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THIS MONTH'S COVER PHOTO – Guy Miner – A very unique mule deer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Since my last Presidents message a lot has happened, at least in my neck of the woods. Just when we felt it was safe to breathe a sigh of relief that 2020 was really over, 2021 says “hold my beer” and throws a mega ice storm at us Willamette Valley residents! Besides having no power for a full week, it was cold as heck and we could never get our house warmer than 45 degrees. While I’m thankful we had plenty of warm clothes, it was kind of miserable.

Every region has its ups and downs and I’d say for the past 6 months I’ve felt like I’ve been living at “ground zero.” Back in September we had history making forest fires; besides threatening one of my best friend’s home it was right in the middle of hunting season. A major part of what escalated the fires was a big windstorm, besides fanning the flames it brought down a lot of trees, including the tree with my tree stand in it.

I can attest that when you have a tree down on your property, no amount of talking about it or staring at it will magically transform it into neatly stacked firewood. To add to this, I didn’t develop strong lumberjack skills in my youth. Thanks to a few YouTube videos and lots of practice I now know how to REALLY split wood, plus how to safely cut & haul it and how to keep my chainsaw engine running.

Thanks to these new skills, I soon had a big surplus of firewood but I didn’t want to spend hundreds of dollars to make another wood shed so after some internet sleuthing, I found something called a Norwegian Round Stack, which is a centuries old way to stack firewood that both looks cool and works well.

One of the trees that fell that I had to cut up was an ash, which has a very nice wood that splits almost perfectly straight. This inspired me to make a few rustic birdhouses. I always enjoyed the old PBS show The Woodwrights Shop, so making something from a tree instead of store-bought lumber was fun and rewarding.

Back to the ice storm: after all the ice melted, I had to trim some trees in our front yard that were bent and broken from the weight of the ice. They weren’t huge trees but at the same time too tall

but for my ladder, so I broke out my tree stand. It worked very well plus entertained my neighbors. At least they were there to call the ambulance if something happened.

As you can imagine, at first, I viewed all these various happenings as a big pain in the neck, but they are outdoors related and since I “self-identify” as an outdoorsman I decided to embrace it. While not hunting and fishing, they are outdoors skills. Now I’m more than OK with “my new gym membership” which will likely last for quite a long time.

All this new activity has kept me busy and thankfully distracted from the very poor run of steelhead this year. Fortunately, I live in Oregon and not Washington, where the seasons are so bad, they’ve closed many of the rivers to fishing. After everything that’s happened, I managed to wrap up this winter by catching a few nice native winter steelhead, which was very satisfying!

Dave Kilhefner



Cheryl Kilhefner didn't let a power outage stop her from cooking at home. Thank goodness for propane camping stoves! – Courtesy Dave Kilhefner

FROM THE EDITOR



I finally got to fish the twice Covid pandemic cancelled Berkley Big Bass Tournament at Eastern Washington's Potholes Reservoir on April 10th. My fishing buddy and I have been pre-fishing the reservoir for the better part of 10 months in anticipation of the event which was a big one with 200 registered teams.

The rules for the tournament are interesting. You only get to fish lures made by Berkley and there are hourly weigh-ins. The top five bass weighed in every hour earned cash and the heaviest fish of the hour was worth \$3,000. Better still, all of the hourly winners were given a key and the one that started the \$42,000 bass boat they had on display won it!

We were excited to compete! However, the one thing we didn't count on was the wind. It was blowing 15 to 20 MPH when we launched before sunrise and was soon gusting to 37 MPH. This meant our plans to go to a distant destination to fish were scuttled and we were fishing closer waters we had not visited since last summer.

Things started off well enough after a choppy ride. We both caught decent bass in the first ten minutes but not long after that our electric trolling motor had a fuse blow and 45 minutes later, the back-up fuse blew too, leaving us in a very poor position to compete in the windswept waters of this big lake. Our last-ditch effort found us heading up a sheltered tributary of Potholes Reservoir in search of a big smallmouth bass. My hopes were high when I finally hooked into a nice fish but alas, that bass turned out to be the 17-inch rainbow trout pictured here.

It was certainly a day to remember, and even though we didn't win anything, we at least made it safely back to shore! Here's hoping your next adventure into the field or on the water is a safe and memorable one as well!

John Kruse

CRAFT IMPROVEMENT

GET OUT OF YOUR BOX: THREE TIPS

by Peter Schroeder

We all have our specialized markets for articles and photos. Yours may center on hunting, fishing or hiking publications. I focus on boating magazines and write about cruising under sail, sailing regattas, boat designs, canoes, and anything else that floats on water. I've written for major U.S. publications as well as those in Europe, Asia, and Australia-New Zealand.

For years I did well, but I was stuck in a box. So, I got to thinking about developing new markets. But where? How could I use my boating skills to approach a different type of publication? I started by reflecting on the issues that boaters face. How to stow equipment and supplies when space is limited? How to secure items that may be tossed about when underway? What emergency equipment might be needed?

TIP ONE: Take your skills and investigate where else your knowledge might apply.

I recognized that these same issues confront people who operate motor homes, campers, and RVs, which are essentially cruising yachts on wheels. So, I went online to look for publications dedicated to these markets. Up popped RV Life, where coincidentally I knew the editor. After explaining the parallels between cruising yachts and RVs in my query letter, the editor assigned me an article to write about exploring Idaho's Panhandle by RV. The subsequent article, "Exploring Idaho's Northern Exposure," was well received and led to a subsequent piece, "Seeing London's Olympics by RV." Both stories won awards in the NOWA and OWAA EIC contests.

TIP TWO: Outdoor pursuits involve travel, so write about an area's unique food, drink and accommodations.

When cruising, I would frequently pull into marinas hungry for a good meal and bottle of wine. Since boat owners tend to be high net-wealth individuals, they typically seek out fine dining and good wines. Putting these ideas together, my wife Risa Wyatt, a food and wine journalist, and I have written about cruising to destinations that offer gourmet foods, wines and beers in the San Juan and Canadian Gulf Islands. The articles appeared in BoatUS magazine.



Boats anchored off of Lopez Island, Washington – John Kruse

TIP THREE: Apply your expertise to foreign markets.

Sailors and yachtsmen all over the world face the same issues as American boaters. I now travel internationally to cover nautical themes, such as regattas in Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Antigua, and Europe. My destination articles have featured Tahiti, Fiji, Australia, Turkey, Denmark, Sweden and elsewhere.

Now I'm looking into other areas where I have unknowingly boxed myself in, and look to break out of these confinements as well. For example, what about an article about small sailing vessels for anglers? Hmmmm?

CRAFT IMPROVEMENT

WHEN DO YOU SUBMIT?

by Alan Liere

Two weeks ago, I wrote a 950-word humor piece for a national magazine in about two hours. Today, I submitted it. In the interval, I made daily changes that probably added another five hours to my efforts. I'll receive \$550 for the article, which figures out to close to \$80 an hour—not bad wages, but I could have probably sold the first draft for \$250, making me \$125 an hour. So why didn't I?

The reasons are numerous. First of all, I value my reputation for creating clean copy delivered on time. No matter how perfect I think my story, a re-read will always—ALWAYS—find an error or an awkwardness that must be fixed.

Secondly, I long ago took to heart Mark Twain's comment that the difference between the right word and the almost-right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug. If a word or phrase I write does not exactly convey the thought or sentiment intended, I keep playing with it until it does.

Thirdly, I love the process of tweaking, of making a sentence sing. At times, I wonder if I will ever finish a piece to my satisfaction. I used to have a self-imposed rule that I would not submit a story unless I made no changes whatsoever to a re-read. Even a missing period meant it had to be read again. I soon discovered, however, that I was enjoying the editing process so much I would never have anything to submit. My new rule is that if I have made over a dozen changes to what I once considered a "perfect" manuscript, I read it once more, attach it, grimace and hit the "send" button.

"I didn't have time to write a short letter, so I wrote a long one instead."

- Mark Twain

PASSINGS

SAYING GOODBYE TO LONGTIME NOWA MEMBER

JACK MCNEEL



As printed in the Coeur d' Alene/Post Falls Press

To all who knew him well, Jack was a gentle soul, a loving husband, a beloved father, and a cherished friend. Jack was born on Jan. 4, 1937, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Harvey and Karen McNeel. He had two older sisters, Margie and Dottie. Jack spent his summers water skiing on Payette Lake in beautiful McCall, Idaho. His youth was filled with hiking the hills and forests of southern Idaho, hunting, fishing and picking huckleberries.

Jack graduated from Caldwell High School in 1955 and attended the College of Idaho where he majored in biology. After college, Jack taught science at Caldwell Junior High School for two years before going on to Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Okla., where he received his Master's degree in animal biology. In 1963, Jack moved to Coeur d'Alene to work for the Department of Fish and Game.

From his first marriage two sons were born: Douglas and Brian. Douglas is a professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where he leads research for prostate cancer. Brian is an optometrist with his office in Eagle, Idaho. In 2003, Jack married Jacqueline "Jackie" Aguilera and they shared 18 happy years together.

Jack was employed with the Department of Fish and Game for more than 31 years. At the time of his retirement in 1994, he was the communications director. He gave over 3,000 talks and classes as well as hosting a radio show, and he wrote for several newspapers for the five northern counties of Idaho. He taught classes, not only in hunting and fishing but also on being a good steward of the land and wildlife, and to respect the rights of the landowners. Jack was in charge of the hunter's education program for most of those years.

Anyone who lived in Coeur d'Alene during those years knew the name, Jack McNeel. He was not only well known and respected in the Coeur d'Alene area, but also throughout the entire state of Idaho. The famed humorist, Pat McManus included a story about Jack in his book, *A Fine and Pleasant Misery*, entitled, "Goats Don't Say Cheese." When Jack retired from Fish and Game, he was given a magnificent five-inch-thick scrapbook of just some of his numerous awards and certificates.

After retiring, Jack used his many talents to begin a new career in writing. He wrote stories about his love for wildlife and his interest in Native Americans for many publications, including *Indian Country Today*. He was one of their top writers, writing over 500 stories.

Over the last decade, he and Jackie traveled around the world, mostly in Europe and South America, gathering photos and stories as a team, Jack writing the stories and Jackie taking the photos. While living in Coeur d'Alene, Jack was very involved with the North Idaho College Boosters Club. For more than 10 years, he and Jackie hosted students from all over the world. For those who could not afford to return home for the holidays, Jack and Jackie hosted them in their home. With Jackie, he made it a point to introduce these students to the many beautiful rivers, streams and picturesque lands in Idaho. Saying goodbye was never easy for their students, and many remain in touch through Facebook and other social media.

At age 84, Jack began to slow down due to health issues. He spent less time writing and more time reading books. People were forever coming up to Jack just to say hi, and Jack always greeted them with his big, broad smile and his soft, gentle voice. Jack died on March 21, 2021. Jack McNeel was a good man and will be terribly missed by Jackie, his sons, his four grandchildren, his many friends, his neighbors and everyone whose lives he so deeply touched.

PS – Jack and Jackie are two of our most loved members who have contributed much to our organization over the years. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time, Jackie.

NOWA NEWS

EXCELLENCE IN CRAFT AWARD WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!



Wondering who won our annual Excellence in Craft Awards? The winners will be announced soon through our website at www.nowaoutdoors.com so be sure to check there often to find out not only about the EIC Awards, but all sorts of other topics too. Our thanks to NOWA President and Webmaster Dave Kilhefner for keeping that website up to date!

MORE NOWA NEWS

NOWA ELECTION RESULTS!



NOWA recently held elections for the office of President, Vice President and several Board Member positions. All of the candidates ran unopposed. Here are the results:

PRESIDENT – Dave Kilhefner

VICE PRESIDENT – Bill Luscombe

Board Member #1 – Brad Trumbo

Board member #2 – Harold Pfeiffer

Board Member #3 – Alan Liere

Board Member #4 – Natalie Bartley

Our thanks to all of you who stepped up and are willing to serve!

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MEMBER UPDATES

DAVE VEDDER recently ventured from his home near the Columbia River in Central Washington to fish the waters of Columbia in South America, where the fish don't exactly look like our salmon or steelhead! Dave caught this Payara out of the Orinoco River, the fourth largest river in the world.



Mike Denny reports he and **Dan Biggs** are just finishing up writing and filming the *Deserts of the Pacific Northwest* film series. It will be out later this year. Dan Biggs (the photographer and editor) and Mike (the writer and narrator) already produced the *Secret Life of the Forest: The Northern Blue Mountains*. If you want to get a sneak peek at this production check out this link at YouTube!

<https://youtu.be/-SnSk4YDH28>

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RANDALL BONNER is leaving Oregon for the summer to take on a gig as a fishing guide at Glacier Bear Lodge in Yakutat, Alaska. Not only that, but Randall also just submitted the text for his first book and has an article in the current edition of *Northwest Sportsman Magazine* about hatchery trout!



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KEITH ANSPACH tagged out on a very nice bull elk during Idaho's archery season last year and also recently had an article published in the 100th issue of *The Western Hunter*!

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MEMBER UPDATES



Lynda and Jim O'Connor saw lots of beautiful birds in Wakodahatchee Wetlands in Delray Beach, Florida during the week of March 17th and have a great idea for our next conference...A guided birding walk!

MEMBER CONTRIBUTION – A HUNTING STORY

RIGHT ON; RIGHT THING

By Bernard Brown



Black dots, sun-lit in the snow, just off a draw of Douglas fir timber pointing into the field; both species threshing grain like combines on feet.

I spotted the white-tailed does and turkeys from a rolling crest in the barley stubble and knew the sneak-to-kill would be trouble.

First, getting close enough to sneak, and then to sneak.

The first seemed to go well, but knowing the prey is still there when you are the sneaking predator is not always a given!

Two options: through the timber, brushy and noisy, or through the snow, crunchy and noisy.

Didn't matter. When I got close enough to see the spot where they were, they were not.

Much of this part of Central North Idaho, near Princeton and Harvard, (google that origin!) is timbered with pasture and grain fields intermixed on flatter ground, at the lower elevations.

A near perfect mix of habitat for white-tailed deer, turkey, elk and, in recent times, wolf. And, of course, and unfortunately, the greatest invasive species of all- we humans and our housing!

Retrieving my pack, still armed with a Browning/Zeiss combo in 28 Nosler slung on one shoulder, a Mossberg 12 gauge pump over the other, I set out in pursuit of the flock and herd in the direction I assumed, and hoped, they had fled. The choice of directions was limited only by the fact that I knew that they had not gone straight up, nor toward me!

Two days following a four inch dump of snow, there were tracks pointing in any and all directions. Discerning the most recent was a bit challenging! And, turkeys alerted will cheat and fly off, rather than lead you with tracks.

Coursing over a few knobs, I spotted the prey in a draw, a half mile distant.

Being luckier than good, I found a route that took me to them, the long way of course, but hidden from prying eyes. Right on!

Closing to about 75 yards, Marine crawling through a patch of scattered, snowy, snow-brush to a point where I could see heads distinctly; turkeys at about 30 yards, the deer well beyond. Ever so slowly raising to a shooting level, I beaded a head and let fly. Pumping a fresh shell, I swung on another red-blue target and popped off.

You may have heard that the only-thing-dumber-than-a-turkey-hunter-is-a-turkey. Well, this flock seemed to be rehearsing for a starring role in that play! The mostly young-of-the-year birds clucked and ran in circles around the two recently deceased members, while the deer, not to be outdone, circled a bit further away. Only when I fully emerged from the brush did all the above decide it was time to exit stage left, leaving the dead behind. Except, there were more than two dead! To my surprise, and ultimate chagrin, there were not two, but four turkeys on the ground!

Yikes! Not right on!

Moral dilemma! What to do? Sneak two home, hopefully not stopped by an officer? Shoot, Shovel and Shut Up?

Ultimately, I knew what to do, and, closer to town, made a call to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Clearwater Regional office, who put me in touch with a Conservation Officer in Lewiston. Explaining the true story was easier than making the call; being told that I had done the "right thing"

helped settle the anxiety. Being told that I would donate two turkeys to a needy family was actually a further relief; I actually felt good about that aspect!

Meeting the local Conservation Officer next day (these guys are busy this time of year!) proved to be a non-event. He reiterated the “right thing to do”. He was a good guy, who shared a couple of good stories, while I filled him in on hunting Montana, where I had lived, and still frequently hunt.

Next day found me in the same snowy perch, but without the dratted scattergun. This time, after a daylight to late afternoon vigil, moving as I could to keep warm, but not seen; not a deer in sight. Suddenly, seven to pick from, at ranges of 200 to 300 yards. The trusty Browning did its thing, and a single doe fell dead. Boned out, packed in snow in the Yeti alongside the turkeys, I headed out, leaving the fir and barley fields behind for the sage hills and timbered mountains of South-Central Idaho.

An uneventful drive home gave me time to reflect: The right thing is right on.

"A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact."

-Aldo Leopold

SUPPORTING MEMBER NEWS

ACCESS IMPROVED TO REMOTE IDAHO ELK HABITAT



MISSOULA, Mont. — It is a ways off the beaten path, but a 1,300-acre slice of western Idaho elk country is now much more accessible and greatly improves public access to surrounding federal and state lands as well.

Originally donated to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, it is now known as the Joseph Plains Wildlife Habitat Area (JPWHA) and lies high above the Salmon River near the small town of White Bird, not far from the Oregon border.

“We appreciate our partners at the Idaho Fish and Game Department (IDFG) and Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation (IFWF) for working with us,” said Kyle Weaver, RMEF president and CEO.

“As snow in high country melts, hunters and others will now find it much easier to access this scenic landscape that’s teeming with wildlife.”

IDFG, IFWF and RMEF provided funding for the recent access work including fencing, gravel and installation of improved signage and kiosks leading to the property’s main entry point.

“It’s kind of a hidden gem—both secluded and gorgeous,” said Brandi Felts, IDFG Clearwater regional habitat biologist. “You definitely need hiking boots and strong legs to take full advantage of it, but I challenge anyone to come here. It reaches into your soul and grabs a hold of you, and instantly becomes a part of you.”

Lying at the head of the Sotin, Howard and Gregory Creek drainages, which flow into the Salmon River, JPWHA features steep canyons, sharp ridges and forestland that provide prime habitat for elk, deer, black bears, mountain lions and other wildlife.

RMEF holds a conservation easement that forever protects the property’s wildlife values. IFWF oversees management of the area by IDFG for both habitat and access with the agency’s help but if it ever seeks to dispose of the property, ownership automatically reverts to RMEF to ensure it stays

intact and open to the public. Since the parcel is not officially state land, it appears as private land on ownership maps.

About the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation:

Founded more than 36 years ago, fueled by hunters and a membership of more than 231,000 strong, RMEF has conserved more than 8.1 million acres for elk and other wildlife. RMEF also works to open and improve public access, fund and advocate for science-based resource management, and ensure the future of America’s hunting heritage. Discover why “Hunting Is Conservation™” at rmeef.org or 800-CALL ELK.

MORE SUPPORTING MEMBER NEWS

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Here are the minutes from the November and December NOWA Board meetings, provided by Secretary Risa Wyatt:



NOWA Board of Directors Teleconference January 19, 2021

6:05 pm — Call to Order by Bob Mottram, Chairman.

1. Roll Call

Board Members Present

Chairman — Bob Mottram
President — Matt Liere
BOD — Dennis Dauble
BOD — Greg Gulbrandsen
BOD — Alan Liere
BOD — Risa Wyatt

Board Members Not in Attendance

1st VP — Vacant
2nd VP — Vacant
BOD — Bert Gildart
BOD — Harold Pfeiffer
BOD — Dave Vedder
BOD — Joe Warren

Acting Recording Secretary — Risa Wyatt

1. Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2020

Motion by Matt Liere: To approve the minutes

Second: Greg Gulbrandsen
PASSED [Unanimous]

2. Committee Reports — Finances and Investments / Website & Newsletter

2021 Press Cards:

Earlier this month I sent out an email asking for 2021 renewal dues. I've received a good number of PayPal payments and checks. In the last 30 days we've had 14 dues payments by PayPal and 15 by check. These are not reflected on the November checking account statement.

New and Rejoining Members:

Good news: In the last 30 days we have had four new members join and three past members re-join.

Checking Account:

The checking account balance is \$3,601.05, an increase of \$300. We received \$650 in new deposits and paid \$350 to John Kruse for the winter newsletter.

PayPal Account:

As of 1/5/2021 we have a PayPal balance of \$2,178.10, up from \$1,947.19 on 12/14/2020. This is from dues and EIC contest entry payments.

Investments:

- The total account value is \$51,452.08. It increased by \$913.18 from last month.
- We received \$167.15 in dividends.
- The annual projected dividend income is \$3,046.
- The remaining cash balance is \$1,505.91

Soon Peter Schroeder and I will make recommendations on repositioning our portfolio for 2021.

Budget:

[Same as last report] An updated budget is attached—revised on 4/9/2020.

EIC Contest:

I'm processing a fair number of contest submissions and more are expected. Also, I've been emailing and FB messaging people to submit entries.

Website & Newsletter Report

We have 632 Facebook Followers and 156 email subscribers on our Mailchimp account. In June I also established a NOWA Instagram account but have only posted a couple things on it.

I curtailed my Blog posts this summer so as not to overshadow the Newsletter. I plan on doing three to four blog posts per month in 2021 and will do my best to coordinate with the newsletter with John Kruse.

The NOWA membership directory is online. Here's the link: <https://nowaoutdoors.com/nowa-members>

At my own expense I upgraded the website subscription. If everyone likes the upgrade six or eight months down the road, I'll ask for reimbursement (\$300 over 2 years). The upgrade includes automatic backups plus the ability to install various plug ins, which are necessary for password-protected content, online voting, etc.

Motion by Risa Wyatt: To accept the Financial Committee Report for December 2020.

Second: Greg Gulbrandsen

PASSED [Unanimous]

3. Old Business: List of candidates for officer and board positions

Candidate for President: Dave Kilhefner

Candidate for 1st Vice President: Bill Luscombe

Candidates for three-year Board positions: Alan Liere, Harold Pfeiffer, Brad Trumbo

Candidate to fill one-year Board position (remainder of Janie Gildart term): Natalie Bartley

Election will be held via ElectionBuddy.com starting in late February/early March after there is a list of qualified member voters.

Elected candidates will assume office at the conclusion of the Annual Business Meeting in the spring.

Motion by Risa Wyatt: To appoint Natalie Bartley temporarily to the Board to fill the position of Janie Gildart until the NOWA membership elects a person to complete the remainder of the term (one year).

Second: Greg Gulbrandsen

PASSED [Unanimous]

4. Old Business: NOWA 2021 On-line Annual Business Meeting.

Discussion: The meeting should last 90 minutes, tops. Risa Wyatt will send a Doodle Poll to membership asking about the best dates/times for the meeting. Dave Kilhefner advised people that they have to renew their membership to vote.

5. Old Business: EIC Contest

From Matt Liere, Chair: Contest is running well. More than 40 entries have already come in. Deadline is February 1. OWAC (Outdoor Writers Association of California) will serve as judges. Winners can be announced at the Annual Business Meeting.

6. New Business: Online Membership Directory

Discussion about whether or not to include phone numbers, since this is not a password-protected document. Advantage of having directory available to everyone is that editors can then research and contact members for assignments.

Motion by Risa Wyatt: To add phone numbers to the online directory, but allow members to opt out if they prefer.

Second: Unrecorded

PASSED [4 votes to 1]

7. New Business: Constitution and Bylaws / Reduce required maximum time to return ballots

Discussion also covered the consensus that the finished, tested ballot should be submitted to members (paid as of February 1) for approval.

Motion by Greg Gulbrandsen: To shorten the required maximum time for members to return ballots to 10 days instead of 30 days.

Second: Risa Wyatt

PASSED [Unanimous]

Motion by Greg Gulbrandsen: To adjourn.

Second: Dennis Dauble

PASSED [Unanimous] ADJOURNED: 6:58 pm

FINAL SHOT



Randy Bauman photographed this beautiful rainbow at Shoshone Falls in Twin Falls, Idaho.