

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

Boise, Idaho

February 4 & 5, 1976

The meeting convened at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Baughman and Jim Renshaw present. Mr. Holmes went directly to the statehouse for a meeting with Deputy Attorney General Peter J. Heiser, Jr.

Baughman and Renshaw reviewed changes in the outfitter and guide law to be proposed by the board and recessed at 8:45 a.m. to consult with Mr. Heiser concerning preparation of a bill to be introduced in the legislature.

The meeting reconvened at 11 o'clock with Baughman, Renshaw and Holmes present.

Upon advice of our attorney, Jordan Smith, the board decided to accept payment of the Clifford L. Ferguson bond from Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co. All known claimants who have not already submitted proof of claim will be contacted. This will include those on the list of hunters submitted to the bankruptcy court by Ferguson. The bond will be distributed first for deposits actually lost. If there is a sum remaining it would be pro rated for another specific loss, possibly unused licenses. It is doubtful that the bond will cover actual deposits.

Complaints against Wally York & Son, St. Joe Outfitters, Gladys York, Camas Creek Outfitters, John Vail, Al Beam and Joe Peck were reviewed. The complaints were discussed with Travis York and Joe Peck at the December meeting at McCall. York was advised to make changes in his advertising to more specifically describe the services he offered as this was the basis of the complaint. The complaint against Peck was that drinking water was taken from Norton Lake. Mr. Peck said water for drinking was taken from a spring.

The bond for St. Joe Outfitters has been cancelled, effective February 28, 1976. They are to be notified that their outfitter license becomes null and void on that date if another bond has not been filed. Questionnaires have been sent to their hunters. Bader and Dianda will be required to meet with the board before another license is granted.

A list of hunters is to be requested from Chuck Overland, Camas Creek Outfitters, and he will be required to appear before the board.

John Vail is to be informed of the complaint regarding his service and asked to appear. Also, Gladys York.

Correspondence was reviewed. Bill White asked if he could get the outfitter license in his name since he is sole owner of the corporation, Indian Lake Outfitters. According to statute and our rules and regulations any corporation operating as an outfitter must have a license and have a managing agent who also has a license. If he dissolves the corporation, the license could be transferred to his name alone.

The meeting recessed at 5 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m., February 5, with members present Baughman, Renshaw, and Holmes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved upon motion by Renshaw, seconded by Holmes.

Contracts were signed employing Mike Wilkins and Cecil Sanford as investigators for the board for 1976.

Licenses issued since the last meeting were reaffirmed: Bruce W. Baird, outfitter license for bear, cougar and predator hunting, guide license for Katharine Gray and Carol Patricia Harden for outfitter Leif Odmark. Gary Madsen was given a new area description for hunting as Mike Loening released his area to him. Dennis C. Shea was denied a guide license as we received a statement from Gary Bader that he no longer was employed by them, so he did not have a signature of a licensed outfitter on his application. *A licensed outfitter employer is required to obtain a guide license, Idaho Code, 36-5402* L. M.

Administrative Assistant, Lois Merritt, submitted her resignation effective July 1, 1976.

Gerald Bentley appeared to request a license for trips on the lower Salmon using orange torpedo boats. Since these are one passenger boats our regulation requiring a guide in each boat would not apply. The board gave tentative approval for three licensed guides to ten passengers with a guide in the supply raft to lead and two guides following with the passengers. This is subject to revision. Mr. Bentley's bond was not in order so final action was not taken on his application.

Eggs Beckley, Ted Epley, Maxine Larkin and Beverly Murphy appeared in regard to the new rule that guides should have first aid training. They feel that it will be difficult to find guides in time for them to get the training which will result in many unlicensed guides. The board agreed to give the matter further consideration.

Howard Hemphill, Annapolis, Maryland appeared to discuss future plans for a lodge on a ranch at Gibbonsville. He would like to offer summer trips and skiing and snowmobiling. The board told him that there are no plans at present to limit such activities in the Gibbonsville area and to come back when he is further along with his plans.

Homer Rhett and Mike Bishop appeared to discuss the sale of the Rhett big game outfitting business. Mr Bishop appears to have had experience but no decision could be made without reviewing his complete application.

Larry Jarrett appeared to discuss outfitting deer hunters on the North Fork Boise River. The board told him the area is hunted extensively by private hunters and it just doesn't qualify for a commercial hunting operation.

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Gertrude Maxwell and Ray Snyder appeared to discuss Mr. Snyder's taking over Maxwells big game outfitting operation. Since her operations is in three ranger districts, he was advised to consult each ranger.

Correspondence was reviewed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

James F. Banghman

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