

PREFACE

The 16th North American Moose Conference and Workshop was held April 1 to 4, 1980 at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. It was hosted by the Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Sask. Dept. of Tourism and Renewable Resources.


It would certainly be an injustice to mention this conference without paying recognition to Prince Albert Pulpwood, Simpson Timber, MacMillan Bloedel, Saskatchewan Forest Products, Athabaska Airways, Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, Labatt's and Molson's Breweries, and the Saskatchewan government. The hospitality evenings, banquet, lunches and refreshments, transportation, coffee, and field trips were all subsidized in part or whole by the sponsoring agencies. The tremendous support received has permitted us to allocate substantial funds towards production of the proceedings. Staff members from Wildlife Research were instrumental for the excellent organization of the meetings and special thanks are owing to each and every one of them.

Two aspects of the 1980 meeting were somewhat disappointing, however. Firstly, the quality of presentation of the papers lacked finesse. I know many of the people found the barrage of fine-tabled audio visuals and the general tendency for some authors to read papers ad verbatim to seriously detract from comprehension of the data presented. Secondly, the lack of informal interactions among fellows with similar interests owing to the absence of a structured workshop was missed by many delegates. I personally would like to apologize for this and advise future hosts to do all they can to encourage authors to work on their presentations with a similar dedication to that required to produce the papers and to ensure some informal workshop forum be stressed.

This was probably my last moose conference and I would like the group to know I have appreciated their association during the last six years, and was honoured to chair the

1980 edition. I hope some of us have opportunity to meet in the future, but most of all I hope your efforts benefit the moose and his future in an environment so heavily dominated by man. Let your voice be heard.

Sincerely,



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