

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

Boise, Idaho

March 26, 27, 28, 29, 1979

Monday, March 26 the regular board meeting of the Outfitters and Guides Board was called to order by Chairman Rex Lanham; others in attendance were Jim Baughman, Bill Guth, Lon Jarvis and Ivol Sies.

The January meeting minutes were read and approved, by motion of Ivol, seconded by Lon and passed unanimously.

Wild Rivers West, Inc.'s new owner, Vinson Johnson, of Santa Barbara, California, Doug Sholes new managing agent, and realtor, Ernest Krueger of Salmon met with the Board at 9:15 a.m. about licensing the float boating operation previously licensed to Terry Andreessen as managing agent and Mike Camerer and Ed Link, all part owners. Mr. Johnson said he would get qualified and licensed as a guide, and the operation would be run as Andreessen had conducted his trips. Copies of release of interest of Camerer, Link and Andreessen were requested.

At 10:00 a.m. William Bender, Salmon met with the Board about altering his first aid card, and the proposal of Bender becoming the managing agent for Carl Russell's Wilderness Encounters business. He explained he altered the first aid card to get a license as the Red Cross class had been cancelled, and the Board asked if he had discussed the altered Red Cross card with Jim Campbell, who was then his outfitter. He said no and admitted his letter about loss of his billfold was a hoax too. The Board asked if he was aware of the implications of falsifying legal documents and then advised him to make Mr. Russell aware of his status, and that if anything happens in the future that this would all be brought up again as it was very serious. Mr. Bender said he was sorry for the trouble he caused, as he left the meeting.

At 10:45 a.m., Chuck Johnson and Emmett Smith, and wives, from Hunter and Malo, Washington met their appointment as new outfitter applicants as Dixie Outfitters, Inc., as they have purchased Ralph Dawson's business. Emmett Smith would be a guide and Charles Johnson would be the managing agent. They advised they would conduct same operation as Dawson, but would seek a 4th campsite in Moose Butte area as Dawson has suggested. They said Mr. Dawson has agreed to help them on weekends and would go on at least two hunts this fall. The Board warned them on overbooking and also advised to comply with rules and regulations and notify those who were booked already. They were told that the area was not exclusive and another application has been made for bear hunting in that area.

Before lunch break, Leo Crane's letter was reviewed. It was determined to send the answer Ivol had drawn up and to also have him meet with the Board at the April Association meeting at McCall to explain the George May situation to him.

All board members reconvened after lunch, and Edward McCallum, Priest River explained his outfitter request for a big game, bear and cougar area in Fish and Game Unit #1. He also asked about a future backpacking school which might involve some of outfitter, Stan Sweet's area. The Board could see no problem but to get an approval from Sweet for extension into his assigned area.

Ralph Dawson and Wife, from Dixie, Idaho then arrived to talk to the Board. Mr. Dawson gave a letter of release for Johnson and Smith and explained he would assist with a couple of hunts this fall and has arranged to take time off from his county job to assist the new outfitters.

At 2:30 p.m., Errol Arford, Lewiston, fly fisherman outfitter applicant, showed the Board on the maps the areas in five forest districts he is requesting. He also wants backpacking for fishing into some areas. He was advised by the Board to pare down the area of operation and, request additional areas as business expands, as the Forest Service were reluctant to issue permits. He was advised that his application will be held for time being.

The Board then reviewed George May's outfitter application for an area for bear hunting and fishing on Dworshak Reservoir, and the response from Fish and Game. A letter was read from Frank Cominski of Houston, Texas about the \$4,000 loaned to George May and a 1979 Safari International brochure Mr. Cominski sent, which advertises an Idaho bear hunt offered by George May. The Board determined that a reply be sent to Mr. Cominski.

Forest Service ranger Drew Bellon, McCall called to advise the Board that he had signed an application approval for Don Waller on an area adjoining Del Davis and has reconsidered, as he feels there could be trouble between the outfitters.

The application of David Williams, Salmon for bear and cougar hunting was discussed and approved for a nil area between Giles and Briggs and in the same area as licensed to Grady Smith. Mr. Smith has sent an approval letter for joint use. The proposed additional area will be considered later as it involves eight other outfitters.

At 4:00 p.m., Dave Howard, Cascade met with the Board and explained the changes he, Don Waller and True Trophy's are proposing; Don Waller to be the new managing agent, as Dave Howard is applying for the area formerly licensed to Enos Kimball. The business will headquarter at Yellowpine, Idaho, and they are requesting additional hunting and summer operation area between Del Davis which was once licensed to Lafe Cox. The Board made no decision as applications were incomplete but determined to talk to Don Waller as new managing agent at the April McCall meeting.

Dave Howard explained his involvement as taxidermist in an illegal wolf kill which resulted in his citation by Fish and Game - case is pending.

Before the meeting recessed at 5:10 p.m., the case filed by Grand Canyon Dories, Inc. and James Gellein against the Board was discussed; also Forest Service Ranger, Jim Morrhead's call about Stoddard's proposed release of the area on north side of the Salmon River with a boating permit involved. The Board thought that the area was too small to support an independent outfitting business.

All members of the Board reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27, with Chairman Rex Lanham presiding.

Unfinished business was conducted with a decision to hold up on Dale Jennings' application to outfit bear and cougar hunting in 2-mile area around Dixie, Idaho until after the bear/cougar combination of areas was discussed at the McCall Association meeting. Letters were reviewed: J. H. Huberty, Cliff Gallagher's complaint challenging the board's inquiry into his complaint; Gary Madsen and Ken Smith letters and phone calls regarding Ken Smith's hunt on Madsen; and Larry Jarrett's letter of apology was read.

Herman Kuykendall, with his wife and daughter, Peck, Idaho, then met with the Board about relicensing as an outfitter in an area around Dworshak Dam in conjunction with a guest-dude ranch he is purchasing. He was also interested in getting licensed for bow hunting and will guide for Tim Craig this year.

Investigation and complaints were next considered: (1) The Forest Service letters, phone calls, and request for copies of minutes covering the Loening/Scherer outfitting approval; (2) Ivol explanation of Phil's investigation of Vern Morse; (3) Fish and Game's inquiry about Dan Robertson; (4) High Country Outfitters' letter and our inquiry which showed he only supplies backpacking outfitters; (5) Donald Whitecotton, St. Maries about Attorney General Office's plans that Jean Uranga will contact him personally.

Also discussed was an inquiry from Jim Youren, Garden Valley about obtaining Idaho Guide Service's hunting area from Steve Jordan, and Jim Powell the newly appointed managing agent's claim to the area.

At 10:00 a.m., Lou Florence, new managing agent for Sawtooth Mountaineering, Inc. met ^{wish} the Board. He is an apprentice ski guide and Frank Florence will stay on the staff for trips that require the full qualification. He then mentioned two problems that were bothering them - one of Joe Leonard's guides, Ken Horwitz has used a teaching ski guide, Hariette Jorgensen, who has not been certified, and City Recreation's operation, which are conducted in some of the same area they use. The Board explained the City Recreation's program as they have checked into it and determined that Joe Leonard should be made aware of what is happening through Ken Horwitz's (Boot Works School) supervision.

Ian Wade, Northwest Outward Bound School Portland, Oregon then met with the Board about their business in the Sawtooth's and S.N.R.A. Dave Lee, S.N.R.A. outdoor director, has advised that Forest Service issues outfitter permits. Mr. Baughman pointed out that a few years back this school was involved in a school operation on the Middle Fork of the Salmon, and that their operation ceased when they were advised they needed a license. Mr. Wade advised what their operation was, which involves 40 people in groups of 10 in a 24-day stint in SNRA doing backpacking, mountaineering and rock climbing with 8 instructors with 8 assistants. Mr. Wade explained instructors train two weeks then are assistants for two months, when Mr. Baughman asked about mountaineering qualifications. The Board determined that they do need outfitter licenses and the instructors would need licensed as guides.

Prior to lunch break. the Board's attorney, Guy Hurlbutt, met with the Board regarding Grand Canyon Dorries; Associations HB 163 being passed, forfeiture fine monies collection, Stanton Miller's letters, and also his talk with Lemhi County court clerk regarding small fines imposed on illegal outfitters.

At 1:30 p.m. the Board reconvened with Vice-Chairman Jim Baughman presiding, Lon Jarvis, Bill Guth & Ivol Sies in attendance. Idaho Professional Guides School letter from C. Lane with Stanton Miller's address on it and the Forest Service disapproval for his request for fishing, trailrides and backpacking along the divide on Lemhi Pass and Montana border was discussed.

Jerry Stager and wife, Ketchum, met the Board about licensing area licensed presently to Eddie Bennett. Bow hunting would be of main interest; also may request additional area later between Sun Valley and Bennett area. He will get the Bennett release letter and complete his Red Cross training for guiding.

Paul S. Boyer, owner of Rapid River Ranch then applied to the Board to be the outfitter for his incomplete application. Don Fellom has left and the new foreman, Ralph Bass would apply for a guide license and himself as outfitter for the business which is not incorporated. He has a guest ranch for church groups up to 300 at a time.

Rex joined the meeting at 2 p.m., then Steve Jordan asked for time to talk to the Board on what was transpiring with Idaho Guide Service, corporation being split between Jim Powell and himself. Steve explained he was to retain the Snake River as licensed previously, Hell's Canyon to Lewiston and will request power and float from Glens Ferry down and the boating on the Payette River. Also, he said he would retain the hunting, Powell will retain the Salmon River boating portion as previously licensed. No application completed, therefore no decision. But the Board did talk to Steve about the float boat/jet boat incident with Echo; The Wilderness Company. He said no one hurt, and the complaint was blown out of proportion.

The Board also told him that Larry Jarrett hunting the Idaho Guide Service area as a guide must be handled differently, that Jarrett must be licensed as a managing agent.

• Ken Robertson, Grants Pass, Oregon met the Board as new managing agent for Al Beam Floats for the Middle Fork and Main Salmon from Corn Creek to Spring Bar, as he had purchased part of the corporation. Dave Stelling will continue as managing agent of the upper section of the Salmon River licensed to Al Beam Floats, Inc. Mr. Robertson was questioned about his advertising that he is already putting out - he will change it, he said.

After he left the meeting, word was received from the Forest Service that Ken Robertson had been involved in some problems in the past that the Board should be aware of - they determined that they would investigate thoroughly prior to consideration for licensing.

Dr. John Hatch, and Gary Madsen then met their appointment to explain the transfer of Dr. Hatch's business to Mr. Madsen. Gary will be managing agent for Dr. Hatch this year.

At 4:30 James Campbell of Shepp Ranch appeared to ask the Board about hiring of a well qualified trailriding guide which was not yet 18 years old. The Board advised it could not be done legally.

Before recess for the day, investigation and complaints were continued: Chuck Overland's bond forfeiture, Terry Andreessen's Fish and Game trial, Alvin Abrams and others advertising in the Association's pamphlet, and the Board's letter to Bureau of Land Management in answer to Thomas Foster's accusations was read and approved. Motion to recess at 5:20 p.m. was unanimous.

Wednesday, March 28, 1979

The Board reconvened at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Jim Baughman presiding and all members present except Rex Lanham.

The use of the lower Main Salmon River was discussed and it was agreed that a letter be sent advising that the licensing for this river (or any river) was for service to the public and continued non-use could result in it being removed for their license. Lu Verne Grussing's request that the Board consider the licensing of the lower Salmon River to a take-out point on the Snake River in conjunction with permits was discussed. Then, by motion by Lon and seconded by Ivol that motion was passed as worded above.

Rex joined the meeting at 8:40 a.m. and talk extended on use or lose aspect of the lower Salmon River. It was determined rather than give ultimatum to bring it up at Association meeting in McCall.

Tom Hansen, Boise and Salmon, Idaho met with Board about disapproval of allowance for additional bear/cougar hunters in his area. Then he requested the Board to return area released last year to David Howard as he said deal fell through.

Unfinished business which included Stanton Miller's former guide fee overpayment being claimed by two people; Board agreed to ask Bureau of Land Management and Fish and Game along with Forest Service to McCall board meeting; and then new rivers being opened were reviewed. The Board determined that the Middle Fork of the Payette was not suitable for a boating operation; the North Fork of the Payette, Carbarton to Cougar Mountain bridge at Smith's Ferry (approximately 12 to 15 river miles) was agreed upon, with 5 boaters maximum, limited to 2 yearly with a one year study moritorium set for float boating only - July 1 as cut off date.

Garn Christensen, managing agent for Sawtooth Outfitters and Guides, Inc. (Two Ravens at Tall Pine Lodge) letter about new licensing was read.

James Sisson, Jerome, managing agent for new business, Snake River Expeditions, Inc. met with the Board about float boating and fishing on the Snake River from Lower Salmon Falls Dams to Bliss and Niagra Springs to Buhl Country Club from June through September only. Fish and Game asked that geese nesting not be disturbed prior to June 1. Idaho Power has given a release. Mr. Sisson said he had floated the section many times and his guide, Terry Kulhanek took 3 trips in 1978. The Board agreed to allow this statement as valid qualification as rules and regulations do not cover training this section of the river.

Doug Anderson, Boise met with the Board about licensing as managing agent for a new operation, Rocky Mountain Fly Shop, Inc., Boise for fly fishing on Silver Creek, Loving Creek and Grove Creek, public sections. He was formerly licensed as managing agent of Streamside Adventures.

At 11:30 a.m., Tim Drew, Driggs, Idaho met with the Board about licensing The Infinite Odyssey of Boston, Mass., who conduct backpacking in the Sawtooths and White Clouds of Idaho. They also have some boating conducted under Bob Sevy Guide Service. Tim Drew explained their operation and the Board advised there was no question that they did need to be licensed.

The Board then recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 p.m., with all members present.

Boating on newly opened rivers, and Marty Morache's letter was again worked on. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Fish and Game for their recommendation for open dates and sections for the various rivers which the Board could work with at a later date.

Dr. Cal Lathen, Associate Professor and Outdoor Coordinator of University of Idaho letters were reviewed. The Board agreed that no licenses should be required as explained and he should be thus advised.

A Red Cross guiding qualification form letter as was requested by Lon was reviewed and approved, as was all other new business.

At 3 p.m. the bear and cougar hunting statewide areas as was revised by Ivol was explained, with the maps and breakdown of past two years harvest in each area. Determined that maps be taken to McCall meeting and explain the Board's problems at that meeting.

Bill left the meeting at 4 p.m. and Rex left at 4:30 p.m. Then the meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m. following discussion on combining of areas for bear/cougar hunting.

Thursday, March 29, 1979

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, with Vice-Chairman Baughman and Ivol Sies determining in a telephone conversation with Bill Guth that a letter be sent from the Board that all hunting outfitters be aware of the McCall meeting, with regard to revision of bear/cougar areas for hunting, be sent by the Board office. Rex and Lon agreed as they joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The morning was spent with discussion of bear/cougar hunting area revision to include larger areas which is what is required by this type hunting the Board agreed, and with review and approval of outfitter and guide application.

After lunch break, the four board members reconvened, (Bill Guth not present) and they continued review of applications. It was agreed by Jim, Rex and Lon that river outfitters not requesting a section of the river should be left off license, without inquiry of outfitter, and if not requested the following year, the section of river could be considered free to be assigned to whomever is qualified on priority list.

Lon left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

At 2:45 p.m. James Powell, the newly assigned managing agent and owner of Idaho Guide Service met with the Board about licensing for 1979-80 for all that was licensed in past year, and also for Idaho Vacations, Inc.

Attached is the list of outfitters and guides who's applications were approved, extended or denied by the Board since the meeting in February and becomes part of these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Edythe Beale, Secretary

James G. Baughman

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Licenses issued between February 15, 1979 and March 29, 1979

OUTFITTER

Holiday River Expeditions, Inc.
Stewart, Harold

GUIDES

None

Licenses extended or denied

OUTFITTER

None

GUIDES

None