

BUSINESS MEETING - 18th NORTH AMERICAN
MOOSE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP - 1982

Following are notes I made during the business meeting at the above.

1. British Columbia has offered to host the 19th Conference and Workshop in Prince George.
2. The question was asked whether the group wishes to revert back to a late winter meeting or continue with the summer meeting. It was agreed (with a few abstentions and some opposition) that the summer meeting is preferred (Note: there are some agencies that find it difficult to have staff attend in summer, thus, I 'think' it was agreed that depending on location, it is possible for the meeting to be held in the late winter.
3. Quebec representatives were approached to ascertain if that province would host the meeting in 1984. The representative from Maine indicated he would ascertain if this state would be interested, also in hosting the meeting.
4. Reviewers were asked to return all papers to Harold Cumming within one month.
5. The committee of Pat Karns, Tim Timmermann and Vince Crichton designated in 1981 to assist the Yukon with the program, etc. will work with immediate past chairman (Doug Larsen) to assist British Columbia with the next meeting.
6. It was agreed that henceforth the charges for all proceedings will be \$15.
7. The format for the proceedings has been changed and should anyone have further suggestions they are asked to contact Harold Cumming.
8. In an attempt to improve quality, there are now two reviewers for each paper.
9. On the subject of prior publications, Mike Wolfe indicated that the 'Journal' will not accept papers if they appear in 'Alces'.
10. Warren Ballard is to head up a committee to develop criteria for the 'Distinguished Moose Award'.
11. It was agreed that the minutes should reflect appreciation to Harold Cumming on behalf of the entire group for being editor of the proceedings and for the excellent job done to raise the standards of the conference and workshop, plus the publication. The task of being editor of our somewhat fledging proceedings has had many trials and tribulations and Harold has overcome them all to the point that the proceedings have been appearing within a year. A motion was presented, recorded and duly carried to reflect the above. Pat Karns volunteered

to take over from Harold Cumming as editor. Hopefully, Murray Lankester would consent to work closely with Pat as it is hoped to still have Alces printed in Thunder Bay. Being 'on the spot', Murray's assistance would be greatly appreciated.


12. Al Franzmann presented the following motion which was recorded and unanimously agreed to:

The delegates to the 18th North American Moose Conference recognize the problems associated with the availability of drugs for chemical immobilization of free-ranging animals and do hereby support efforts to achieve the following:

- a) to concentrate etorphine hydrochloride (M-99) to an extent that no more than a 3 ml volume dosage is required to immobilize large ungulates;
- b) to make immobilizing drugs more available in the North American continent that are produced elsewhere; and
- c) to encourage re-licencing of useful immobilizing drugs that are not presently available.

13. Funds to produce Alces are in short supply. A notice was drafted and circulated at the meeting relative to the availability and price of proceedings. It is hoped that this would be circulated to libraries, etc. of interest.
14. A copy of Alces will be sent to Wildlife Review Biological Abstracts, Current Contents, Swiss Key-Word Index and other similar journals for inclusion in the respective journal.
15. There was a general discussion of the Swedish proposal. Comments ranged from an outright negative attitude re: holding it in Sweden to others suggesting that there is value to it, it will do same for them as the Quebec meeting did for North America, state of art will be advanced if we see and hear more from Sweden and other European and Asian countries with moose and that even if the majority can't attend, the contents will be available in a symposium.

It was further indicated that a 2nd symposium is about due, not many in North America would be prepared to take it on and as Sweden has consented to the task, lets support them. There was a general consensus that this is the direction we will proceed.


Vince Crichton

