

President's Report:

Trapping season is not that far away now so check out your equipment and get ready to buy supplies at our convention. I have been working on vendors and demos and can assure you that this will be a really good time.

The year has been racing along and now the FTA and NTA Nationals are behind us. We had booths at each with a lot of raffle tickets sold and some new members signed up. We also are bringing in new vendors from Kansas, South Dakota and Michigan. Next year we will be attending the FTA in Virginia and the NTA in Missouri. Just for your info...many, many people are asking when we will be hosting an NTA National again in Indiana. The last one was in 2009.

Our Spring Annual Meeting was very poorly attended. I'm presuming everyone is happy with the way things are flowing along. Fundraising has been good so far this year.

The bear trap & rifle display is very eye catching and draws a lot of attention to our booth. We should have a good supply of tanned fur to sell at shows this coming winter.

Things to look for in this issue:

- Trapping Law Changes

- Election Ballot

- Reports

- Convention Demo Schedule

Convention Schedule:

Thursday, Sept. 13th

Set up starting at 9 am

Board of Directors' Meeting at 6 pm

Friday, Sept. 14th

Food Available: Breakfast and Lunch served - 7 am to 2 pm

Vendor Building opens at 8 am

Demos - hourly - 10 am to 4 pm

Kids Activities - Kids Tent - All Day

Trap Setting Contest - Kids Tent - All Day

Silent Auction - All Day

Vendor Building closes 6pm

Fish Fry 6 pm - Good Will Donations Appreciated

Auction after Fish Fry

Saturday, Sept. 15th

Food Available: Breakfast and Lunch - 7 am to 2 pm

Vendor Building opens at 8 am

Demos - hourly - 9 am to 2 pm

Kids Activities - Kids Tent - All Day

Trap Setting Contest - Kids Tent - All Day until 3 pm

Silent Auction - closes 3 pm

Election Results approx. 4:30 pm

Awards Presentation after Election Results

Raffle Drawing after Awards Presentation

Vendor Building closes at 5 pm

Indoor Vendor list so far:

Volkers (Mike Volkens), Sterling Fur (Keith Winkler), J.R. & Sons (J. R. Robinson), Jeff Dunlap, Brothers in Fur (Billy Cowan), RBG Traps (Nick Erny), Kansas Trapline Products (Ed Schneider), Dakota Line Snares (Mark Steck), Tom Morelock, NAFA (Terry Manley), Grell's Gunsmithing(Stu Grell), Mo's Uncommon Scents(Melissa Mansfield), Fur Harvesters (Dave Linkhart), Winter Wildlife Control (Ernest Winter), and of course, the IDNR, ISTA, FTA and NTA.

Of course, there will lots of tailgaters outside in the (hopefully) beautiful fall weather.

Trap Setting Contest:

Kids 9 years old and younger

Set a #1 longspring trap in under 45 seconds...if they can set the trap, they win that trap. The three fastest times for the weekend will receive a certificate.

Kids 10-16

Set a 1.5 coilspring trap in under 30 seconds and win the trap. Certificates for three fastest times.

Over 16

Set a 1.5 coilspring, a #4 longspring and a 330 conibear in fastest time possible. Certificates awarded for three fastest times. First place winner receives an ISTA t-shirt, Second place receives an ISTA patch, and Third place will receive an ISTA decal.

The contests will run all day long on Friday and Saturday. Register in the Kids' Tent. Awards will be presented at 4:30 pm on Saturday afternoon. Winners unable to attend will have their certificates/prizes mailed to them.

Election:

This year we have a contested election for Vice-President and a new candidate for Director. Instructions are on your ballot so please make sure you get it in the mail right away if you are not going to hand deliver it at the convention. Please read the biographies elsewhere in this newsletter and make your choice. Georgia and Clint have decided not to run for re-election so we have Matt running for election to replace Clint, Melissa running for Treasurer, and Rodney running for re-election for NTA Director. The Board of Directors will then appoint a Secretary to serve the remainder of Melissa's term (if she wins) after she takes office in January.

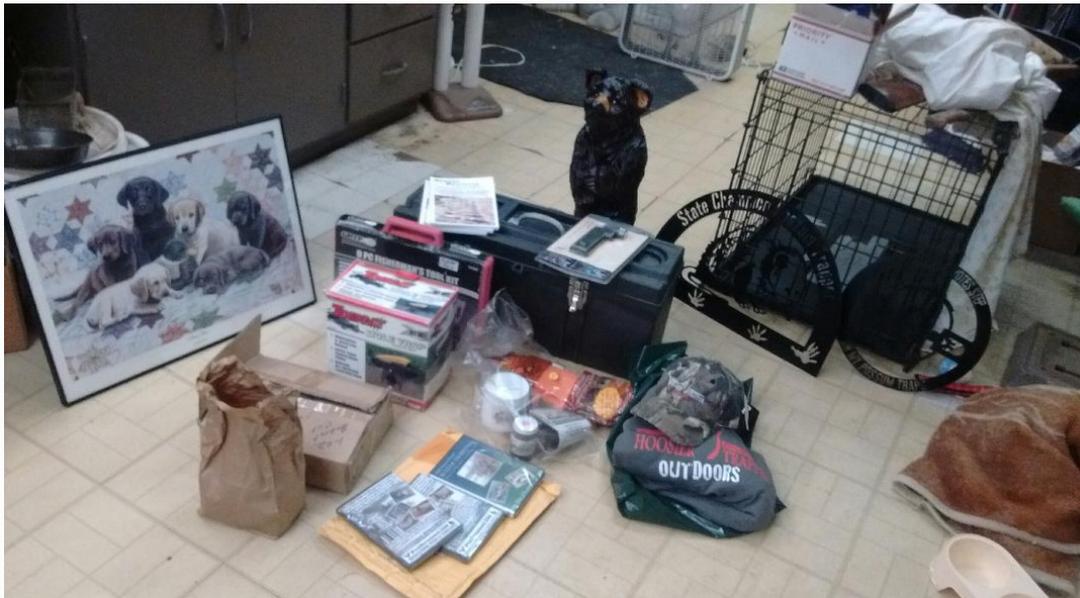
Demo List:

Friday:

- 10 am **Stu Grell, Indiana.....Snaring**
- 11 am **Ed Schneider, Kansas.....Canines**
- 12 pm **Jeff Mangus, Ohio.....Fur Handling**
- 1 pm **Nick Erny, Indiana.....RBG (Round Body Grip)Traps**
- 2 pm **Jeff Dunlap, Michigan.....Beaver**
- 3 pm **Mike Volkers, Illinois.....Coon**
- 4 pm **Charlie Davis, Indiana.....Dog Proof Traps**

Saturday:

- 9 am **Jeff Mangus, Ohio.....Fur Handling**
- 10 am **Jeff Robinson, Ohio.....Canines**
- 11 am **Mark Steck, South Dakota.....Snaring**
- 12 pm **Jeff Dunlap, Michigan.....Coon**
- 1 pm **Gerriann Albers, Indiana.....IDNR/fur bearer biologist**
- 2 pm **Ed Schneider, Kansas.....Canines**



Here is a picture of some of the ISTA Auction items for Friday night's White Elephant Fundraiser. Please bring in your donations starting Thursday, September 13th, or drop off with any Board Officer before then if you can't make it to the convention. Donations accepted until Auction starts.

Gerianne Albers, IDNR Furbearer Biologist:

New DNR Trapping Rules for Fall

Two new rules related to trapping will take effect this fall. The first allows the hides and carcasses of legally harvested furbearers taken during the season to be kept year-round by hunters and trappers without a special authorization. This has been in place for the last few years as a temporary measure, but this rule puts it into effect permanently. This rule allows trappers to keep fur past the close of the season. However, the person in possession of the hide or fur must have proof it was lawfully obtained, such as a tag, receipt, hunting license, trapping license, or permit of some kind. Raw and green fur can still only be sold to someone with a fur buyer's license.

The other rule eliminates the opening and closing times for trapping season. This means trappers will no longer have to wait till after 8 a.m. on opening day or pull traps before noon on closing day. Traps must still be checked every 24 hours and any animals caught removed as in the past. Please note: this is incorrect in the paper copy of the Hunt Guide. It still has the previous language stating 8 a.m. and noon. But the rule has changed as of [July 21](#) and beginning this season it will be legal to set traps anytime on opening and closing day.

The bobcat rule proposal did not move forward, so no bobcat season will be in effect for this fall or anytime in the near future. Currently, it is looking like it will be at least 2 years before another season can be proposed, and 2 more years before it could be implemented after being proposed, meaning likely 4 years or more until there is any possibility of a bobcat season.

New Counties Open to Otter Trapping

In addition to the new rules, three new counties will be open to limited river otter trapping this year. Howard, Clinton, and Greene Counties will now be open to river otter harvest beginning with the 2018-2019 season. The bag limit remains 2 and the quota will remain 600 for the upcoming season. Season dates remain Nov. 15 till [March 15](#) or when the quota is met, whichever comes first. More information about otter trapping is available here: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/8499.htm>

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Mick Perry, Candidate for Vice President:

Trapping for me has always been a way to be outdoors, walk, breathe fresh air and be active. It's also a way I can be a part of wildlife management.

I've trapped since I was 9 years old. Now I'm retired, after working for 39 years as a farmer and heavy equipment operator. I enjoy numerous outdoor activities, and the organizations connected to those activities: I'm a life member of ISTA and FTA, a member of the National Trappers Association and the North American Trap Collectors Association, and a past board director of the Indiana Nut and Fruit Growers Association. I am also a member of Pheasants Forever and the Nature Conservancy.

I'm stepping up today to run for Vice President because the ISTA offers plenty of opportunities to learn and gain support from other trappers. I believe we need it to grow by attracting more people to trapping, especially young people. When young people trap, they learn about the outdoors, get fresh air and sunshine and learn about wildlife in general. I know that when I take my 10-year old grandson out trapping, he's getting lessons in wildlife, some exercise, and we both get quality time together.

I would appreciate your support and I look forward to serving.



Billy Cowan, Candidate for Vice-President:

Good afternoon folks, this is Billy Cowan also known as Brothers in Fur Tannery. I am running for vice president of the Indiana State Trappers Association this year. I'm going to take a few minutes and introduce myself.

To begin with, I am 31 years old and have a wonderful family of my wife and four kids. I own Brothers in Fur Tannery as mentioned above and own and operate a nuisance wildlife control company, which is Indiana Critter Solutions. I have been a trapper for eight years on a serious level and did some hobby trapping a couple years prior to that.

The big question is why am I running for vice president of the Indiana State Trappers Association? I have been a member of the ISTA for two years and want to get myself more involved in the association. Changes are taking place and I want to do all I can to be a part of the change. I believe it is our responsibility as trappers to do all we can to get the youth involved. The youth is the future of our sport and heritage. The ISTA already does a lot for the youth but one of my main goals will be to add more youth related events on behalf of the ISTA. I offer several fur handling classes a year and would be doing these in the ISTA as well. I also would like to see our members more involved in the association. We want to grow and expand membership and by doing so we are hoping for more active members.

This is just a little bio about myself and what I am hoping to accomplish as your vice president of the Indiana State Trappers Association. I encourage all members to vote in this election. Even if you don't vote for me go vote. I will do all I can to be a part of the ISTA regardless if I win this position or not. I hope this gives you guys a little info about myself. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Billy Cowan



Matthew Badger, Candidate for Director until 2021:

My name is Matthew Badger. I am 26 years old and been running traps for 13 years. I am a fur trapper. I have a wonderful wife and amazing son. I live and trap in the Madison/Delaware county area. I trap, fish, and hunt as much as I can. I have been a member of the ISTA going on 2 years now and I believe it is a great organization, but I see a few changes and upgrades that need to be done for today's time. I want to see the membership grow and want to be involved.

If voted in I will listen to any member that wants to talk and answer any questions that are asked to the best of my knowledge. I work for the members. I will do my best to represent you in a professional manner and get the youth involved as much as I can.

Thank you,

Matthew Badger



Melissa Mansfield, Candidate for Treasurer:

Hi everyone! Well, I think most everyone knows who I am, but just in case, I am the current Indiana State Trappers Association Secretary and I have been in this position for the last 6 years. That was when my friend, Stu Grell, asked me to accompany him to a meeting at the then acting Treasurer, Bill Lewis' house. IT WAS A TRAP!!! LOL The Secretary had just tendered her resignation and they inquired as to my interest in replacing her. The rest is history and now it looks like I am moving on to bigger things for the Association.

As our current Treasurer has decided that her time has run its course and she is not running again this election, I am running in her place. Unless there are more write-ins for someone else than votes for me, it looks like I will become your Treasurer come January. I have enjoyed being the Secretary and have had knowledge of the Treasurer's position because Georgia and I have always worked closely together to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

So, I am still Stu's business, pleasure, hunting, and trapping partner and we both look forward to the coming years as we work to continue the improvements being made in the association and watching the younger generation becoming more involved and (hopefully) taking over the reins sometime in the future. I hope lots of you turn send in your ballots with a vote for me.

Thanks.

FTA Fur Bedspread **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!**

Win this commemorative **Wild FUR Bedspread!**

Tickets are distributed through your FTA Chapter or Affiliate Representative. Check the C&A Page in this issue! They have the tickets. Please contact them if you have an interest in this project.

Some Chapters and Affiliates will simply buy the tickets as a form of donations, and should they win, they can do their own fundraiser, or whatever they choose with the blanket.

Other chapters will take advantage of the 50/50 split opportunity and sell the tickets, keeping their half of the income. Some may simply make the tickets available, so please contact your Representative.

You know this blanket would look great in that master bedroom! Contact your C & A Rep. today!

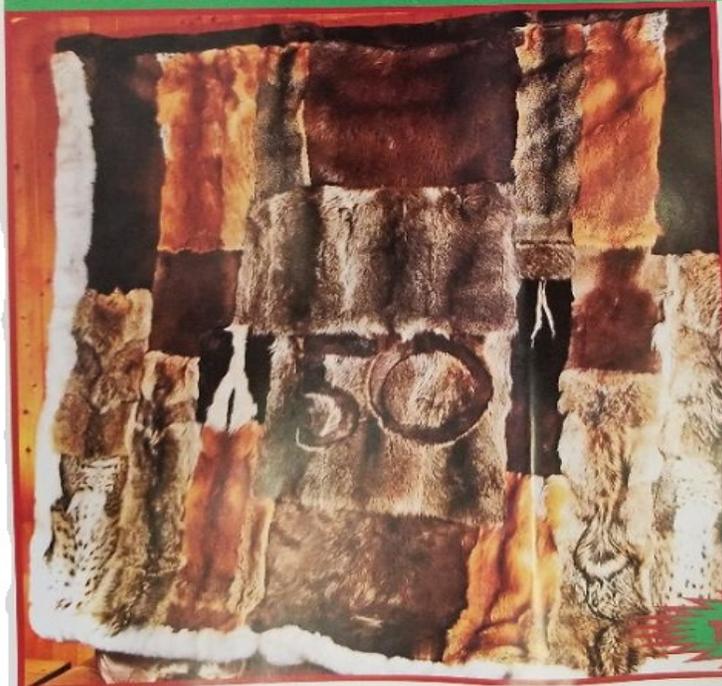
PAGE 36 of this issue. If you are unable to locate tickets, contact Jeff Dumnier, 5286 Harris Lake Road, Marshall, TX 75672

(903) 938-9800

jjdunnier@gmail.com

Winner will be drawn around Thanksgiving, so act NOW!

This fur blanket represents an exhaustive effort by Jeff Dumnier and committee to create a Christmas Blanket Raffle, with a blanket that represents the diverse regions, and furbearers, of our country!



26 • Fur Taker

•It is a symbol of trapper unity across the country!

•It is a beautifully crafted fur blanket!

•It commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Fur Takers of America!

•It can be a fundraiser for your Chapter or Affiliate!

•And if you win, it can be an auction item, your raffle prize, or whatever you elect to do!

•**BUT mostly, it generates funds used to educate and defend TRAPPING!**

You win. We win...

TRAPPING WINS!

FTA Raffle for Fur Quilt:

Many of you are also FTA members and some of you may already know about the Patchwork Quilt Raffle. This is a beautiful queen size quilt made from furs donated by FTA chapters from around the country. We all win if you buy a ticket or more. ISTA has tickets to sell and when we sell them, we get to keep one-half of the money. A win-win deal for both FTA and ISTA and maybe a WIN for you or me! Let me know if you want tickets. \$5/1 tickets or \$20/5 tickets.

Director Jim Lippens:

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer and looking forward to the upcoming fur season. The ISTA has had a busy first 8 months of the year. Outdoor shows, our fur sale, ADC class and national conventions have all been successful. Our convention is shaping up to be a good one with increased vendors, activities and an outstanding demo lineup with several out-of-stateers who will be at our convention for the first time. Hope as many of our members can make it and put an exclamation point on an outstanding season of events. Trapper education classes will be in full gear starting the end of August, try to check one out . Trapper education classes are posted on the ISTA website and the monthly e news brief.

I would like to thank our members who have responded to our raffle this year. Raffle ticket sales have been great. Membership is up over 12 percent since the first of the year and finances are solid. The enews brief is being sent to over 240 addresses, however we only have about 45 percent of our members email addresses. So if you have an email account and are not receiving the monthly enewsbrief contact any board member so we can get you on the list.

As most of you know the bobcat season did not happen. We must be better prepared next time. One area that all sportsman failed in was the public comment opportunity. Pro comments tallied less than 200. There were approximately 4200 trapping licenses sold in Indiana last year. Less than 5 percent of trappers responded. Anti comments outnumbered us 10 to 1 that cannot happen next time. We all, including the ISTA and other trapping organizations in the state, must do better next time.

See you at the convention!!

Jim Lippens Director ISTA

Trapper Education Coordinator, Deric Beroshok

Now is the time to do your inventory on your trapping equipment, fix what needs fixing and replacing what needs replacing. Keep a list of what you need and bring it to our convention in Tipton to stock up. We have some great vendors and tailgaters and as usual, they are willing to sell! Obviously, you can get good deals on equipment and you don't have to pay shipping.

We have several trappers education classes scheduled. If you need or want to attend, go to www.register-ed.com to find a class. If you want to help with a class give me a call, text, or email and we will see what we can do.

Hope to see you all at the convention. Please try to attend our auction. It is a good fundraiser for us and there are always great items auctioned off. We will have a nice fish fry again this year as well.

Thank you!

If you need anything, get a hold of one of our Board Members. My contact info is

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Trappers Education Coordinator for the ISTA

Ethics Committee Chairman for the ISTA

Secretary's Report

It sure has been a fast moving summer. Kinda hard to believe that August is almost half over and dove season is only a couple weeks away. By then trapping season will be right around the corner and although that heralds the coming of colder weather, I have learned to take the bad with the good...can't get good fur if we don't have any cold weather.

As everyone knows our convention is coming up soon and it's time to get that list of needed (and wanted) items ready. I am very excited about this year's convention. Lots of the regular vendors will be there and all of our usual tailgaters will show up, I am sure. Plus we have some newcomers in the vendor building, so come out and show them some of our Hoosier Hospitality!

Stu and I had booths at the National Conventions this year for the first time in many years. It was very well attended and the association did nicely with our raffle tickets sales and even picked up a few new members and renewals.

The FTA Convention in Marshfield, WI was HOT!!! However, we still had a good time and it was so nice to have so many people there to assist with the booth and give EVERYBODY a chance to walk around the show. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the trip to help out.

The NTA Convention was once again held in the upper peninsula of Michigan at Escanaba. It is such a beautiful area that it is well worth the long drive to get there. The weather was wonderful and once again, we had so many volunteers show up that the booth didn't feel like an anchor tied to anyone's ankle. We all got to visit with the other vendors and see the sites. I truly appreciate all the people who came the distance to make sure the booth was always manned and no one had to sit there the whole weekend. You all know who you are and I won't forget your help.

Well, my time as Secretary is about over. You all know now that I am running for Treasurer and being unopposed, unless there is an outpouring of write-ins for someone, looks like I will have that position come next January. Before the end of the year, if I win, I will resign as Secretary and we will appoint someone to take over at the beginning of the year when I take office as Treasurer. We have a couple people in mind, but of course, if anyone out there is interested, please let one of the board members know and we will set up an interview to see what you may have to offer the association. Secretary's duties are pretty light actually, with the main responsibility being to take notes at the meetings and then type them out for viewing and approval by the other Board members.

As Stu mentioned in his report, there are a LOT of people asking about an NTA National in Indiana. The FTA 7G Chapter just found out that they have won their bid for the 2020 FTA Nationals and that will be very exciting to be a part of! So, there is a question on your Ballot that we really would like to see answered in the positive by many of you. If we get 50 YES responses, we will consider putting a bid in for a future convention. If we get 100 YES responses, we will definitely be putting in a bid. At the moment, we have over 280 members, and it would be nice if we could get enough volunteers to help put on a National Convention again in Indiana. One of those can double, sometimes triple our operating funds. Sure would go a long way in helping us to educate the public and future trappers and to donate to help keep our legacy to continue for generations to come. All the more reason to take that Ballot right now and fill it out and drop it in the mail. SO VOTE and answer that question with a YES, but only if you really can volunteer some of your time to make it a successfully run convention.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and get that list ready and I hope to see many of you at the Conventions in September.

~~~Live, Love, Laugh~~~

Melissa

# ISTA Board of Directors Meeting

## 08/19/2017

**Call to Order:** Meeting brought to order by President Stu Grell at 10:02am at the Kokomo Public Library, South Branch in Kokomo, IN. Members present with Stu were Deric Beroshok, Georgia Gifford, Tom Setser, Byron Tiede, Rodney Beauchamp, Jim Lippens, and Charlie Davis. Clint Vannatter was not present. Member Mick Perry was also present, as well as IDNR Furbearer Biologist, Geriann Albers.

**Secretary's Report:** Melissa Mansfield moved to approve the past minutes without reading since all Board members had read them online and Stu 2nd the motion. All others agreed, minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Georgia Gifford read the Account balances are: (available upon written request)

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|---------------------|----------|
| General Checking \$ | x,xxx.xx |
| General Savings     | x,xxx.xx |
| Lifetime Savings    | x,xxx.xx |
| Legal Defense Fund  | x,xxx.xx |

Georgia advised the Board of the amounts netted at the shows so far this year (available upon written request. Year-to-date, the association has gained over \$4000 in funds from shows and classes. She also said that she is keeping up with the Sales Tax payments, which must be paid quarterly. Having discussed all finances, Georgia moved to approve report, Melissa 2nd, all agreed, report approved.

### **Vice President's Report**

Tom didn't really have any news, but thanked everyone for the enjoyment of his time on the Board.

### **Directors' Reports**

Clint Vannatter was not present.

Jim Lippens stated that the enews brief is going out to 244 emails. 20 are businesses, 2 are .gov, 130 are current members, and approx. 92 are expired members or non-members. He brought up the idea of being able to join the association online, because the application is difficult to find on the website and must be printed out and sent in to the treasurer as this time. If it was a simple online application and payment system, he believes (as does as rest of the Board) that renewals would be up and we may get new members in larger numbers. Deb is to look into getting the ability to join online incorporated into the enews brief and linked to the ISTA website.

Byron Tiede stated that he would be submitting announcements to the various publications, such as the Trappers Post, Fur-Fish-Game, Fur Takers, etc. in the next couple of weeks for the Fur Sale. He was pleased to tell the Board that he has been talking to people who have gotten back into or are first time trappers and they are doing it for the outdoor activity it provides, not so much for the money they could make. It is nice to hear about people carrying on this age-old tradition, getting the next generation out there, and enjoying nature. Byron also advised the Board that he is on the quest for a new, easier to use program for the Fur Sale as the one in place now is not so user-friendly.

Rodney Beauchamp, NTA Director, stated that his first trip to the NTA National meetings was a real eye-opening experience. Anna Hermason helped him with ideas to get more kids involved. He told the Board that he was quite impressed with the quality of the prizes in the NTA Sweepstakes. He advised the Board that he had disclosed Fur Sale results during his presentation at the meetings. He thought that it might be a good idea to put our Association membership application into some of the magazines. He would like to get involved with other organizations, like getting on lists for show events for Sports Show like Cabela's and Dick's, etc. He feels so fortunate to live in Indiana and have such lenient laws for trapping, unlike many of the other states. He spoke with Karen Linkhart of Ohio and she stated that they have the same situation there with their non-existent bobcat season and would like to get together when the issue comes up again.

Charlie Davis, FTA Director, told the Board that there are only 6 of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative rifles left for purchase for \$1750. He stated that the Gun #1 was bought in the Auction for approximately \$7000. He also advised that the Virginia Convent in 2019 will be expanded to include Sunday morning along with the three days before it. Charlie said that the 7G chapter along with the Trailblazers were attending the 3-weekend Cabela's Hunters Fall Show in Louisville, KY. It is now official that the 2020 FTA National Convention will be held in Charlestown, IN on June 17-20, 2020. Congratulations, 7G!

### **Trapper Education Coordinator**

Deric Beroshok said that all the Trapper Ed classes are listed on the website. CO Bill Dale in Wabash wants to have a class on Oct. 27-28 at the DNR Building at Mississinewa. Deric has sent out Thank you letters to the businesses who have donated items for our T. E. classes. He also stated that he would really like to have an inventory of what everyone has for the classes' students. He received a really nice catch pole from Tomahawk Live Traps and Georgia moved to sell the catch pole and use the proceeds to purchase more things for the T. E. classes, since it is not an item that can be easily used as a gift item in a class. Tom 2nd, all agreed, **Motion #1** approved. Deric stated that the next Trapper Education class will be at Tom's Fur Shed in Danville, IN on Aug. 25-26, 2018.

### **President's Report**

Stu Grell stated that we are completely out of 2X and 3X t-shirts, so Charlie is going to take a sample shirt to the lady that he knows who will do them for a very reasonable price and get a few made for the convention. Stu advised the Board about the raffle that the FTA has for a blanket made of various furs from around the country donated by FTA chapters and affiliates. (Ad is elsewhere in this newsletter). It is a good way for both associations to raise some funds and give some lucky winner a very nice fur blanket. Stu had an idea about obtaining more items for T. E. classes, so Georgia moved to send \$50 each to 7 vendors (list of vendors in minute notes) who frequent our Convention and donate items often, Tom S. 2nd, all agreed, **Motion #4** was passed.

### **Furbearer Biologist, Geriann Albers**

See her report elsewhere in this newsletter. She added about the bobcat season in another 2-4 years there will be a lot more data collected to help support our need for a season. With only around 175 pro comments online and approx. 1200 comments against the bobcat season, it was a poor representation of the more than 4000 trapping licenses purchased in Indiana yearly.

Gerianne stated that the new rule cycle began in April and she had put forth 3 proposals which she has not heard anything back, but it is very early in the cycle. One will remove the circumference restrictions for snares, another will change the start dates of certain furbearers to coincide with hunting start dates, and the last would change the rule on body grips so that they can be half-submerged in water instead of fully submerged.

Gerianne was pleased to announce that she has been promised funding for a grey fox study with collars, genetic study, pup mortality and survivability, etc. She has a researcher drafting a proposal and hopes to be able to start the studies in 2020. In the meantime, she would like to receive ALL information about sightings, incidental catches and road kills of grey foxes.

### **Old Business/ New Business**

Melissa asked if anyone knew of somewhere to rent a portable sign for the entrance to the Fairgrounds for the Convention and was reminded about a possible marquee already in place. That will be looked into.

Deric stated that he had a lot of distemper cases last year with approx. 50 raccoons infected, while he has only had 6 this year. Byron advised that he had seen quite a few raccoon with distemper. There was a letter from Maine asking for a donation to help with their legal issues, but at this time we are unable to make such donations.

Melissa received a photo from the wife of a Life member who had set up a booth at a swap meet to represent the ISTA without the prior knowledge of anyone on the Board. Although it is much appreciated that someone is stepping up to help out, it was questioned as to the proper way to go about it. Stu will send a letter of inquiry to offer assistance and ask for advance notice in the future of any planned booth set-ups by this member, so that we could get him the proper materials to fully outfit his display.

Jim stated that he is concerned with the prices of our t-shirts, as they aren't moving well and kind of out-dated, having been several years since we have purchased any or changed the design. Jim moved to change the prices of ISTA t-shirts from \$20 for S-M-L-XL to \$15 and \$17 for 2x and larger instead of \$25. Georgia 2nd, all agreed, **Motion #3** passed. Still staying with the t-shirts, Georgia makes a motion to change the logo on the t-shirts and stationary from the old round logo with the coyote to the state of Indiana with a furbearer on it. This could be change periodically to keep the design fresh and sellable. Tom 2nd, all agreed, **Motion #2** passed.

Deric queried about the online store, which had stalled because of lack of affordable items, but with this new vendor and the possibility of credit card purchases, the store may move forward.

With all issues having been discussed and no further business to attend to, Fred moved to adjourn, Melissa 2<sup>nd</sup>, and meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Melissa Mansfield  
ISTA Secretary

## 2018-2019 Calendar of Events

September 13, 2018

Board of Directors Meeting, 6pm  
Pizza Shack  
311 E. Jefferson St.  
Tipton, IN 46072

January 2019 (dates in post-conv. news)

Kokomo Wild Indiana Sports Show  
1500 N Reed Rd  
Kokomo, IN 46901

September 14 and 15, 2018

ISTA 57th Annual Convention  
Tipton County Fairgrounds  
1200 S. Main St.  
Tipton, IN 46072

February 9, 2019

ISTA Fur Sale  
Miami County Fairgrounds  
1029 W 200 N  
Peru, IN 46970

September 29, 2018

FTA Chapter 7B Rendezvous  
Hoosier Trapper Supply  
1155 N. Mathews Rd.  
Greenwood, IN 46143

February 2019

Deer & Turkey Expo  
Indiana State Fairgrounds  
1202 E 38th St  
Indianapolis, IN 46205

October 13, 2018

Board of Directors Meeting, 2:30 pm  
Kokomo Library, South Branch  
1755 East Center Road  
Kokomo, IN 46902

April 2019 (dates to be determined)

Jay County Sportsman Show  
Jay Co. Fairgrounds  
806 E Votaw St  
Portland, IN 47371

November 3 and 4, 2018

Raccoon Lake Trapper Education Class  
Raccoon Lake Recreational Area, Office  
1588 S Raccoon Pkwy  
Rockville, IN 47872

June 27-29, 2019 (tentative)

FTA National Convention  
State of Virginia  
More info in the future

November 3 and 4, 2018

Kingsbury Trapper Education Class  
Kingsbury Fish and Wildlife Area  
5344 Hupp Rd,  
La Porte, IN 46350

July 25-27, 2019 (tentative)

NTA National Convention  
Springfield, Missouri  
More info in the future

