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- IAAI – ITC 2026 will be at Union Station in St. Louis. We will have merch table and will need help. President Thiemann discusses meeting with IAAI, and they will need help with room monitors, and other logistical items. We will be trying to accommodate where we can. Discussed being a part of the planning, but more information from IAAI is needed. The Spouses Committee for the IAAI is looking for ideas for excursions during the ITC. Christine Cheers from IAAI is supposed to be calling Presson to gather the ideas. The Board suggested the zoo, Art Museum, St. Louis FD Museum, the Arch, Old Courthouse, Anheuser Busch, Grants Farm. Catlett has volunteered to perform National Anthem. Suggested the St. Louis County Drums and Pipes, and the Police/Fire Color Guard. Discussion concerning St. Louis FD Chief Jenkerson and St. Louis County Detective Keithley in securing the representation for the opening ceremonies. The IAAI asked for a list of potential dignitaries they can invite to opening ceremonies. Our logo has been sent to IAAI for co-branding. Catlett has a contact for the Zoo to arrange a behind the scenes tour. Presson will send the information to Christine Cheers and copy Catlett. The IAAI Board will hold a meeting on the Saturday prior to the ITC. Our Board has been invited to that meeting. Their advanced party arrives on the Wednesday

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before the conference. The IAAI is offering a reduced rate for the volunteers from our Chapter, but we do not know how many they will give yet or how many volunteers they will need. Det. Kethley submitted to be an instructor for at the ITC.

New Business:

- 2026 ATC – President Thiemann suggested looking for additional instructors
- Dunn proposes to extend the Sportsman Raffle ticket sales to Oct 1. President Thiemann suggested to wait until the End of August to make that decision based on ticket sales.
- Next meeting date confirmed: November 8th at Fenton FPD. Meeting time is 10:00 am.
- Future meeting dates: February 25th will be a 7 pm Zoom meeting, and May 2nd will be a 10 am meeting at The Oasis.

Motion to Adjourn: Catlett 2nd: Knoll. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,
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