

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

Boise, Idaho

March 27 & 28, 1980

Thursday, March 27, 1980, the meeting convened at 8:30 a.m., with Chairman Rex Lanham presiding, Jim Baughman and Ivol Sies in attendance.

New Business was introduced: The wording of HB 640 bill currently in legislation, regarding schools being exempt for licensing, and the lobbying of some of the Association's Directors for the outfitter industry, was discussed; also, about HB 565 bill regarding a new entity being promoted through the legislature, concerning Idaho rivers. The Board determined that they would keep tabs of both during the next session of legislature.

During this discussion, Eldon Handy joined the meeting. Then, his appointment to succeed Lon Jarvis, who resigned early, March 13, 1980, for personal reasons, and Jim Baughman's reappointment, effective April 20, 1980, was discussed. Further New Business then was brought up--the Auditors, Don Robbins & Don Berg's recommendations were reviewed from their audit just being completed of 3 years (7-1976 thru 6-1979); also, secretarial wages were discussed and determined that no further action at this time.

At 9:15 a.m., Gerald "Jerry" Myers, Boise, new managing agent for Mackay Bar Corp., met with the Board to discuss his new position. Eldon asked his responsibilities: Liaison between business and governing agencies and running outfitting of Mackay Bar; Charlie Thompson will be float manager/guide, replacing him, and Steve Bly is the new general manager, replacing Dick Perkins.

Jerry asked about packing out game at Stonebreaker Ranch for a do-it-yourselfer and what responsibility the outfitter has. The Board explained that Mackay Bar would be the only legal operator in the area to assist, and advised him to explain to their help that cooperation should be extended in these instances.

Jerry will get the various land manager approvals for their applications, to complete them for licensing, as he wanted to start early guide training.

At 10:25 a.m., Marvin L. Todd, who recently moved to Boise, met with the Board about bear & cougar hunting east of Cascade--mostly interested in bear hunting, but wants 2 cougar hunts in December. He is a licensed Nevada outfitter, dba Diamond Ranch Cougars, who takes 5 to 7 lion a year. He said he has hunted on his own in area around Yellowpine and saw 8 different sets of cougar tracks, and "caught" 17 bear in area east of Cascade.

The area requested has two other licensed outfitters, was explained, but he said he understood Ralls would be going back to Nevada. Jim also mentioned local pressure. Ivol asked if a limited license would be acceptable, and gave a report of past 3 years' take. He also explained that the resource would be checked into with F. and G.

After Mr. Todd left, the Board read letters to and from southern Idaho county legislators regarding pheasant and duck hunting outfitting. Rex voiced his opposition to legislative control, and felt a limited amount of outfitting would be okay to license. Ivol mentioned outfitter advertising creates an artificial demand--Jim concurred, and said overload of area would create problems for the public too. Eldon says that private lands are mostly involved, but that some outfitting is being done. He suggested to limit the number of outfitters, but limits cannot be held says Jim, same with advertising.

At 11:30 a.m., Robert Doppelt and partner, Robert Cooley of Oregon River Experiences, Eugene, Oregon, came in to talk to the Board about licensing on the lower Salmon River, which Hassinger of Frontier Expeditions has agreed to release to them in their business deal with him. They explained that they would run similar operation as Gerald Bentley does, and as they do in Oregon--paddle boats, and would run 2-passenger boats mostly. And in answer to Jim, they said they would run after July 15th, and would request permission from the Board for special trips for the paddle boats, as would be required.

After a late lunch break, the Board reconvened with all members present, as Bill Guth joined the meeting.

Brad Stockman, Ketchum then met with the Board about hunting outfitting he has requested (formerly licensed to Jerry Stager), being requested to add to his day trailride operation now licensed. He explained his experience as a guide for Harry Vaughn and his own hunting. The Board saw no problem but warned about licensing Bennett, if he does not intend to work for Stockman, as Bennett has suggested.

Ricks College & Richard Clark's call about licensing was mentioned by Rex--they will arrange an appointment with the Board at Salmon next week. There was discussion then on setting a hearing to set up separate sections for use on various rivers.

A phone call from Cecil was--that the decision in the Kellum case was "no license required"; that Borjesson was getting ready for bear hunting; and, that Art Seamons has been reassigned to Hell's Canyon NRA, Hell's Gate, Lewiston.

At 2:10 p.m.--Jim Herndon, Attorney for Hassinger, and new applicants, Doppelt & Cooley again met with the Board. Attorney Herndon submitted a written release and read the bill of sale, which designated \$3,500 for list, permit and equipment that included a larger boat which Oregon River Experiences will use too on the lower Salmon, they said. Then before they left, the Board explained the use or lose policy in effect--they said they would definitely use their permit.

Then Michael Quinn, proposed new M.A. for Heise Hot Springs' new outfitter business, met about getting licensed for boating on the South Fork of the Snake River. He was interested in floating a portion of the river not usually used (90% use in Comant Valley down to Heise). It was discussed about a hearing to divide the rivers into sections. He will apply for power boating only but wants put on priority list for his float boating requested.

Robert Hennefer & wife, Terry, Carey, Idaho met with the Board about archery hunting big game, fishing & trailrides in an area presently licensed for some activities to Sun Valley Co., between Jarvis and old Bennett area. Hennefer runs winter sleigh business of Sun Valley and they would allow trailriding in their assigned area, he said. He did not have an application completed with area, therefore the Board will not take action until completed. However, Ivot said he would check with F. & G., on the resource.

At 4 p.m., Neil Gray, Lodi, Ohio, and Richard C. Byers, Elk City, Idaho, met with the Board, submitting partnership applications for big game, bear, cougar, fishing and trailrides in an area where Byers and son had licensed for outfitting 1962-71. The area is mostly licensed at present to Dixie Outfitters and Paul Resnick dba Shepp Ranch, and includes small portions of Joe Wilson's and Idaho Vacations, Inc. (now licensing as Salmon River Guide Service), as well as mining claims and private land. The applications were not complete, therefore no decision, but they were told the area was mostly licensed to others, with some open area which will not be licensed due to road accessibility.

Then, prior to recess at 5:10 p.m., New Business was completed which included the Board's instruction to the Secretary to write to the Industrial Safety Bureau about availability of Building's two large fire extinguishers outside office's door.

Friday, MARCH 28, 1980, the Board reconvened at 8:30 a.m., with all members present, Rex Lanham presiding.

Old Business was brought up: A letter photocopy sent from Risk Management was read concerning the legal action filed by Ralph E. and Bonnie C. Johnson, Atlanta, GA, being denied due to time limitation on filing claim. The Board's letters to the Governor and others who had received carbon copies, as well as a letter written to Ralph and Bonnie Johnson, were also read and approved.

Enforcement Business next was decided upon: Four days wages from 1979 asked for by Cecil--Board approved to pay; Phil's report on filing an arrest warrant against Steve Jordan for illegal outfitting; and Board determined they would call Mike at Salmon meeting. There was also discussion about revising warning citations that are used by F. & G., but will seek investigator's opinions etc.

Misc. Outfitter Business was worked on next: 1- Richard Jones' call for interpretation of new rules & regs., and request for approval for abbreviated boat identification, as well as his request for a different boat/guide ratio, than the rules provide. He will write to the Board for official approval.

At 10:30 a.m., David L. Cox, Galesburg, Michigan met with the Board about becoming a managing agent for Double K Outfitters, as he is buying into the business as a partner. His advertising in his name in Outdoor Life was reason to deny licensing, was explained by the Board. He explained that if not licensed, no one would be out on a limb, as he would license to guide for Monty K. Smith, if denied outfitting. He will hunt with 4-wheel drive units to end of road, then on foot--will only have 4 pack animals. The Board warned him about not advertising until licensed and then not for horse-back hunts; and, if licensed to have qualified guides, as he said he would not be guiding personally but guiding for Phil Revell again part-time, who also guides part-time for him.

Outfitter Business was again worked on: 2- Dean Helfrich's request for exception on guides for guest-rowed boats--approved as described in Dean's 2/25/80 letter--also Eldon suggests advise use of life jackets; 3- Al Beam/Ken Robertson/F.S. letters and phone calls, re: Beam's permits; 4- James Danskin's "deals" with two new operators on the Henry's Fork the last two years; and, 5- Advertising, various outfitters--Board determined that a letter be sent to John Hill about horseback rides to mountain lakes, as only a boat outfitter.

Then, following the lunch break, all members reconvened and continued Outfitter Business: 6- John Waite, Salmon--letter for boat-fishing clarification, Board will answer. Then Outfitter Complaints were reviewed: 1- Joe Peck, complaint letter forwarded from F. & G.; 2- Borjesson's complaintants--Board will advise outcome of meeting. Ivol suggested bear & cougar hunting only, and will check with F. & G.; 3- Malone's complaint--will request meeting of Malone at Salmon board meeting; 4- Jim Smith's complaintant requesting his bond number; and 5- Jerry Spear having Montana complaints.

Fish & Game/F.S./BLM Business was discussed and Ivol's work on bear and cougar summary was reviewed. Then license applications were reviewed for approval for April 1, 1980 issuance, prior to the meeting adjourning at 5:30 p.m.

A list of those licenses which were issued, extended amended or denied since the last meeting, are attached, and become a part of these minutes.


Secretary to the Board


Chairman of the Board

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Licenses issued, denied or extended from February 14, 1980 to March 31, 1980

LICENSES ISSUED

OUTFITTERS

Brown, G. Darrell

GUIDES

Dieker, Paul E.

LICENSES EXTENSIONS

OUTFITTERS

Barker, John A. K. - Power boating on Salmon R. from Spring Bar to Lewiston on Snake R.
Hill, John - Float boating & guiding on Henry's Fork of Snake R.

Resnick, Paul M. dba Shepp Ranch - G. Darrell Brown added as M.A.

Sevy Guide Service, Inc. - Float boating on Jarbidge/Bruneau R. & S. F. Owyhee R.

Sevy, Robert J. - Float boating on Jarbidge/Bruneau Rivers & S. Fk. Owyhee R. and
guiding on S. Fk. Owyhee R.

Torrey, Ray - Spring bear & cougar hunting in Lemhi County

Williams, David E. - Spring bear & cougar hunting in Lemhi County

GUIDES

King, Clifford D. - Boarman on the M. Fk. Salmon R. from Dagger Falls to Indian Cr.