

## ITA Board of Directors Meeting - 10/23/2025

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 6:01 with the following members and guests attending: Ryan Ruhl, Andy Day, Jordan McGinnis, Mike O'Brien, Nick Bohms, Dave Scifres, John Fink, Marty Hatfield, Todd Broge, Kent Weil, Dean Corgait, Bobby Collins, Mark Hebert, Cody Gaboriault, and Lisa Demeule.

### SECRETARY REPORT

O'Brien presented the previously emailed secretary report from the 8/23/25 meeting. Motion was made (Weil) "Accept the secretary report". Second (Day). Passed unanimously.

### TREASURER REPORT

Day presented the previously emailed treasurer report. Net increase in funds of \$29,152.91 from 8/23/25 to 10/23/25 due to a very good convention and lifetime membership sales. Total balance of \$59,298.09.

Our current membership stands at 515. Motion was made (Broge) "Accept Treasurer report". Second (Weil). Passed unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS

Previously emailed reports from the convention were presented. This included:

Treasurer—\$32,000 profit

Survey—First attempt yielded 88 submissions

Attendance map—First attempt yielded 180 submissions

Merchandise—First attempt at new design resulted in excellent clearances.

We need to ensure that there are drinks available throughout the set up, entire convention, and clean up. Food vendor should have had more food available. There were issues at the hotel. Thank you to everyone that had a hand in making 2025 a very successful convention.

The bill is paid for the website and we are moving forward.

Ryan, Andy, and Tim are working on reinstating our non-profit status.

The government shutdown is restricting our abilities to move forward now. Possibly looking at a 6 month window. Our ability to apply for grants is negatively affected at this time.

The fur sale is set for 2/21/26 at the Krile Auction House in Strasburg, IL. Doors open at 7AM, first hammer drops at 9.

### REPORTS

FTA- Scifres presented the previously emailed report.

NTA-No significant changes.

IFOR-No significant changes.

ELECTION-A new contact list will be sent out.

RULES-Nothing to report.

AWARDS-We need to work on getting plaques to life members.

CONVENTION-Discussed earlier. 2026 planning underway.

SOCIAL MEDIA-Discussed guidelines that are used to allow access to the facebook page.

OUTREACH&EDUCATION-Weil secured trapper handbooks for Gardner Camp and Lisa DeMeule's women's camp.

CONSTITUTION-Nothing to report

GRANT WRITING-We need non-profit status to continue.

LEGISLATIVE-Nothing to report

#### NEW BUSINESS

The next year's meeting dates are as follows:

1/22/26 Zoom meeting 6PM

5/9/26 In person meeting Location TBD, 9:30AM

8/22/26 In person meeting Ballard Nature Preserve Altamont 10:00AM

10/22/26 Zoom meeting 6PM

#### COMMITTEES

Committee assignments are as follows\*:RULES CONST CONVENTION LEGISLATIVE ELECTION

SOCIAL MEDIA: Day (CM), Kelley, Corgiat

RULES: Weil (CM), Scifres, O'Brien

CONSTITUTION: Weil (CM), Kelley, Corgiat, O'Brien

CONVENTION: McGinnis (CM), Collins, Bohms, Weil

LEGISLATION: Scifres (CM), Weil, Sickmeyer

ELECTION: O'Brien (CM), Collins, Graves

GRANTS: Vose (CM), Corgiat, Weil

OUTREACH & EDUCATION: Vose (CM), Fink, Hatfield, Broge, Stelhorn, Lierle

AWARDS: Scifres (CM), Hebert, McCall, Bohms

MERCHANDISE\*: Fink (CM), O'Brien, Day, McGinnis

RAFFLE: O'Brien (CM), Fink, Day, Weil

MEMBERSHIP: Hatfield (CM), Broge, Day, Hebert

BOARD ROUNDTABLE

O'Brien and Collins both spoke as to the pride and success of this board.

McGinnis touched on catering the awards meal to allow the board to enjoy the night. The board and volunteers would do the vendor meal.

Lisa Demeule said the new website is ready to launch.

Motion to adjourn made by Bohms. Second by Weil. Passed unanimously.

\*Merch committee was then dissolved on 11/1/25