

Wisconsin Trappers Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Stage Coach Inn Mosinee, Wi.

Jan. 05, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Pres. A. Groehler at 9:04 am. The pledge to the flag was recited by all present. Those in attendance were; Pres. A. Groehler, VP Jr. Prudlick, Sec. R. Kirchmeyer, NTA Rep. S. McAuley, Treas. R. Warmka, M. Kortenhof, S. O'Mary, J. Gordon, C. Hamerla, B. Riske, J. Bauer, P. Rhodes, L. Meyer, and M. Kluetzman. Also present were B. Larson WCTEP Cord., M. Widner Correspondence/online Cord. D. Carrol and R. Peters, FTA Rep.

Pres. Groehler read the WTA mission statement. No additions or corrections were made.

Agenda Repair. A MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA MOVING J. Hamerla and B. Larson forward in the agenda was made by J. Gordon and seconded by P. Rhodes. MOTION CARRIED.

Merchandise Cord. Report; J. Hamerla reported that merchandise has been sold by the e-store since late last year. She has the new logo on some new merchandise and will have a permanent storage shed for the WTA merchandise trailer in a few weeks.

WCTEP Report; B. Larson reported about the past years graduates and what is in store for the upcoming year. Bryce will be stepping out of this position April 1st. 2019 so the WTA needs to find a replacement by that date. There has been a decrease in people interested in becoming trapper ed. instructors. Ag teachers, DNR employees and GLIFWIC instructor's who teach trapper ed. do not need to be WTA members to teach a trapper ed. class.

M. Widner thanked Bryce for his past leadership in the trapper ed. Cord. position. The mentor trapping bill has some flaws in it that need to be addressed. The correspondence courses have slowed a little this past year. A person who does starts the trapper ed. correspondence course has 3 years to finish the course. Mike commented that at each district roudy that a test out for correspondence courses could be held that day.

Sec. report; Pres. Groehler asked for a motion to approve the Oct. 13th 2018 WTA BOD meeting minutes as previously emailed to the BOD. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCT. 13TH WTA BOD MEETING MINUTES WAS MADE BY J. Gordon and seconded by B. Riske. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Report; Treas. R. Warmka gave the financial status of the WTA. WTA profited by hosting the annual FTA convention in 2018. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WTA FINANCIAL REPORT AS GIVEN WAS MADE BY J. Gordon and seconded by S. McAuley. MOTION CARRIED.

Pres. Report; Pres. Groehler said things are quiet on the political front. Pres. Groehler has found out that Gov. Evers is not very well informed about natural resource issues so he will be relying upon aides to advise him. He stated very few political representatives hunt, fish, or trap. The WTA may need to raise membership dues in the near future., The WTA has not had a membership dues increase since Jan. 01, 2010. A suggested raise of dues for yearly memberships was discussed to go from \$25.00 to \$30.00.

VP Report; VP Prudlick asked that all district directors make sure that all meetings and minutes are properly posted on the WTA web-site. Jr. also stated that he thought that all WTA Hall of Fame members be posted on the WTA web-site he also would like to see the WTA by laws be posted on the web-site. At the fall WTA roudy no district can hold a fund raiser or ask for donations from the vendors present. Districts need to reinvest monies back into the WTA when they have excess monies. It helps the WTA to help protect our sport of trapping. Jr. wants the P&F committee to set the parameters of a Wisconsin Trappers Assoc. Heritage Donor Club.

P&F Report; Pres. Groehler reported that the P&F comm. has suggested that Russ Bachmann be appointed to the position as Raffle Cordinator. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF Russ Bachmann TO THE POSITION OF RAFFLE CORD. BY PRES. GROEHLER EFFECTIVE JAN. 01, 2019 WAS MADE BY R. Kirchmeyer and seconded by S. O'Mary. MOTION CARRIED.

NTA Report; S. McAuley stated that the NTA has won the cities law suit. The laws suit makes it still possible to sell furs that need a cities permit. The 2019 NTA convention will be held in Springfield Missouri. The WTA BOD approved putting in a nomination to sponsor the 2021 FTA convention. Miss Teen and Miss Wisconsin have received their fur coats from the WTA for full filling their obligations to receive such coats. Miss Wisconsin 2019 has agreed to full fill the obligations to be able to receive a fur coat from WTA.

Spring Membership meeting /banquet; The event will be held at Stoney Creek on March 16, 2019. Russ will put adds in the Outdoor News promoting the event. R. Kirchmeyer will talk to Mike Brust about being a guest speaker talking about varmit calling.

Convention Cord. Report; The WTA needs to look at our contract with the Marshfield Fair Grounds and if need be renew our contract with them for 3 years. The WTA will also look at other venues to hold our fall roudy and possible other events we host in the future.

New Bus; A prayer was given by R. Kirchmeyer to commerate the passing of Crystal Subliski and Bill Schneider. The BOD discussed possibly naming buildings at the Fall Roudy after WTA Hall of Fame members. Larry Vanderehof at the present time is the WTA historian. The WTA needs to contact him about what artifacts and other historic papers he may have in his possession. Larry Meyer has attended a meeting of the Sportsmen for Wetlands Coalition representing the WTA. A MOTION TO HAVE A MEMBER ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE CALLED "The Sportmen for Wetland Coalition" representing the WTA was made by Jr. Prudlick and seconded by R. Kirchmeyer. MOTION PASSED. Pres. Groehler appointed Larry Meyer to the coalition with Scott Zimmermann as the alternate.

BOD Matters; S. McAuley stated that the reporting of incidental catch's is very cumbersome. The ability to distribute the WTA membership list is controlled by the WTA memberships vote to say either yes "distribute" or no "don't distribute".

The next meeting of the WTA BOD will be Sat. March 16, 2019 at Stoney Creek. The WTA BOD meeting for July is set for July 20, 2019 at the Stage Coach in Mosinee.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 1:52 pm was made by S. McAuley and seconded by P. Rhodes MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by ; WTA Sec. Richard Kirchmeyer

