

Wisconsin Trappers Association
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Stage Stop Restaurant Mosinee, WI
Jan. 04, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Pres. A. Groehler at 9:04 am. The pledge to the flag was recited by all present.

Sec. R. Kirchmeyer took roll call of those present; Pres. A. Groehler, Sec. R. Kirchmeyer, NTA S. McAuley, Treas. R. Warmka, M. Korten Hof, S. O'Mary, J. Gordon, C. Hamerla, B. Riske, J. Bauer, P. Rhodes, and M. Kluetzman. J. Floistad was proxy for S. Hoeft, and S. Zimmermann was proxy for L. Meyer. D. Louis was unexcused. Also present were; L. Sillars, Jr Prudlick and J. Hamerla.

Pres. Groehler read the WTA mission statement.

Agenda repair; A MOTION TO ADD UNDER NEW BUSINESS WAS TRAPPER QUESTIONNAIRE AND PROXY FORM FOR BOD ON WTA WEBSITE WAS MADE BY C. Hamerla and seconded by J. Gordon. MOTION CARRIED.

Sec. Report; WTA Sec. R. Kirchmeyer asked that the minutes from the June 29, Sept. 7, and Oct. 12 WTA BOD meetings be approved as previously distributed to all BOD members via email. A MOTION TO APPROVE SAID WTA BOD MEETING MINUTES AS PREVIOUSLY E-MAILED WAS MADE BY J. Gordon and seconded by B. Riske. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Report; Treas. R. Warmka passed out a financial report to all. The WTA is financially stable. The WTA now has 13 checking accounts and 17 financial accounts. There were some questions asked and discussion about the finances of the WTA. There needs to be someone to make sure each and every year \$500.00 from the Fall rondo auction goes into the Mike Abrahamson Scholarship account. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS GIVEN WAS MADE BY J. Gordon and seconded by M. Kluetzman. MOTION CARRIED.

Pres. Report; Pres. Groehler said the DNR is really promoting the 3 – R program. The WTA is in need of a person to be the WTA Vice President. There are a few district positions that need to be filled also. The Heritage Club has had \$3,000.00 of donations made to it. A new patch is being looked at to give to donors. A committee needs to be formed to formulate ideas and the future of the WTA History Trailer. A need to contact and see what info or artifacts the past/present WTA Historian has. (Larry Vanderhof) The WTA History trailer is intended to show what the WTA did, not who did what. All even number WTA districts have elections this year. WTA Hall of fame nominations need to be to Chris Bezio by early March so they can be announced at the WTA Spring Membership Meeting.

P&F report; L. Sillars informed the BOD that Pam Mathers is the only person who applied for the Convention Cord. Position. (Pam would accept the position for 1 or 2 more years) A new job description needs to be formulated for the position. A MOTION TO APPROVE PRES. GROEHLER TO OFFER PAM MATHERS THE CONVENTION COORDINATOR POSITION FOR THE YEAR OF 2020 AND EXPIRING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 FOR A STIPEND OF \$2,000.00 WAS MADE BY S. McAuley and seconded by J.

Floistad. MOTION CARRIED. The WTA Vice Presidents position needs to be filled no contacts have been made to Lee. The Social Media position is in need of a new contract. A MOTION TO OFFER SKY GOODIE A STIPEND OF \$1000.00 FOR A ONE YEAR CONTRACT (2020) WAS MADE BY R. Kirchmeyer and seconded by S. McAuley MOTION FAILED. A MOTION TO ALLOW PRES. GROEHLER TO APPOINT SKY GOODE AS THE WTA SOCIAL MEDIA PERSON FOR A STIPENDED OF \$2,000.00 FOR THE YEAR 2020 WAS MADE BY J. Gordon and seconded by M. Kluetzman. MOTION CARRIED. Sky said that it may be possible to have sponsors for the WTA Face Book Page which in turn could possibly pay for her stipend. Lee wants to continue work on a "Special Project fund" (contingency fund) so monies can be put into such an account when the monies are available. A position on the Sporting Heritage Council that represents the trapping fraternities is up for nominations. A MOTION TO NOMINATE SCOTT ZIMMERMANN TO THE POSTION (Scott has been on the committee for 2 terms) ON THE HERITAGE COUNCIL WAS MADE BY R. Kirchmeyer and seconded by J. Floistad. MOTION CARRIED.

Larry Meyer represents the WTA on the Sportsmen for Wetlands Coalition. A MOTION THAT SHOWS THE WTA BOD SUPPORTS THE EDUCATING OF THE LEGISLATORS ON SEN BILL 631 AND ASSM. BILL 701 WAS MADE BY L. Sillars. THE MOTION FAILED BECAUSE OF A LACK OF A SECOND.

NTA Report; S. McAuley informed the BOD that the annual NTA convention will be held in Kalamazoo, Michigan on July 23rd to the July 25th. When the WTA sponsors a NTA convention we do all the work and only get a portion of the gate fees but they pay for the facility. With the FTA we get all the gate fees and any other monies raised except for the auction. The WTA pays for the facility.

FTA Report; The 2020 annual convention will be in Charleston, Indiana. The WTA is an affiliate of the FTA. If the WTA is to sponsor an FTA event again the event must be held in a climate-controlled environment. Jefferson County fair grounds has enough space and is climate controlled to hold an FTA event. A MOTION FOR THE WTA TO PUT A BID IN TO SPONSOR THE FTA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN 2022 WAS MADE BY S. McAuley and seconded by B. Riske. MOTION CARRIED.

FTW Report; The Pres. of the FTW has stepped down. Any youth interested in the position should contact Dick McCarthy the FTW cord. A Youth Trap Camp will be held in Eagle River at the Trees for Tomorrow Camp on August 12th to the 15th 2020. Contact Dick McCarthy if you have a youth or want to sponsor a youth to the event. Pres. Groehler will talk to Shawn Rosseler and or Curtis Tweelman about possible monies available from the DNR to help support the youth camp. Steve Van needs to be notified that the monies minus any expenses from the Youth Table at the Spring Membership Banquet should be deposited in the FTW account each and every year.

New Bus: Foot Snaring of Black Bear strategies;

- Go through the WCC Spring hearing process

- Only introduce in 5 counties

- The season would only occur after the present bear harvest season is completed

- Only unfilled harvest permits would be used (unfilled from regular bear harvest season)

- Can only be used on private lands

- Can only be harvested in BMZ C, E, & F (Non-Hound BMZ's)

Will need a BMP produced

Will probably need a Bear Snaring Education Class to participate (similar to Wolf)

WTA will need to create a Bear Snaring Cord.

The WTA Spring Banquet will be held at Stoney Creek Inn in Rothschild on March 21st, 2020. Any district, person, or manufacturer can donate to the event to help control expenses. Help is always welcome at the event. It would be nice to have a guest speaker again; Chris Cold was a suggestion.

The DNR is sponsoring a trapping questionnaire in 2020. (Keith Warnke)

C. Hamerla, has retyped the WTA BOD proxy form and will have S. Van put in on the WTA website under WTA BOD Log In.

The WTA is looking at a possible Slogan or motto. One suggestion was; "Protecting Our Heritage Through Education"

A suggestion that some of the prizes for the Fall Raffle not be trapping related so tickets might be more appealing to non-trappers to buy.

It was suggested that Pres. Groehler keep all WTA BOD members informed on what is happening bi-weekly. (e-mail)

Pres. Groehler will continue working on the possible Sweep Stakes License.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS MADE AT 1:59 BY S. Zimmermann and seconded by M. Kortenhof. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted By;

Richard Kirchmeyer

WTA sec.