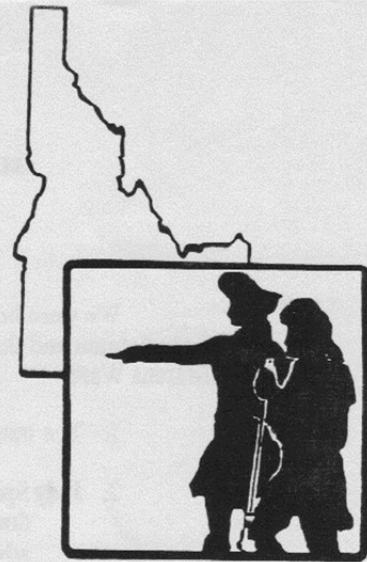


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HAPPY NEW YEAR

It's here -- 1990! Some of us who began planning long ago for Idaho to host the annual meeting thought this date was so far in the future that it would never arrive. But here it is, and here we are.

As of last week a six-page registration booklet was sent to the editor of *We Proceeded On* for inclusion in the February issue. It will be mailed to some 1,500 members and other recipients nationwide and officially kick off our drive for a successful meeting in Idaho.

Getting to this point has been somewhat of an adventure in itself. I have alternated between ecstatic enthusiasm and darkest gloom -- usually related to receiving a helping hand or being let down by someone who had said they would handle a particular detail or participate in some way. As we enter the final stage of preparation, we need to work hard and to work as a team. Rarely do we have such a golden opportunity to influence the national image of our state and to help bolster its economic future through history-related tourism. I look forward to your active participation and to having the 22nd annual meeting be remembered as one of the best ever.

Looking into the new decade I have two other wishes, and a prediction. First, the prediction. I think it is a safe assumption that the Lewis & Clark Trail in Idaho will increasingly gain nationwide attention. In short, it will be "discovered" by a far larger public than is now aware of the trail and its unique educational and recreational opportunities. This will be both a blessing (tourism dollars in our rural communities) and a curse (impacts).

One of my wishes is that the Forest Service and BLM will rise to the challenge of planning for historical protection and recreational diversity better than they have sometimes done in the past. Specifically, I hope that they will not be tempted to see the increasing use of the trail as a reason to overdevelop. The thing that makes our part of the trail unique is its primitive condition through a large part of Idaho. To make it all easily accessible, to put interpretive signs at hidden, off-the-road little treasures like Sinque Hole, to make the Lolo Motorway a haul road for logging trucks or a parkway for camping trailers, to impose upon the grand scenery looking west from Lemhi Pass -- these and other "improvements" that would make our part of the trail just like any other recreation area would be as grave a mistake as allowing Bonneville Power Administration to pursue their dream of a transmission corridor on or parallel to the Lolo section of the trail.

The best management of the Lewis & Clark Trail route through Idaho will require careful, imaginative planning, some money, some innovation, some restraint, and lots of attention from members of the Idaho Chapter, the national Foundation, our colleagues in the land management agencies, and the stewards of private timber and grazing land through which the trail passes.

My final wish is that we will all work together to perpetuate the spirit contributed by that great expedition that passed our way and to protect the historical environment associated with it.

-- Jim Fazio, Editor

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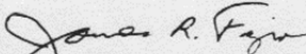
MINUTES OF ANNUAL FALL MEETING -- NOVEMBER 4, 1989

Ramada Inn, Lewiston, Idaho
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We were honored at this meeting to have folks from all over Idaho, including a contingent from Salmon and three of the patriarchs of Lewis & Clark matters -- Ralph Space, Merle Wells and Marcus Ware.

1. The minutes of the April 22, 1989 meeting were read and approved.
2. Judy Space presented the treasurer's report. Income was \$770.03 (including \$152.50 in donations); expenses totaled \$271.14 for a balance of \$498.88. In addition, a \$500 advance from the national Foundation was received as seed money for the 1990 national meeting, of which \$9.26 was spent, giving a balance of \$490.74. Advances from national must be repaid in full following the annual meeting.
3. Bob Boston reported that the donation of historic property on the Weippe Prairie is in progress, with the USFS and NPS working with the current landowner. Dedication of the site is planned for the annual meeting.
4. David Crowder reported that the proper papers for non-profit incorporation have been filed. He will send copies to the chapter president and retain originals at the state historical society office.
5. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to detailed planning of the national meeting program, assignment of responsibilities, and estimation of expenses. It was found that expenses can be covered if 300 people participate and the registration fee remains at the level set last year in Bozeman, \$150 per person. Due to limitations on convention facilities and holding the number of busses to 8, a strict upper limit of participants was set at 350. If this is reached, participation will be based on registrations received on a first-come, first-served basis.
6. The annual spring meeting was set for Saturday, May 19 at the Ramada Inn, Lewiston.
[Note: Need to ammend this to May 26.]
7. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


James R. Fazio
Chapter President

COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS

The following individuals have agreed to handle the respective details of the 1990 annual meeting. Sometime before January 31, please contact the program chairman (Fazio) by letter or phone and provide an update on progress. Also, please use anything pertinent from the following to update your copy of the Official Planning Guide (Revised Nov.'89) which contains a more complete listing.

Judy Space will receive mailed registrations, send responses, and keep registration and financial records.

Dawn Fazio will assist with correspondence as requested. Dawn, the Barretts and Ruthann Caylor will assist at the registration table.

David Crowder, assisted by Larry Jones, Steve Lee and Ruthann Caylor will put together a daily guide booklet, "L & C in the Land of the Nez Perce." It will need to be arranged to correspond with the program, and will include maps, background information and pertinent journal excerpts.

Chuck Raddon Finalizing bus contract and refining bus schedules. Need to obtain copy of bus company's insurance policy.
Will arrange for pre-meeting bus run soon after the roads to lower Lolo Trail are open.
[Suggestion: Could this be the Friday before our Spring meeting, or even the spring meeting? We could cover other business as we ride the route.]

Bill Malcolm assisted by Steve Evans will develop and duplicate a list of items to be mentioned by all bus interpreters. The list will be presented at the spring meeting. He will also contact and brief the following, and arrange for back-ups or assistants on each bus:

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| 1. Bill Malcolm | 5. Ben Aitken |
| 2. Steve/Connie Evans | 6. Merle Wells/Marcus Ware |
| 3. David Crowder | 7. Larry Jones |
| 4. Carol Smolinski | 8. Bob Hoyle/Jack Markley |

George Watkins and Wilber Rigby will be safety assistants. Will need to obtain fluorescent orange vests/caps and "slow" signs, and position themselves on busses so they can immediately warn traffic in both directions. Need: Two more volunteers since caravan splits.

Deanna Vickers Final arrangements for board meeting Sat. at LCSC, plus Monday social and dinner for entire group, and site arrangements for performance of "Riversong."

Bird Goodwin All arrangements for people selecting Pre-meeting Event: "Old Fashioned Centennial Sunday" in Orofino.

Merle Wells, assisted by Marcus Ware. All arrangements for Pre-Meeting Event: "Craig Mountain Trip"

Donita/Ben Aitken Final arrangements with the selected jet boat operator for all details for Pre-meeting Event: "Snake River Jet Boat Adventure." Needs to include plans to assure good historical interpretation.

Diane Coons and Butch Alford need to provide final information on the Lewis & Clark Trail Centennial Event finish at Ramada Inn (scheduled to precede opening reception)

Barb Opdahl, assisted by Bob Boston and Roy Weaver will finalize reception arrangements with Ramada Inn, contact all exhibitors listed, assign space and manage evening.

Ben Aitken will need room for Cowboy Poetry reading. Suggest: Potlatch Room 1 or 2.

Priscilla Wegars and Ralph Rudeen will need rooms for "WA Centennial Trail Run" and "L & C Hollywood Style (films). [Could the latter run consecutively in same room? Suggest excluding one Port Room from ballroom space for this use.]

Jack Markley Prepare insurance policy for review.

Bird Goodwin Will coordinate with governor's office for welcoming remarks either Monday a.m. or at banquet. [Will the governor need a room?] Also, with Jack Markley, select name tag design and registration packets.[Centennial folder?] Present prototypes at spring meeting. Coordinate with Penny Raddon who is doing art for t-shirts, etc.

Bob Boston, assisted by Duane Annis, Chuck Raddon and committee. Will refine Tuesday schedule; make all arrangements for local service club to provide a.m. refreshments at Heart of Monster, and contact Al Slickpoo for brief talk; arrange for one-way traffic control, EMT standbys, PortaJohns; and details for Weippe Prairie dedication (with Weaver). [Will need to keep the latter short. Will an appropriate sign be ready to unveil?] Also need to contact state police for control at Canoe Camp.

Jim Fazio will work with Steve Brunsfeld for presentations on natural history collection and camas ecology at Long Camp overlook (town) and Mussleshell Meadows. Continue work with Nez Perce (McFarland/Halfmoon) for Thur. Pow Wow and traditional food lunch. Obtain membership list on labels for Steve Lee, for mailing follow-up from governor's office.

Roy Weaver will contact and make arrangements with Audrey Redhart for camas-digging demonstration at Mussleshell and assist with Weippe dedication details; contact Marie Myers for interpretation of Whitebird on Thur.; and work with Nez Perce on Pow Wow, sales and interpretation on Thur. a.m. [Could you provide the shuttle van between dancing site and visitor center for continuous service Thur., or will we need to find another source for this?]

Donita Aitken Final arrangements with Weippe Community Club for Dinner Wed. at Weippe School.

Barb/Harlan Opdahl Final arrangements with John Barker for Clearwater float on Thur. Needs to include plans for historical interpretation. Also, working with Bob Boston, prepare banquet decorations and confirm menu arrangements per meeting.

Steve/Connie Evans Coordinate with Roy Weaver and Marie Myers and help manage Whitebird Battlefield tour Thur.; **contact and confirm banquet speaker (Phil George).**

Penny Raddon will handle all t-shirt, sweatshirt & cap sales on behalf of chapter treasury, including representative art to be used on program as well. Need to obtain sale (tax) permit from state and submit tax form and payment at close of annual meeting.

Barb Opdahl/Bob Boston Will investigate catering services for field trip lunches and breaks,

Not included above are most of my tasks and all assignments that have been completed or are very much under control. But what else did I leave off? Let me know. And again, please let me hear from you. I feel a bit like an orchestra conductor with the orchestra in another room. Communication is essential. Thanks and good luck.