

Virginia Trappers Association

District 4 Meeting Notes

September 28, 2025

1400 - 1600

Present at meeting:

District Director – Alex Mertz

Past VTA President & BOD member – Art Foltz

Past District Director & District 4 Recording Secretary – Blanche Conley

VTA Website & Social Media Administrator – Michael Meisberger

Members: 3

Guests: N/A

DISTRICT 4 BUSINESS

District Director Alex Mertz is working on an advanced schedule (year long) for district meetings and events.

- Possibly 4 meetings annually
- Meetings will be in different locations to accommodate large district
- Meeting days and times will change to accommodate membership
- District members are asked to “bring a kid” or a future trapper to the meetings.

Members discussed having a demonstration on how to trap mink. Several titles were suggested for reading about Mink Trapping:

- Master Mink Methods by E.J. Dailey
- Mink Trapping Techniques by Charles L. Dobbins
- NTA Trapping Handbook by Tom Krause
- No Nonsense Mink Trapping by Mike Marsyada
- Mink Trapping by Don Powell
- Mega Mink Methods by Gerald Schmitt

QUESTIONS FOR INCOMING OFFICERS

Questions for incoming VTA President & Vice President:

- 1) Will there be a SheSide for the VTA?
- 2) What is the new strategic plan?
- 3) What are the priorities for the VTA and Districts?

Suggestion for VTA Officers: Can the VTA contact the FTA and NTA and ask for a list of their members (Name and contact information) from Virginia. The VTA can then send these individuals a notice they have been given a free 1, 3, or 5 year, free membership in the Virginia Trappers Association.

Submitted by District 4 Recording Secretary Blanche Conley

Approved by District 4 Director Alex Mertz

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