

OUTFITTERS & GUIDES BOARD MEETING

Shore Lodge, McCall, Idaho

December 3, 1974

The meeting was arranged at McCall for the convenience of outfitters and Forest Service people who would be there for the annual meeting of the Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association, Inc.

The meeting convened at 8:30 a. m. with members present: Vice Chairman Baughman, Lon S. Jarvis, R. J. Holmes and Jim Renshaw and Lois Merritt, Sec.

Complaints were reviewed and investigations planned.

Chairman Lanham arrived.

Applications were reviewed and licenses signed.

The meeting recessed at noon until 1 p.m. when it reconvened with all members present.

Representatives of the Forest Service met with the board to discuss mutual problems. Those present were: Bill Sendt, Harold Bolt, Pete Mourtsen, and Earl Dodds of Payette National Forest; Mike Rinehart, Sam Warren & Ted Anderson of Challis National Forest; Alan Defler & Barry Hicks of Nez Perce National Forest; Andy Finn & Jim Moorhead of Salmon National Forest; Hoyle L. Sorenson of Ogden, Utah; & Mike Wilkins. Outfitter related problems on the national forests were discussed. These included the filing of bankruptcy by outfitter Clifford L. Ferguson and future licensing of the big game hunting area with the possibility of setting maximum number of hunters to be allowed.

The Forest Service would like to have criteria drawn up which would indicate when white water rivers are safe for boating. No agency wishes to assume this responsibility. The degree of safety would depend largely upon the qualifications of the boat operator and the adequacy of his equipment.

Al Defler asked if the Forest Service could obtain copies of our investigators' camp inspection reports.

Earl Dodds showed pictures of Idaho Primitive Area camps and garbage dumps-not all were outfitter camps. He said wilderness requirements will be enforced in all the Idaho Primitive Area.

The meeting recessed at 4:45 p.m. until 8:45 a.m. on December 4, when the meeting reconvened to discuss requirements for licenses for cross country skiing.

Those present were: all board members, Lois Merritt, Sec., Robert C. Krumm, Frank P. Florence, Jack McKie, Barry Hicks, Alan Defler, Hoyle Sorenson, Sam Warren, Andy Finn, Earl Dodds, Jan Robertson, Bill Robertson, Ted Anderson, Mike Rinehart, Vern Morse, Bobbie Kay Downend, Gary E. Mullins, Irene LaMarche, Richard L. Stauffer, Jim Moorhead, Ralph F. Rutter, Dale & Judy Gelskey, John Jonas, Betty Bell, Pat Reed, Joe & Bonnie Leonard.

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The board explained that whenever anyone offers to hire out to take people on cross country tours they are required to have a license from the state of Idaho and must meet reasonable qualifications as determined by the board.

There was general discussion and then small group discussions. It was recognized that there is a need to adopt standards of national ski organizations so that certification by such an organization would qualify an applicant for a license as to ability and experience.

The newly organized Intermountain Division of the U.S.S.A. held a clinic at Galena Lodge followed by an examination based on requirements of the Rocky Mountain Division U.S.S.A.

The Pacific N.W. Ski Instructors Association will have training sessions at Bogus Basin and an examination for certification at McCall in May.

Northern Intermountain Professional Ski Instructors Association, Inc. is an organization based at Sun Valley and has no affiliation with regional or national organizations.

Those at the meeting were asked to draw up recommendations and have a committee to present them to the board in writing on the following morning at 8:30.

Dick Norris appeared to request that he be licensed for the big game hunting area he had released to Orval Rice since Rice did not get a license to operate in 1974-75. The board told him the area is probably not adequate for commercial hunting but that any written application will be given consideration.

Floyd Harvey appeared to object to the number of boat operators on the Snake River.

The meeting recessed at 12 noon so some of the members could attend the meeting of the board of directors of the Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association, Inc.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 on December 5 with members present Lanham, Baughman, Holmes and Jarvis.

Pat Reed appeared to protest the licensing of Errol Henderson as a guide for Robert Gillihan because he had a game violation-a nonresident purchasing resident fishing and hunting licenses. He said there were other charges pending against him. It was explained to Mr. Reed that the board is allowed by statute to use discretion in denying applications because of a violation of fish and game laws-it is not mandatory. Mr. Lanham said that Mr. Henderson had worked for him and he found him to be very capable.

Dale Gelsky and Joe Leonard appeared for the skiers. Representing the Forest Service were Hoyle L. Sorenson, Gary Hand, Jerry Green, Dave Lee and Dick Stauber. There was further discussion of certification and

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the need for licenses. Mr. Sorenson said the Forest Service would be drawing up requirements for permits in Region IV and would send them to the board.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. to attend the opening session of the Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association annual meeting.

A list of licenses approved or denied is attached and is included in these minutes.

James G. Banghman Lpis Merrett Sec.

LICENSES ISSUED TO DECEMBER 3, 1974

OUTFITTERS

Gelskey, Dale E.
Odmark, Leif

GUIDES

Close, Tom
Taylor, Rex C.
Tucker, Thomas L.