

MINUTES

Idaho Outfitters and Guides Board  
Boise, Idaho

November 22 and 23, 1983

A regular meeting of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Board was called to order by Chairman Glen R. Foster, at 0835, November 22, 1983, in the office boardroom at Boise, Idaho. Other members present were: Robert L. Salter, William R. Meiners, Scott Farr, and Harry W. Vaughn.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and corrected. Salter moved, Farr seconded and the motion passed THAT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 27, and 28, 1983, BE APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

The forthcoming hearing for proposed rules changes was discussed. It was determined that the hearing date be January 16, 1984, that it be publicized for public input in oral and written form, and that there be both a daytime and an evening session.

Payette Forest District Ranger's correspondence concerning the complaint against outfitters Stucker and Gillihan was read. Salter moved, and Vaughn seconded and the motion passed THAT BASED ON THE INFORMATION DATED NOVEMBER 7, 1983, RECEIVED FROM EARL DODDS, THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE TOM SEWELL COMPLAINT RECEIVED AUGUST 9, 1983.

The Gary Armacost and Joel Ryan reciprocal complaints were determined to be investigated further by inviting Art Seamons, Hell's Canyon NRA Assistant Project Manager, to meet with the Board at their December meeting. Based on this interview, the outfitter and guide may then be asked to appear before the Board.

Farr moved, and Meiners seconded and the motion passed by the four members present THAT THE BOARD ASK JEFF BALDWIN AND HIS OUTFITTER, ARCHIE GEORGE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD TO INVESTIGATE THE COMPLAINT OF OCTOBER 24, 1983, FROM EDWARD GLAZE, AND THAT UNLESS THERE IS A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION, THAT THE GUIDE'S LICENSE BE SUSPENDED FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD. Member Salter was absent during this vote.

A telephone call from outfitter Willard Godfrey, M.A., Fly Fishing Center International, Island Park, was taken by Chairman Foster and Vice-Chairman Salter, with Godfrey registering serious concern that one of his guides, James Vermillion, falsified his first aid training documentation. A letter from Godfrey will follow.

Prior to Ms. Sharon Miller, Managing Agent, and Ms. Linda Miller, of Miller and Miller Outfitting Company, Salmon and Boise, coming in to answer to a complaint filed by C. David Rose and Gerald Mirshak, the Board reviewed the charges. An explanation was given by Sharon and her daughter, concerning the complainants' dissatisfaction with the trip. Complainants were advised before trip of mosquito infestation at the camp grounds, of high water situation reducing hours of floating time. The guides became separated from their food supplies because of the complainants insistence on speeding up the trip to avoid mosquitos and get off the river ahead of schedule. The Millers explained they did not misrepresent the trip and presented pre-trip documents supplied to their guests. The accusation of drug use by the guide was denied. Following this meeting, Vaughn moved, Farr seconded and the motion passed THAT THE BOARD RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINANTS THAT THERE WAS AN INVESTIGATION ON EACH POINT IN THE COMPLAINT AND THAT, BASED ON THE EVIDENCE AT HAND, NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

A complaint registered by Richard Carignan, Kooskia, against outfitter Larry Jarrett, was read. The Board determined that Enforcement Officer Don McPherson be requested to obtain a report from the Kooskia hunters for the Board's December meeting. Also, outfitter Carl Hagaman will be contacted at the December meeting about a confrontation between Hagaman and the former owner, Byron Holcomb, Gooding, which resulted in a complaint being filed.

Mike Bishop, Managing Agent, M & M Outfitters, Cambridge, and Steve Jones, Potlatch, came before the Board concerning the proposed purchase of the Bishop business by Jones. Several forms were lacking for the Jones outfitter application including the signature of the area land manager, so no further action was taken at this time.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game Field Operations Chief, James Keating, and Anadromous Fisheries Coordinator, Herb Pollard, came before the Board to discuss steelhead fishing on the lower Salmon and other rivers in connection with rule number 22.c.20. These men were made aware that most all boaters, power and float, who are licensed for boating are also licensed for fishing and there was agreement that there could be possible public conflict on the lower Salmon river for the Spring Bar to Hammer Creek section. Chief Keating advised they will submit a written recommendation for the Board's consideration in the January public hearing.

Clive Strong, Deputy Attorney General, who joined the meeting during the previous appointment, stayed on to give counsel on several issues before the Board, including the Steven Jones application. Attorney Strong suggested it was not unreasonable for the Board to demand a copy of the contract and a written partnership agreement, along with a meeting with the father and mother who were also to be involved in the business, to determine future financial stability and insure continuity to the outfitting business being proposed. Salter then moved, Meiners seconded and the motion passed THAT BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF STEVEN JONES, POTLATCH, IDAHO, THAT NO FURTHER ACTION BE TAKEN ON HIS APPLICATION UNTIL SUCH TIME AS HE AND HIS FATHER APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPLAIN THEIR PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT.

The meeting recessed at 1800 hours.

Wednesday, November 23, 1983, at 0835, Chairman Foster again called the meeting to order. Other members present were: Robert Salter, William Meiners, Scott Farr and Harry Vaughn.

The first order of business was completion of Outfitter Complaints. Two letters were read from Bill and Ken Stewart, 1983 hunting clients of Nitz Brothers Outfitters. Also a telephone conversation with the Stewarts was reported by the Chairman indicating that other hunters may have also been involved. Farr moved, Vaughn seconded and the motion passed THAT THE BOARD SET A HEARING DATE OF JANUARY 17, 1984, TO PROCEED TO REVOKE THE NITZ BROTHERS OUTFITTERS, INC. LICENSES FOR APPARENT FRAUDULENT HANDLING OF CLIENTS HUNTING TAGS AND/OR OTHER IRREGULARITIES, IDAHO CODE 36-2113. 2., 7., AND 14. It was also determined to request a list of 1983 hunting clients from the Nitz Brothers.

The Board reviewed the license applications of James Vermillion and Nathan R. Smith and the fraudulent first aid cards submitted to obtain their licenses. Meiners moved, Vaughn seconded and the motion passed THAT THE BOARD SET A HEARING DATE OF JANUARY 17, 1984, TO PROCEED TO REVOKE THE LICENSE OF JAMES VERMILLION AND OF NATHAN R. SMITH AND SO NOTIFY THESE PEOPLE, IDAHO CODE 36-2113., 1.

The Board determined to continue with the criminal prosecution process on any additional false documentation presented for new licensing. The Dave Wilson application, submitted with a fraudulent first aid card, will be handled with a letter advising him and his outfitter of this procedure as in the past, and the office will forward the file information to the Attorney General's office for initiating legal action.

Vaughn moved, Meiners seconded and the motion passed THAT THE BOARD ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR GRANVILLE SHOOK FOR 1983-84 LICENSE YEAR, PROBATIONARY.

Board Business was reviewed which included: (1) the Governor's recommendation on a cost of living increase which made a revision in the FY 1985 budget; (2) the YTD board expense and income; (3) the past month's legal expense; and (4) revision of the 1984-85 license and application forms.

Outfitter Business included review of citations issued to Loren "Bud" Rogers and to Skull Creek Outfitters managing agent, Todd Hill and some of his guides and relatives. Further investigation will be made on these citations. A "compliment" letter was read from one of the hunting guests of Forrest Wilson. Dave Deeds and Dean Hoff will be advised that they need the land manager's approval to complete their extension request. Also the application from Ted Epley for pre-season and post-season boating on the Main Salmon and Middle Fork rivers was discussed. Salter moved, Vaughn seconded and the motion passed THAT TED EPLEY BE NOTIFIED THAT THE BOARD CANNOT CONSIDER HIS LICENSE EXTENSION, REQUESTED BY NOVEMBER 8, 1983 LETTER, BECAUSE IT WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED LICENSE EXTENSION FEE AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL III FORM.

Following lunch recess, all members reconvened for the meeting except Scott Farr.

The board members reviewed an accumulation of letters inquiring about recommended outfitters for floating, big game hunting, and other outfitted activities. Salter moved, Meiners seconded and the motion passed THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THESE LETTERS OF "INQUIRY" BE KEPT NO LONGER THAN ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF RECEIPT.

Incomplete Business included mention that the forthcoming U.S.F.S./State of Idaho Outfitters and Guides Board Cooperative Agreement draft had not been received. The Boise District representatives will be contacted. Also the Chairman explained a call received from Randy Miller, BSU, regarding his tardiness in responding to the Board's request about licensing.

The balance of the afternoon, the Board worked on formulation of rules corrections and/or changes which will be presented at the January 16, 1984 public hearing along with the rivers being petitioned for opening.

Bill Meiners left the meeting at 1715 hours, and a short discussion of personnel matters followed.

The meeting adjourned at 1800. A listing of all licenses issued, extended, amended, and/or denied since the last meeting follows as a part of these minutes.

  
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GLEN R. FOSTER, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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EDYTHE I. BLELE, Secretary

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSES EXTENDED, AMENDED OR DENIED

October 26 - November 21, 1983

LICENSES EXTENDED/AMENDED

OUTFITTERS:

Blackadar, Robert L.	Add power boating on Salmon River from Iron Creek to North Fork.
Coulter, Herschel	Add new area for spring bear hunting.
Jennings, Dale A.	Revise cougar area (Wording change only).
Juniper Mountain Outfitters	Add area for spring bear hunting.
Meholchick, Stanley Paul	Add bear hunting as a valid activity.
Orange Torpedo Trips, Inc.	Add float boating on Middle Fork of Salmon River.
Pullen, Dick	Change from boatman to lead boatman on Salmon River from Hammer Creek to confluence.
Stevens, Don W.	Add float boating on Middle Fork of Salmon River.
Walker, Larry F.	Add deer hunting and additional area in Units 13 and 18.
Whitten, Same	Add power boat guiding on Snake River from Hell's Canyon Dam to Pittsburg Landing.
Whitworth, David L.	Add guiding for wagon rides.
Woods, Nolan F.	Add power boating from Corn Creek to Vinegar Creek; and guiding from Ludwigh Rapids to Vinegar Creek.

GUIDES:

Butcher, Raymond Wesley	Change from apprentice guide to guide for big game hunting.
Jeschke, Francis J.	Include Flying Resort Ranches, Inc. as an employer.
Martinez, Leroy	Change from apprentice guide to guide for big game hunting.
Pospisil, Tom	Add elk, deer, moose, bear and cougar hunting, fishing, trailrides and backpacking as valid activities when Employed by B-Bar-C Outfitters, Inc.
Richie, Jerry	Change from apprentice guide to guide for big game hunting.
Richie, Mike	Change from apprentice guide to guide for big game hunting.

LICENSES DENIED

OUTFITTERS:

Coulter, Hershel	Deny request for additional area for bear because area is adequately served by other outfitters.
Grunch, Richard	Deny additional hunting & fishing in Unit 4 and deny bear hunting in Units 4 & 6.
Juniper Mountain Outfitters	Deny part of request for additional area for spring bear.

GUIDES:

none

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LICENSES ISSUED

OUTFITTERS:

Augustin, Helmut P.

Burr Family Enterprises, Inc.  
Burr, Linda M.

Decker, Rand

Nichols, Chuck

Olsen, Larry Dean

Storaasli, Michael J.  
Sundance River Expeditions, Inc.

Teller, Richard J. (Dick)

GUIDES:

Augustin, Douglas Alan  
Augustin, Stephen H.

Bolen, Leroy A., Jr.

Criddle, Steven Jay

Davidson, Patrick  
Duni, Amelio

Hovey, Laurie Ellen  
Hudspeth, Thomas Robert

Jensen, Clyde M.  
Jordan, Cathy Lee

Martin, Rick

Oles, Gordon W. A.  
Olson, Mark K.

Sohrakoff, Dave Warren

Vanderbilt, Bill

EMPLOYERS:

Helmut P. Augustin  
Helmut P. Augustin

Flying Resort Ranches, Inc.

Hammerhead Outfitters

Peter H. Grubb  
Robert J. Gillihan

Wilderness Trail, Inc.  
Larry Dean Olsen

Marriner R. Jensen  
Ray Torrey

Dick McAfee

Larry Dean Olsen  
Orange Torpedo Trips, Inc.

Paul M. Resnick

Charles M. Johnson

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PROBATIONARY LICENSES

OUTFITTERS:

none

GUIDES:

Martin, Rick

EMPLOYER:

Dick McAfee

LICENSES REVOKED

Bragg, Ronald G. (Guide License 0948) - formerly employed by Flying Resort  
Ranches, Inc.