

## ITA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 9/24/2024

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 with Officers Cody Champ, Andy Day, and Ryan Ruhl present. Members present were: Mike O'Brien, Greg Anderson, Louie Krumwiede, Brad Short, Kent Weil, Bobby Collins, Mark Hebert, Christy Hebert, Geoffrey Crabtree, Landyn Crabtree, Jim Lierle, John Fink, Dave Scifres, Tim Kelley, Robert Elmore, Stephen Brown, Joe McCall, Ryan Dodd, Sean Morgan, and Neal Graves. The pledge was followed by a prayer from Bobby Collins.

### SECRETARY REPORT:

Motion was made (Collins) to "Bypass secretary report" Second (Weil). Passed unanimously.

### TREASURER REPORT:

\$26,094.06 beginning balance from last year, \$26,052.86 currently. There is \$12,632 in the Legislative Defund. Membership sits at 424. Motion (Champ) to "Accept treasurer report", Second (Weil). Passed unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### FTA:

Scfries: There will be a meeting 10/13 in Marengo, IL. CPO Blakely enjoyed the trappers college, was very successful, and thanks ITA for the donation.

### IFOR:

Bob Elmore: Potential National Park along the southern Mississippi River border between Illinois and Missouri. Potential change of classification from Shawnee National Forest to Shawnee National Park. IFOR will be monitoring any possible reductions to sporting access.

### NTA:

Weil: National convention was in Sioux Falls, SD in '24, moving to Harrisonburg, VA for '25, and Indiana in '26. NTA is at the forefront of fighting anti trapping legislation throughout the US. They have agreed at the national level to work in conjunction with the NWTF, DU, and various other outdoor organizations.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Officers installed as follows: Ryan Ruhl for a second, 2 year term as President, Neil Graves and Mark Hebert as Directors with a term that expires in 2025. Bobby Collins, Joe McCall, Tim Kelley, Kent Weil, and

John Fink as Directors to a full 3 year term. Motion made (Scrifres) to the above. Second (Lierle). Passed unanimously.

Mike O'Brien to a first, 2 year term as Secretary. Motion made (Champ). Second (Weil). Passed unanimously.

After discussion about a lifetime membership, a consensus was found.

Motion (Elmore) "The Board shall move forward with a lifetime membership WITHOUT subscription by the 2025 convention". Second (M. Hebert).

Amended (Kelley) "Board to determine price and any additional gratuities to lifetime members". Second (Weil) Amended motion passed unanimously.

After discussion about a membership without a subscription to facilitate memberships within a household a consensus was found. Motion (Kelley) "Establish a membership without subscription for \$20 per year". Second (Graves). Passed unanimously.

#### 2025 CONVENTION:

The Macon County fairgrounds have served us well, and we appreciate their support. Looking into 2025, Macon County (including table rental) would be \$3500 for 9/25&26. Logan County fairgrounds will be \$1600 with tables for 10/3&4. As these dates do not conflict with youth deer season in 2025, a motion was made (Champ) "Use the Logan County Fairgrounds for the 2025 convention October 3rd&4th". Second (Collins). Passed unanimously.

The organizational board meeting to establish committees, schedule meetings for the next year, and clean up any unfinished business from the convention has been moved to October 24th at 6PM via Zoom. All members are always encouraged to attend these meetings. Dates and times are available on the website, you may reach out to Andy for an invitation.

We have an offer for someone to take over posting things to the website, everyone was supportive, but no official motion was made.

Motion to adjourn (Day) Second (Champ). Passed unanimously.