

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

February 12, 13, 14, 1979

Boise, Idaho

Monday, February 12, 1979

At 8:30 a.m., the regular board meeting convened, with all board members present. Chairman Rex Lanham presided.

A breakdown of our budgeted personnel costs for FY 1979 and FY 1980 for a Legislative Fiscal Impact statement was reviewed. This statement was requested by Fiscal Officer John Franden to show what staff layoff would be necessitated if the \$18,500 operation and maintenance transfer was not made to personnel costs and also what reduction would be required if the budget remained at the FY 1979 level for FY 1980. The Board approved the statement to be sent to the Legislative Council for the Finance Compartment Committee.

At 9 a.m., Jack Griswold and Bob Entwistle, Forest Service personnel, Boise National Forest met with the Board regarding setting standards and controls on so called helicopter skiing.

Rex mentioned the Board wants no part of the flying aspect of this mountain skiing--too many ramifications. The Forest Service agreed but Ranger Griswold pointed out that they see it as guided skiing and their permits will only allow participation of skiers who are fully qualified in avalanche, hypothermia, first aid, compass, waxing, survival and shelter. Bob Entwistle, said the need of terms involving this type of skiing was needed, and could be two licenses involved, one for cross country and one for this mountaineering type skiing, as Bill had pointed out that two different types of equipment would be involved.

Bob further stated that PSIA certification was hard to get certified for but that it was stringent enough to cover this mountaineering type of skiing also. Bill mentioned that in talking with Butch Harper, Forest Service, he had expressed a fear that the Forest Service and state license board might get carried away with regulations.

Jack Griswold said the only permit the Forest Service has now only regulates the cross country and a permit is needed which covers the skier no matter which type he is doing.

Mr. Baughman suggested that the terminology of this type of skiing should be closely defined. The Forest Service said they were suggesting it be called "Underdeveloped Commercial Backcountry Alpine Skiing."

Lon suggested that Butch or whomever is qualified draft guidelines and let the Board look at them. It was agreed that Bill Guth would meet with the Forest Service and work up some guidelines. Also mentioned that a tentative approval for operation should be obtained from Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and/or private lands prior to issuance of a license; that all must work together; that the Forest Service is working up a safety program, and is identifying various operations now. Jack also said the Forest Service aim is protection for the public.

New business was brought up after the Forest Service men left the meeting: Attorney Jordan Smith's request for a copy of the minutes involving Andreessen was brought to the attention of the Board, the Board's request for refund of life, AD & D and disability premiums paid and state insurance reply; Workmen's Compensation dividend and premium due and the last three years compared; printing cost escalating--Board instructs to get bids on major printing; wages and increases due and the attorney's fee were presented.

Telephone calls from Attorney Hurlbutt regarding Grand Canyon Dorries' pending suit

still not filed, and fine monies recovery were talked about. Board agreed that the law which gives the Board one-half of the fine monies went into effect by emergency law, March 16, 1978, and that Bill would contact the Lemhi County court. Also Donald Whitecotton's telephone call about his difficulty getting bonded was discussed. He is attempting to get licensed now.

Old business brought up was as follows: Gentry Scott's claim against Overland's Association blanket bond; David and Shiela Mills and their guide, Mike DeLate's float boat training on the Bird of Prey area of the Snake River--Bill proposed to accept their statement of previous traingin, seconded by Mr. Baughman and approved; letters from Phil Johnson of Clayton and Vernon P. Johnson of Arco about their assigned areas; Dr. Hatch advising that Gary Madsen would be managing agent; Dick McAfee's call about the Forest Service's request for documented summer use where Leoning plans to operate; and Shepp Ranch's insufficient fund \$20.00 company check--the Board determined that company checks not be accepted unless the license can be held for check clearance.

After the lunch recess, all members reconvened except Rex. Vice-Chairman Jim Baughman presided.

A copy was received of the District Court document showing George May was fined \$757.50 for outfitting bear hunting without a license. Also mentioned was a phone call from Forest Service special agent Halstead about May's advertising North American Adventures in Utah. The Board determined that May's employing outfitter, Leo Crane, should be asked to meet with the Board in pril, so it could be explained how George May could be his booking agent. Lon brought up that Crane should be knowledgeable that he is responsible for George in his area. Also the Board thought maybe it would be a better operation as outfitter/managing agent, same as Dr. Hatch/Madsen.

Larry Jarrett's extension request and his past year's operation in Locketts and in Jordans areas and as a "guide" was discussed. Fish and Game letters were reviewed. Then the Board denied his extension request of January 10, 1979, by motion made by Ivol, seconded by Bill and passed.

At 2:00 p.m., Dave Williams, Salmon met with the Board regarding getting a bear/cougar hunting area. The Board told Mr. Williams, that the reference letters in his file showed, he had been commercially hunting and the hunting in Larry Moats' area he has been doing was illegal. After much discussion on hunting areas and approvals for new bear/cougar hunters, Dave was advised that if he could get permission from existing bear/cougar hunters, they would consider approval. That they could give him a small area unassigned for now and probably existing outfitters are not hunting cougar and he could get more area. He said he did not hunt elk or deer.

At 3:00 p.m., Jim Striker, Wallace, met about licensing two small areas in St. Joe and one in Coeur d'Alene National Forests, where there is not commercial outfitters assigned. The Board saw no problems. He advised he would get a new Red Cross course taken but wants his license ahead of guiding qualification.

Bill brought up that Mark Heald wanted to get Cal Stoddard's power boating. The Board determined that the section Stoddard has to Salmon Falls on the Main Salmon river was for access to his hunting area, but would check further.

Dale Jennings, Peck, Idaho, application for bear hunting was brought up. Fish and Game response to Board's inquiry was negative to another outfitter as Crane, Weedle, Tarbox and Beal are along the North Fork of the Clearwater. The Board determined that the open area would be okay.

At 4:00 p.m., Rex left the meeting and Dalbert Allmon, Eagle came in about his

extension for additional bear/cougar area next^{to} Pat Reed, Ray Seely and Philip Bub Smith. He said, "same area as was denied last year but thinks Fish and Game sees it differently this year."

Unfinished business was taken care of for balance of day which covered letters from Millard Strunk, Kent Cantlin, William Granda, Albers (about Jim Bridges), James Henry Katz (about a refund on last year's fee paid), and John Robert Jones about being managing agent for Beamers.

Recess at 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13, 1979

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m., with Vice-chairman Jim Baughman presiding and Rex Lanham and Ivole Sies in attendance.

Ray Rugg, St. Ignatius, Montana met with the Board about being licensed for Arnolt Oswald's area which he is releasing. Mr. Rugg is currently a licensed outfitter in Montana. No problems seen for licensing.

At 8:45 a.m., Lon joined the meeting and Rex left to attend another meeting.

The Board reviewed and signed applications. They also talked about outfitters with expired Red Cross cards that are ignored until license time. Determined that a form letter should be sent and hold license.

At 10:00 a.m., Everett Woodworth, Orofino met with the Board again asking for a slight change in Al Spence area to include^{area in} Kelly Creek Ranger district for next year's license. Board asked for documented Forest Service approval. He asked for approval to start advertising. His license will be approved for old Al Spence area only for 1979-80.

At 10:30 a.m., Rex returned to the meeting and employees and wages were discussed. Maintenance agreement guarantee on photocopier was presented. It was agreed to sign the new maintenance agreement as Finch-Brown requested.

Boating then was brought up. Bureau of Land Management, Cottonwood's letter for transfer approval of Stanton Miller's permit to Mackay Bar and two Moscow fellows new request for use of the lower Salmon River, Thomas Foster advertising illegally, plus those already on the priority list was reviewed.

The Board discussed and agreed that a list of those with non-use permits be obtained from Bureau of Land Management on the lower Salmon River and a letter be sent to each outfitter prior to removal of this section from their license.

After the lunch break, all board members reconvened, except Bill Guth.

Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed, then the new rivers being opened from the hearing were worked on.

Bill joined the meeting at 3 p. m.

Lon proposed that each river opened be set with a maximum the Board felt the river might someday handle, but a one-year impact study moratorium be set in conjunction with the Forest Service and Fish and Game input limiting to a reasonable amount of boaters each year. The Board all agreed, then the following resolutions were made and passed. Lochsa River - float only, 5 maximum with an opening year

moritorium of two float boaters for 1979-80. Payette River, South Fork (Mouth of Middle Fork to Banks) - float only, 5 maximum with a moritorium of two float boaters for 1979-80; (Grandjean to Lowman) - float only, 5 maximum with a moritorium of two float boaters for 1979-80; Payette River, Banks to Black Canyon Dam - float only, 5 maximum with a moritorium of three float boaters and no power boating allowed on Payette River which removes one grandfathered-in license for power. The other rivers to be tabled for time being for lack of impact information. These motions were made by Lon, seconded by Ivöl and adopted by unanimous vote.

Dates set for the Payette River, South Fork (both sections) to have a June 20th cut off and Payette River, Banks to Black Canyon Dam, no cut off. Lochsa River, cut off by July 10. This was determined by Bill's motion and seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

The initial guiding qualification on the new rivers will be by option of the Board by experience and qualification presented, by motion of Bill, seconded by Ivöl and adopted.

Garn Christensen, managing agent of new corporation, Sawtooth Outfitters and Guides, Inc. (and part owner of a retreat called Two Ravens at Tall Pine), met with the Board about relicensing - requesting bird hunting, fishing, backpacking, skiing; also boating on the South Fork of the Payette River. They have purchased 47 acres in another location above Lowman. Robert Marsh, a former guide and a professor at Boise State University would guide the river operation if approved.

Rex left the meeting at 4 p.m., and after further questioning and explanation of what the corporation was planning, the Board recessed at 5:00 p.m., after Garn left.

February 14, 1979

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with vice-chairman Jim Baughman, Ivöl Sies and Bill Guth present. At 9:00 a.m. Rex Lanham joined the meeting after an early morning meeting with Legislator, Walt Little.

Mr. Baughman brought up that the bear/cougar hunting areas need reviewed and realistically looked at. All the Board concurred. Then it was suggested to possibly have a meeting of all bear/cougar hunters and all big game hunter outfitters for their input-possibly at the Associations spring meeting. After much discussion, it was agreed to seek game information in larger areas which would include major drainages and to notify all hunting outfitter, as well as Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Fish and Game personnel, for their input.

The following new applicants applying for licenses were discussed: Errol Arford, Lewiston (fly fishing instructor in a number of northern areas)-the Board determined that Art Seamons, District Ranger in NezPerce National Forest should be contacted; Donald Whitecotton, St. Maries and Attorney General's office, Jean Uranga's letter about his illegal advertising for big game hunting; James Sisson, Jerome about getting a float license on the Snake River from lower Salmon Falls Dam to Bliss Dam.

A form letter devised by the office staff regarding outfitter first aid updating was reviewed and approved by the Board. A motion by Bill, seconded by Ivöl and passed that new outfitters that are licensed for 1979-80 year not have their licenses sent to them until April 1, 1979.

Rex left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Then the following state business was discussed prior to lunch: The Board's re-

quest for refund on premiums paid on life, AD&D by Continental Insurance Co.; Workmen's Compensation premium due and dividend paid, the comparison of printing costs the past two years; wage increases due Pat and Alaire, and Attorney Hurlbutt's January bill for services rendered.

Following lunch the Board meeting continued with Jim Baughman, Bill Guth and Ivor Sies working on unfinished business, miscellaneous letters and phone calls. Then after setting March 26-28, 1979 as the next meeting date, the Board adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The attached list of licenses approved, denied and extended is attached and becomes part of these minutes.

Edythe Blele, Secretary

James L. Baughman

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

Licenses issued between January 29, 1979 through February 14, 1979

Outfitter

None

Guides

None

Licenses extended or denied

Outfitter Denial

Jarrett, Larry, Denial of additional area for bear and cougar hunting as area is extensively roaded, easily accessible to and heavily used by the public.

Guides

None