reproduced each year, scattered a lot and the Department has high hopes they will be successful.

President Filer introduced Mr. Steve Boller of the Attorney General's office. He discussed the court case questioning the constitutionality of the area designation system based on the right of the Outfitters' and Guides' Licensing Board, as a state agency, having the authority to regulate use of national public lands.

Mr. Filer asked for discussion of a date for the Fall meeting. Mr. McCurdy

explained that the by-laws provide for the Fall meeting to be held during the second week in December. With the extended hunting seasons, this date prevents some members from attending because they have hunters out. Mr. McCurdy moved that:

"Section I, Article 3, of the by-laws be amended to provide for the annual meeting dates be set so as to be flexible to the convenience of the members of the Idaho Outfitters' and Guides' Association."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Beckley and the motion carried.

Mr. O'Connor moved that:

"The Fall meeting be held on December 18 and 19 at Shore Lodge, McCall."

Motion seconded by Mr. Strickler and adopted.

President Filer appointed the following as a Sportshow Committee: Chairman, Al Tice; Eggs Beckley, and Larry Garner.

Mr. Steve Boller explained the duties of Jay Taylor as executive secretary for the Licensing Board.

President Filer explained the existing Licensing Board membership situation and methods of nomination and appointment of members.

Mr. Guth moved that:

"The President extend the appreciation of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association to Mr. Ken Strickler for the embarrassment caused him by the confusion regarding his appointment to the Licensing Board."

The motion was seconded and adopted unanimously and the group gave Mr. Strickler a standing ovation.

Mr. Guth moved for adjournment and the meeting adjourned.