

PREFACE

Forty-eight delegates from all across the moose range of North America and from Sweden participated in the 14th Annual North American Moose Conference and Workshop. The Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests hosted the conference at Halifax, Nova Scotia from April 24 through 27, 1978.

Nineteen interesting papers were presented during the conference sessions covering work under the very generalized topics of Populations, Management, Behavior and Environment.

Workshops were conducted to investigate problems of Moose Harvest Control and Habitat Management.

On the evening of the 25th some interesting and some unusual (Manitoba Cowboys?) slides and films were presented.

An informal dinner and induction into "The Order of Good Times" followed the Wednesday afternoon workshops and Thursday a field trip into Nova Scotia's moose habitat indicated the problems of both census and harvest in "down east" spruce-fir forests.

As those of you who have hosted conferences know, it takes a lot of people doing a lot of work to make them go smoothly. I think this conference went very smoothly but it would not have without the help of people providing yeoman service.

My special thanks to Shirley Lantz for all the preparation and mailing of notices, agendas, lists and the 101 little items necessary to get it started and keep it going. Dave Banks and Morton Stewart made the registration and reservation chores relatively painless. Thanks to Ross Hall for planning and conducting an interesting and enjoyable field trip. Tony Duke not only found, obtained and had on hand all the displays, audio-visual equipment and handouts but he also chased down help when needed and took over chair duties whenever he was needed. Thanks Tony.

My sincere appreciation to those people who made the sessions go smoothly and on schedule - The session chairman: Vince Crichton - Populations; Pat Karns - Behaviour and Environment; Fred Gilbert - Management.

Don Dodds and Bill Prescott conducted the workshops and helped make them worthwhile. Thanks Don and Bill.

Right now, instead of trying to express my sincere appreciation to all of you for all your help, I would be up to my eyeballs in editing and trying to get an acceptable transaction together if it weren't for the tremendous work of Harold Cumming and his editorial committee. I'm very fortunate this year as the first chairman to have the services of this committee to not only edit the papers but also take on the full load of arranging for a publication and distribution program for the transactions. I can only say this had relieved me of a huge load of work and I hope it can be set up as a continuing program to handle all our transactions.

Harold, I deeply appreciate the work you have done and the work of your committee and I'm sure all future chairmen as well as delegates and subscribers to the transactions will appreciate the standardized publication and distribution.

Finally, my thanks to the authors and delegates who make these conferences informative, educational and well worth continuing.

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