

Minnesota Trappers Association

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General Membership Meeting Minutes
Location: Forest View Elementary School, Brainerd, MN
Date: January 4, 2020

General Membership Meeting Called to order at 11:03 am

Welcome by President Roggenkamp and introduction of the BOD

Approval of the August 1, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

- **Bert Highland motioned to approve the August 1, 2019 general membership minutes as written. Jim Anderson seconded the motion, motion approved.**

President Remarks

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer presented the current financials, and 2020 Budget of the organization and answered questions from the membership.

Membership Report: The Membership Coordinator presented his report to the General Membership. Current membership is at 1900. The MTA has a decline in members within the organization currently.

Legal Counsel: Gary Leistico was unable to be present at the general membership meeting. President Roggenkamp provided an update on the Lynx Lawsuit and Wolf Roundtable. Legislative session starts later this year and is a non-budget session. MTA will be represented at the Capital. MTA hired Tim Spreck as the MYA Lobbyist for 2020.

Sustaining Donor Program: President provided an update and thanked Leon and Denise for their work with the program. 2020 the funds will be used for Advertising and Promotions for the MTA.

MOHA Report: Randy Goldenman presented information on MOHA updates. Day at the Capital is targeted for February 22 – 24, he is working to get a reservation for one of those days. Member informed membership about the Thursday night Public Radio time with Legislatures.

DNR Report: President provided an update on behalf of the DNR. Jon provided information on the Wolf delisting. Also, a proposal for delisting Lynx. Beaver Statue update will be published in the next magazine.

- Breakaways Snare updated- delay in the rule writing
- Change in the Bobcat, Martin and Fisher season and there were positive comments about the season. Processing the tags and will update on numbers later.

Trapper/Youth Education: The Trapper Education Coordinator submitted a report on trapper's education classes, districts are required to put on a couple classes a year and they are looking for trappers to present for these classes. We encourage trappers to be mentors and take a young trapper on the trap line. We need more field days and we need members to get involved. Scholarship program can be found on the website and from Shawn Johnson. MTA provides \$5000 in scholarships for 2020.

Tanned Fur Project report: Tim Caven provided an update. Tim has been doing the project for 25 years. Looking for districts to prep fur for this project.

NTA/FTA Report: No report. President thanked both coordinators for their work for MTA at the national level.

Education Raffle Report: President provided an update of our education raffle and encourage members to pick up tickets today and help MTA save on postage. 2019 we raised approximately \$27000.

Fur Handling Awards: 1st Bert Highland, 2nd Katelyn Jindra, 3rd Brad. MTA wishes to thank Cumberlands for sponsoring these awards.

Biggest Furbearer Contest: MTA wishes to thank Schmitz Enterprise for sponsoring this contest.

Old Business: No old business

New Business:

- Body Grip measurement update – follow up with diagram in regulation book.
- Member provided a thank you for new design of website and appreciates the work that has been done.
- MTA has a Facebook page – Tom Schmoll, Dave Curtis and Brian Fisher are the moderators of this page.
- District directors please update the Facebook committee on spring and fall meetings.
- Tyler Thompson updated the membership about yearly MTA awards. The deadline is July 1st for nominations.

Bruce Cotti motioned to adjourn meeting and Lloyd Bakken 2nd , motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:26 P.M.