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Fellow Sportsmen:

Enclosed please find the minutes of the 115th Quarterly Meeting held at Ellensburg, Washington, December 8th and 9th, together with resolutions adopted and written committee reports.

The Secretary made one error in Resolution #6. It should read sponsored by National Affairs Committee and not by Migratory Bird Committee. The amendment of the Migratory Bird was rather complete and maybe the minutes should read that both committees sponsored this Resolution.

In the past, sufficient notices have not been given concerning the Leo Weisfield award for the outstanding sportsman for the past year or the John C. Stevenson award for the outstanding sportsmen's club for the past year, or the award of the Council for the most outstanding women's club for the year. Your entries should be submitted to the Board of Directors by the March meeting so that they may be considered by the Board, and the award made at the June meeting. No particular size, format or contents is required, but the entries should indicate projects of your club together with your accomplishments, your participation in both the Senior and Junior Councils, and especially pictures and those items which give a graphic story of your accomplishments.

Again I want to remind you that Resolutions must be in the Secretary's office before January 31st, so that they can be considered at the March meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION
December 8, 1962

The Saturday afternoon General Session was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by President Tom Wimmer in the Moose Temple at Ellensburg, Washington December 8, 1962.

The President asked the delegates to rise and the Conservation Pledge was given.

Moved by Howard Gray, seconded by Ted Kuch that the reading of the minutes of the September meeting be dispensed with. Motion carried.

Moved by Rickey, seconded by Earl Engman that the reading of the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors in October be dispensed with. Motion carried.

President Wimmer announced that Ray Wonacott had resigned as Chairman of the Trout Committee and that the President had appointed Enos Bradner to act as Chairman for the rest of the year.

The Chair then announced that Committee reports would be given; and Bob Rickey, Chairman of the Initiative #30 Committee, announced that he had less than 40,000 signatures at this time and to be successful in securing 125,000 signatures greater effort must be extended.

The following chairmen, whose reports will be attached, gave a resume of their meetings: Jim Hess, Streambank Access; Cliff Smedley, Watershed Access; Bud Weise, Boating Regulations; Bert Locke, Salt Water Access; Chuck Newman, Salmon, John Migdula, Pollution; Anne Stelling, Yearbook; Roy A. Holland, Legislative and Ray Hileman, Lands.

Chuck Newman raised the question of how to approach the legislature when the Council has not taken a stand on a question. The Secretary Roy A. Holland, advised that in his opinion any member of the Council could talk as an individual on the subject matter but must make it very clear that he is not talking in behalf on the Council, if the Council has not taken a stand.

President Wimmer then introduced Clem Stearn of the Washington Water Power, who discussed the present status of the High Mountain Sheep, Nex Perce applications before the Federal Power Commission. He advised the delegates that the trail examiner had recommended the issuance of a permit to Pacific Northwest Power Company to build the High Mountain Sheep Dam; That Secretary Udall had requested the right to intervene and that the license had not yet been issued by the Commission and the applicants were awaiting the outcome of the Secretary's request to intervene.

President Wimmer then introduced Al Prichard, Chairman of the Washington State Game Commission, who in turn introduced members of the Department, then present. It has been the custom in the past that the December meeting be turned over to the Game Department for their annual report to the Council. A good portion of our meeting was devoted to an explanation of why the Department is seeking an increase in license fees. At the conclusion of their presentation the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m., with banquet to follow at 7 p.m.

At the banquet, it was announced that the Education Committee had awarded a scholarship to John E. Mitchell.

SUNDAY GENERAL SESSION
December 9, 1962

The Sunday General Session meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Tom Wimmer. Roll-call of Officers showed all present except Pete Susick; and Joe Martin representing District 3; George Reue representing District 13, and Glenn Biddle representing District 12.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with.

The Secretary advised that there were no reports on Resolution action and no correspondence to be read.

Volney Bennett made a report as Chairman of the Spiny Ray Committee.

Ferd Nist then announced that Marcus Nalley had passed away since our last meeting and the delegates stood in silence for one minute in honor of Marcus Nalley.

President Wimmer then introduced Patti Sprague, President of the Junior Sportsmen's Organization, who stated that they were distributing Initiative 30s and their primary project was pollution and asked the senior clubs to establish in the junior clubs as a project the making of posters on pollution.

President Wimmer then announced the Board and himself accepted the recommendations of the Education Committee and that Al Wells would be president for 1963; that Len Carlson would be director and Paul Whiteman, assistant director of Boy's Camp; that Lavina Duggan, director and Mildred Wells, assistant director of Girls Camp. Len Carlson stated that Boy's Camp would be held July 28th through August 3rd, at Orcas Island, and that there were presently available applications for outstanding Junior Sportsman and Junior Sportsmen's Club.

President Wimmer announced that the Board of Directors, as a matter of policy would henceforth underwrite the Scholarship Fund.

Norman Knott of the Game Department, was then called upon to discuss an organization formerly known as Game Masters and now known as Quilemene Cattle Company. That the properties they had acquired were winter ranges for elk, now suitable for elk hunting, some deer and chucker hunting, and that the organization had not asked for a permit from the Department. That the company had opened the road through their property during the hunting season.

President Tom Wimmer then introduced Jim Ralls, John Drumheller and Lowell Johnson, who had been recommended to the Governor as appointees for the east-side Game Commissioner; and Lewis Bell, W. Hilding Lindberg, and Al Prichard, who had been recommended for the appointment as west-side Game Commissioner.

Dr. Richard VanDriel, Chairman of the Steelhead Committee was called upon for comments; and then Ken Gates explained how the Oregon Initiative, on making Steelhead a game fish in Oregon, was declared invalid by the Supreme Court of Oregon, but felt that the publicity that the sportsmen had received would make it possible for the sportsmen, two years from now, to secure sufficient signatures and have the Initiative passed by the voters.

President Wimmer then introduced Frank Bunker, National Wildlife Federation Director from the State of Washington, who had been recommended for re-election by the Board of Directors.

Resolution #1, asking the Department of Game to make the weight limits be of dressed weights with heads left and not in the round as presently, was moved do pass by Sam Martin, seconded by Charvat. Trout Committee concurred on Resolution. Motion carried with some dissent.

Resolution #2, which would restrict the use of out-board motors for fishing in high mountain lakes was moved do pass by Martin, seconded by Charvat. After several proposed amendments, it was withdrawn by the sponsoring club.

It was then moved by B. W. Lyons, seconded by Peacher that Resolutions 3 through 11 be referred back to the sponsor. Motion lost. It was then moved by Holbrook that Resolutions 3 through 11 be tabled. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Bob Pettie, seconded by Holbrook that the rules be suspended, and that Resolution #16 be considered out of order. Motion carried with some dissenting vote.

Howard Gray then requested the President to allow Bob Rickey to speak on Initiative #30. Bob Rickey, Norm Richardson and Lee Hughes talked on how to get sufficient signatures. President Wimmer read a letter which he had mailed to many friends and acquaintances, which he considered was successful in securing petitions and said he had some available for the delegates. Les Dams, Bob Pettie and Howard Nelson also talked on how to secure more signatures.

It was moved by Claude Snider, seconded by Glenn Gunn that Resolution #16 do pass. The Trout Committee by a vote of 9 to 2, agreed with the intent of the Resolution. Farmer-Sportsmen's Relations Committee 16 to 13 in favor; and the Steelhead Committee indorsed in principle by a vote of 23 to 11. It was moved by Gunn, seconded by Snider that Resolution #16 be amended by reducing the Steelhead and Pheasant licenses from \$2 to \$1, and that any reference to minor fishing license be eliminated. There was considerable discussion by many of the delegates, including John Biggs, Director of Game, and there were several amendments proposed and carried. A standing vote showed 46 in favor and 37 opposed. 11 clubs stood and asked for roll-call vote and there were 45 yes-33 no. This being a legislative resolution requiring a 2/3 vote, was lost because the percentage was approximately 58%.

John Biggs then thanked the delegates and the Board of Directors and the special committee appointed by President Wimmer, for the proposals and the serious consideration given Resolution #16.

Meeting recessed at 1 p.m., and reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

It was moved by Nelson, seconded by Evenson that Resolutions 3 through 11 be withdrawn from table. Motion carried with some dissent.

Moved by McLeod, seconded by Charvat that only the resolving portion of the resolutions be read. Motion carried. The President announced that if there were no objections then only the resolving portion would be read.

It was moved by Vickerman, seconded by Nelson that Resolution #3 asking the Council to endorse in principle the establishment of a Land Conservation Fund was moved do pass. It was then moved by Mulholland, seconded by Jerry Shannon that the Resolution be amended by eliminating the words "sales of public lands". The amendment carried by a vote of 26 to 14 and the Resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution #4, endorsing the principle that fish, wildlife and recreational places should be considered in the early planning of highway construction programs. Was moved do pass by Vickerman, seconded by McLeod and adopted without discussion.

Resolution #5, recommending to National, State and local agencies to acquaint citizens with estuarian problems caused by dredging, filling, pollution siltation and other factors , was moved do pass by Vickerman, seconded by Rickey. A proposed amendment by John Migdula, seconded by B. W. Lyons was declared out of order by the President. The Resolution was adopted without discussion.

Resolution #6, requesting the Bureau of Sport Fisheries to utilize the experience and talents of state agencies in acquisition of wetlands, was moved do pass by Vickerman, seconded by Moored. It was moved by Ferd Nist, seconded by Pettie that lines 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the first paragraph of the resolved section be eliminated. Motion to amend was carried and the Resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution #7, relating to appropriations by the Federal Government to municipalities for waste treatment plant construction, was moved do pass by Vickerman, seconded by Stevenson. Then moved by Migdula, seconded by MacDonald that a proposed substitute Resolution #5 be inserted after the last Whereas of Resolution #7. It was then moved by Migdula, seconded by MacDonald that the resolved portion of Resolution #7 be amended. Both motions were carried and the Resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution #8, which endorsed the principle that farmers should revert not needed lands into conservation projects and practices, and that some incentive should be offered farmers to open up property to public recreation. Moved by Vickerman, seconded by Pettie that the Resolution be adopted. It was then moved by Nelson, seconded by Moored that the Resolution be amended by adding the words "and that any subsidized land be open to free hunting and fishing" was carried. Resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution #9, endorsing the principle of complete recreational uses of National Parks, was moved do pass by Vickerman, seconded by Gunn. After a proposed amendment, it was moved by Holbrook, seconded by Simmons that Resolution #9 be referred back to sponsor. This motion carried.

Resolution #10, relating to the endorsement of the establishment of the Indiana Dunes in Illinois, was moved do pass by Vickerman, seconded by Evenson. Moved by Vickerman, seconded by Stevenson to amend the fourth line of the second Whereas paragraph to read, that after the word "of" add "bill similar to S 1797" and delete the words "now in Congress"; and the fourth line of the third paragraph, after the word "of" delete balance of sentence and add the following: "a bill similar to S 1797 at coming session of Congress". Motion to amend was carried and the Resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution #11, asking Congress to enact a law entitled "Natural Stream". It was moved do pass by Vickerman, seconded by Rickey. Moved by Evenson, seconded by Martin that the rules be suspended. This motion lost and Resolution #11 was adopted.

Resolution #12, to request the legislature to earmark the unredeemed motor boat tax for boat launching sites. Was moved do pass by MacDonald, seconded by Stevenson, and the Resolution was adopted.

Resolution #13, asking Congress to appropriate separate funds other than now available to study ways and means of bringing water to its potential production, was moved do pass by Volney Bennett, seconded by Stevenson. Resolution was adopted without discussion.

Resolution #14, asking the Governor to intercede in the publics behalf to preserve public access on the Yakima River between Yakima and Ellensburg, was moved do pass by Stevenson, seconded by Rickey, Resolution was adopted without discussion.

Resolution #15, asking that certain funds be appropriated by the legislature for County Parks and Recreation Committee. Moved do pass by Martin, seconded by Holland. Resolution was adopted without discussion.

Emergency Resolution #1, was asking the legislature to pass a bill declaring that all waters of the State belong to the State. That the public had the right to use them, was moved do pass by Hileman, seconded by Evenson. Was adopted by a unanimous vote, without discussion.

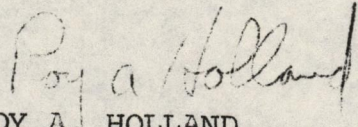
President Wimmer announced that he would attend the Governor's Conference on outdoor recreation on December 17th, and further urged all delegates to attend any public meeting in their area.

President Wimmer thanked the Kittitas Field and Stream Club and Doris Field for an excellent meeting.

John Migdula announced that the Pollution Control Commission would meet December 18th at 9:30 a.m., at Olympia.

The delegates, before adjournment, gave a rising vote of thanks to the Kittitas Field and Stream Club.

Sincerely yours,


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