

ITA Board Meeting - 8/24/2024

Illinois Audubon Society, Springfield, IL

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 with the following officers/board members present: Ryan Ruhl, Andy Day, Kent Weil, Tim Kelley, Dean Corgiat, Joe McCall, Mike Vose, Dave Scifres, Mike O'Brien. Members present: Jim Lierle, Neal Graves, Bobby Collins, Mark Hebert, John Fink.

SECRETARY REPORT:

As no secretary was present at the last meeting, motion was made (Day) "Skip the secretary report". Second (Weil) passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer report was passed out in a hard copy. Net profit of \$4,011.09 from 3/14-8/24/24. With a total balance of \$28,537.19. Motion was made (Corgiat) "accept treasurer report". Second (Weil) passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussed the new trailer purchased with monies from the Furbearer Fund Grant.

Decided, at this time, we could utilize the old trailer for various events.

Need to clean out the storage shed in East Peoria.

REPORTS:

NTA by Kent Weil

This year's convention was in Sioux Falls, SD. ITA had our tables there and was well represented. NTA continues to work on legislation throughout the nation. Upcoming conventions are set for Arkansas, Nevada, Virginia, and Indiana.

IFOR by Kent Weil

Annual banquet was May 4th in Godfrey. ITA bought a table, but wasn't able to fill it. IFOR is a conglomeration of various outdoor clubs/associations that work together to help educate legislators as to the benefits of all outdoor activities.

FTA by Dave Scifres

FTA Chapter 17 meeting 8/25 in Chatsworth. 17-I 10/13 in Marengo. 2025 Convention will be 7/24-26 in Spencer, IA. Nationally, FTA is struggling for members, and everyone is encouraged to attend the national convention.

Break from 10:05-10:14

CONVENTION:

Convention will be 9/27&28 at the Macon Co Fairgrounds in Decatur.

There will be a meal and auction Friday night, with proceeds going to help fund our lobbyist. The general meeting will be at 3:00 Saturday. The

trapper education course will be Saturday in the 4-H building at 8AM.
Want to have next year's convention locked in before the start of this one.
Considering Effingham, Ogle and Logan County fairgrounds for future
conventions.

AWARDS:

We need any and all information we can get of past winners of any awards.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Motion was made (Scifres) to "Appoint Neal Graves and Mark Hebert to the Board of Directors with a term that will expire in 2025". Second (Day) passed unanimously.

5 people self nominated for a 3 year term on The Board that will begin after the general meeting 9/28/24: Bob Collins, Joe McCall, Tim Kelley, John Fink, and Kent Weil. With 5 openings, there is no need for a ballot at the convention.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is money available from the furbearer grant that we need to capitalize on. Mike Vose is going to spearhead grant writing.

The annual CPO class is 9/23-26 in Utica. They are looking for help, contact Dave Scifres for details.

James Blakely is an older CPO that would like to attend the Trappers College to further his knowledge of trapping. He has pledged to continue to share this knowledge after retirement. There was a motion (Scifres) to "pay for half of James Blakely tuition to the trapper's college". Second (Vose).

The motion was amended (Weil) to "pay up to \$925 for tuition" Second (Kelley) amended motion passed 9-1.

Various ideas for hats were shared by Fink.

Consider "collector" shirts with date and location of the convention on them.

Motion to adjourn (Graves) Second (O'Brien) passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 12:31 PM