

ITA Board Meeting 1/23/25

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with the following officers/ board members and guests attending: Ryan Ruhl, Andy Day, Mike O'Brien, Bob Collins, John Fink, Tim Kelley, Kent Weil, Dean Corgait, Jordan McGinnis, Dave Scifres, Mike Vose, Mark Hebert, and Lisa Demeule.

SECRETARY REPORT:

O'Brien presented the previously emailed minutes from the 10/24/24 meeting. Motion was made (Day) "Accept the secretary report". Second (Weil). Passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

Day presented the previously emailed treasurer report. Net decrease in funds of \$2,092.89 from 10/24/24 to 1/23/25. With a total balance of \$36,879.32. Our current active membership is 496. Motion was made (O'Brien) "Accept treasurer report". Second (Vose). Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

We received a quote from WEST Bend for liability and property insurance for \$2,651, plus an additional \$333 for cyber protection per year. Motion was made (Scfries) "move ahead with purchasing insurance from West Bend for 1 year with cyber protection". Second (Weil). Passed unanimously.

We now have a membership without a magazine subscription for \$20/yr.

Lisa Demeule was on the call and will start working on the website. She brings a lot to the table, and we are lucky and grateful to have her!

We will have a 3 gun package for the convention raffle. A CVA Scout Takedown 350 Legend, a Ruger 10/22, and a Stoeger 12 Ga, 3" semi-auto. A motion was made (Scfries) "Buy the aforementioned guns for the raffle from Presley's". Second (Hebert). Passed unanimously.

O'Brien has only been able to locate 2 of the supposedly 6 Policy and Procedures that have been ratified over the years. The search continues.

REPORTS:

FTA- The ITA fur sale announcement is in the Fur Taker magazine. The National convention is 7/25-27 in Spencer IA. East Central II spring meeting is 3/30 in Chatsworth.

NTA-The NTA is working to share information quicker amongst all parties. Also waiting to see how the new administration works in regards to delisting the wolf, among other outdoor activities. National convention is 7/17-19 in Harrisonburg, VA.

IFOR-Currently watching bills on coyote contests, as well the proposed national park along the Mississippi River.

ELECTION- Nothing to report

RULES- Nothing to Report

AWARDS- Need the year in which various people were inducted into the Hall of Fame. Any names to be considered for awards needs to be given to the committee by 9/1.

CONVENTION-Contract has been sent to Lincoln for this year. McGinnis has checked into the Effingham county fairgrounds as a possible location for '26.

SOCIAL MEDIA-If anyone observes questionable content please contact Ryan or Andy ASAP to have it addressed.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION- Gardner kids camp will be 3/7-9. Mike is in need of a dozen 110's and 30 NTA handbooks. The committee met with CPO trainers to give input toward the CPO training on trapping. There will be a CPO training program 3/10-14 at Crab Orchard. Becoming an Outdoors Woman is hosting a trapping camp at Siloam Springs 3/28-30. Lisa already has 22 signed up!

CONSTITUTION- Nothing to Report

GRANT WRITING- Committee is working on an opportunity to do 4 events like the Gardner kids camp.

LEGISLATIVE-Nothing to Report

NEW BUSINESS

Fur sale is set for 2/15 at Krile in Strasburg.

The next meeting is set for 5/10 at the Lincoln Rural Fire Department in Lincoln at 9:30.

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

The IL Taxidermists Association will have their annual convention 3/13-16 at the Northfield Inn & Suites.

ITA will be offering 2 awards.

The ITA will be donating \$100 to the FTA for their annual sweepstakes.

Motion to Adjourn (Day). Second (O'Brien). Passed unanimously.