

ITA Board Meeting - 10/24/2024

The ZOOM meeting was called to order at 6:01 with the following officers/ board members present: Ryan Ruhl, Andy Day, Mike O'Brien, John Fink, Mark Hebert, Joe McCall, Mike Vose, and Kent Weil.

SECRETARY REPORT:

O'Brien presented the previously emailed minutes from the 8/24 meeting. Motion was made (Weil) "Accept the secretary report". Second (Day), passed unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT:

Day presented the previously emailed treasurer report. Net profit of \$8,877.31 from 8/24-10/24/24. With a total balance of \$38,971.44. Our current active membership is 493. Motion was made (Vose) "Accept treasurer report". Second (O'Brien) passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2024 convention was discussed as overwhelmingly positive. A financial breakdown was emailed prior to the meeting. Total expenses were \$4,411.48, total income \$13,319.00 before raffles. Raffle profit was \$3,065.06. Vendors reported good sales and food vendors were happy. Special thanks goes out to all the members, directors, and officers that helped make this convention a success.

We are waiting for a check for partial reimbursement of CPO Blakely's tuition.

Ryan will send the signed contract with deposit for the 2025 convention to the Logan County fairgrounds in the next few days.

REPORTS:

FTA:

National convention will be July 25 & 26, 2025 in Spencer, IA.

NTA:

Kent will be taking part in a ZOOM meeting with the NTA regional director in the near future.

IFOR:

IFOR is very involved in a possible change of status for the Shawnee National Forest and a possible "park" covering portions of the Mississippi River.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following standing committee assignments were made:

Please note that Ryan Ruhl - President is a member of each committee per by-laws.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

RULES - Kent Weil (CM), Dave Scifres

CONST. - Kent Weil (CM), Tim Kelley, Dean Corgiat

LEGISLATIVE - Dave Scifres (CM) Kent Weil, Tim Sickmeyer

ELECTION - Mike O'Brien (CM), Bob Collins, Neal Graves

CONVENTION - Cody Champ (CM) Mike O'Brien, John Fink, Jordan McGinnis, Kent Weil

The following Committees were established for the '24-'25 year:

SOCIAL MEDIA - Andy Day (CM), Tim Kelley, Dean Corgiat

OUTREACH & EDUCATION - Mike Vose (CM), John Fink, Doug Stellhorn, Marty Hatfield, Jim Lierle

GRANT WRITING - Mike Vose (CM), Dean Corgiat, Mike O'Brien, Kent Weil

AWARDS - Dave Scifres (CM), Mark Hebert, Joe McCall

Meeting dates were agreed upon:

- Thursday, January 23rd, 6pm, Zoom meeting
- Saturday, May 10th, in person meeting, time and place TBD, hopefully somewhere around Logan Co fairgrounds.
- Saturday, August 23rd, in person meeting, time and place TBD, hopefully somewhere around Altamont.
- Thursday, October 23rd, 6pm, Zoom meeting

FUR SALE:

The fur sale will be Saturday, February 15th at the Krile Auction House in Strasburg, IL.

Doors open at 7, auction begins at 9.

After discussion, it was agreed that we need to move to a blanket liability and property insurance plan. Motion was made (O'Brien) "Ryan Ruhl to provide the board with a liability and property insurance quote by the end of the calendar year via email".

Second (Weil) passed unanimously.

Some action items asked of various committees:

RULES & CONSTITUTION—Lifetime membership ready for Board approval prior to the 2025 convention. Membership without subscription ready for board approval ASAP (maybe by 1/23/25 meeting?)

SOCIAL MEDIA—Appoint someone to take over the website. Provide the Board with contact information to have news shared with the membership in a timely manner.

GROUP EFFORT—Andy to get prices for 2025 gun raffle, share with the board at the 1/23/25 meeting, and, upon approval, print tickets early for presale opportunities.

ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to bring any outreach possibilities to the proper committee for consideration.

SECRETARY—needs to go through the archives and put together all of the "Policy & Procedures" that have been approved by the board, and email them to the current board.

GRANT WRITING—Mike Vose, Dean Corgiat, and Lisa Demeule are meeting 11/8 to work on grant writing basics.

2025 convention will be October 2nd & 3rd at the Logan county fairgrounds, discussion was held about a gate admission charge.

John Fink can get the same hats sold at the '24 convention for \$15 if we get 144. Kent Weil to get a price also.

Board roundtable was held - nothing to report.

Motion to "Adjourn" (O'Brien), Second (Hebert), passed unanimously