

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

December 3, 4 and 5, 1982

Boise, Idaho

At 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 3, during the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association meeting at the Holiday Inn, the Board was called upon by the boating committee to speak. Chairman Jim Baughman mentioned the problems of courtesy between the float and power boaters and said if continued, could cause a reaction against the whole boating industry.

Rules changes public hearing, set for the following week, December 11, was mentioned and those rivers proposed to be opened, closed and changed. The Association's Boating Committee's input would be welcomed.

Law enforcement and citations were noted, as well as the increase in altered Red Cross cards. Joe Tonsmeier suggested contact by the Board with the Governor's office to allow guides into the EMT program along with ambulance drivers. Glen Foster also mentioned that he was an instructor and others could get this training to help themselves.

Then, at 3:45 p.m., at the Horsemen's Meeting of the Association, the Board was called on again to talk.

The proposed rules changes meeting was noted and what had been suggested for hunting guide classification. There was quite a bit of opposition voiced, but finally agreed to have a committee's decision for the Board's consideration for the Hearing. Licensing all services by guides which are provided for outfitters and their clients, which could include the cook, was brought up. The majority who voiced their opinion were against having their cooks licensed.

Input on the combination area licensing for Lemhi--bear and cougar, and for Custer--cougar only, was mentioned. There hadn't been enough weather so far for good hunting was John Booker's response--Scott Farr and Ron Malone agreed. The Board said that all involved would be written to for input before the next licensing.

The meeting with the Board closed at 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1981

At 9:30 a.m., four members of the Board convened again at the Holiday Inn--there were present: Jim Baughman, Glen Foster, Harry Vaughn and Ivol Sies; along with Art Seamons, Assistant Project Manager, Hell's Canyon National Recreational Area, and Stan Kiser, River Ranger.

The two Forest Service men met with the Board for more discussion concerning licensing the Snake River for those with permits. A list was given of those holding jet boat and float boat permits. The F.S. mentioned those licensed who do not have permits--Art says the Forest Service will give 1-year grace on permit issuance to allow the Board to see how their licensing goes. Art explained their Management Plan would be completed by 1983, and all permits must be implemented by then. Permits held by Floyd Held, Steve Weiber and Mike Luther were discussed. Art said no conviction against the two men on consideration for licensing.

Art explained the Bid Prospectus--the Board registered concern in the government being the arbitrator in the applications, financial criteria, etc. Art says qualification would be most important consideration, and that competition for permits only fair. That Roger and Art will put together a selection committee and will write up requirements for the Bid Prospectus. A letter will be sent by the F.S. to all holding permits, advising that all holding permits to apply for licensing by Idaho by 1983.

Fees were discussed and possible increase for outfitters. The Forest Service permits are lower, but government is subsidized, Art mentioned.

After Art and Stan left the meeting, the four members of the Board met with a new applicant, Jerry Schmier, West Yellowstone, MT, and Larry Hultz, who would license as his guide. Mr. Schmier plans to license his business for snowmobiling; the letter from the Island Park F.S. was read, advising all area operators to obtain permits and licenses. He will complete his applications right away.

Then Cheryl Bransford, the widow of outfitter Gordon Bransford, who had passed away following an outfitting accident, met with the Board about the license. She explained she had worked with Gordon as a partner, hired and fired, and other business, and felt she could handle the business. An old guide, Bob Larosa, would stay on to help, and Gordon's father was a former guide in Alaska, who would also help. Mrs. Bransford was not considered as a new applicant and was given forms to complete ahead of the March 31, 1982 deadline.

Lester "Zeke" West came to meet with the Board about a complaint by a client who had a horse fall off a trail, killing the horse and causing damage to the client's gun.

Zeke explained it was one of his older and better horses--no problem in disposition and in good condition. Zeke feels that probably the horse had a heart attach and probably the 260# weight of the client entered in. Insurance has a \$500 deductible clause, and Zeke says he cleaned the gun and the scope may need replaced, but that Redfield does this.

After the Association's general meeting, the Board members reassembled and met with John A.K. Barker, Lewiston, on review of his license extension denial, for big game hunting.

After discussion on the area being largely special hunts, it was determined by John that he would modify his request and get a statement from the Fish and Game Department, then he will get back to the Board. The area in question was in Units 10, 11 and 13.

The Board recessed at 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1981

The meeting reconvened at the Board office with the same four members present-- Bill Guth was absent.

License applications were reviewed and approved. Dan Rotthoff has sold out except for his home and acreage, and now wants more river area licensed for floating on the South Fork of the Payette River, was mentioned.

The Board determined to write for information on snowmobiling in West Yellowstone from the Forest Service, for our files. A copy of Marty Mattson's letter will be mailed to them, along with a number of applications.

Enforcement was discussed. The Katz guides' trial was discussed--the Board agreed that a business luncheon with legislator-outfitter Ron Beitelspacher would be helpful for the Board and will be arranged for the next meeting, if possible.

Dave's work was discussed. Al has requested calling cards, which were approved to be printed. His approach to checking the hunting camps will be discussed with him, as complaints were being registered. It was mentioned that Dave not being available for the river checking until July must be avoided another year. Then Boyd Thietten, Riggins being available to work, as well as Don McPherson, Kooskia and Hayward Jacks was mentioned. They will be contacted in the spring if still available and needed.

Court cases were discussed--the Board agreed to help the Department of Fish and Game on the Lee Bridges case; Stanton Miller F.S. case information will be sent to Dave to follow up; and the Board agreed definition of boats is needed, as was brought out in the Mackay Bar Corp. case.

Complaints were looked at which included a client's letter against David L. Cox. He will be requested to come in. Also a message that Tom Olesky of Boise has received his \$200 deposit refund from Tom Hanson.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Included in these minutes are the licenses issued, extended, amended and/or denied since the November meeting.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary to the Board



Chairman of the Board