

Virginia Trappers Association Recording Secretary Report March 14,2016

VTA members.

The VTA just finished up the D1 sale at Wytheville VA 3/12/16 and the VTA State sale at Fishersville, VA 3/8/16. Fur prices are dismal and that's about all that can be said about the results. I don't think we took in but about \$250 revenue for the VTA at the sale which is far below the cost of putting on the event not to mention the all the hours put in by the volunteers to make it happen. I would like to thank, Larry Swisher, Winston Marshall , Jessie Sams, Wendall Goss and Joahn Coakley for attending as buyers. I sent letters to over 25 buyers and these were the only one interested in buying fur at auction this year. I really appreciate and hope you members do as well, their coming out any providing a ready outlet..

I also want to thank all the sellers, and volunteers. Volunteering to help at the sale where.

- Ed Crebbs
- Francis Richards
- Kurt Butler
- Josh Fitchet
- Carol Carr
- Will Fillingham
- Tim Shifflett
- Mike Fies-DGIF
- James Husband-DGIF
- Adam Hanger
- Roy Wood
- Jon Badger
- Travis Badger
- Daryn Good
- Micah Good
- Jody Good
- Drew Knicely
- Moca Showalter
- Ray Good
- Randall Showalter
- Adam Landry

We also had a BOD meeting after the sale from about 12:30 pm until about 4:30 pm. You can find out more when I get the minutes together. A few highlights of the meetig are.

- Heard Board Reports
- Heard Committee Reports
- Old Business
 - Newsletter-Wynston Holbrook will editor in new format out very soon
 - online EB/BOD process- abandaon for time being except for pressing issues
 - Scholarship fund revision'-Ed Crebbs will have at july meeting

- TPost reports- encouraging all officer/directors to submit
- New Business
 - July Appont interim VP- See motions BOD
 - DGIF request forBobcat Completed-Thanks Travis Bandy
 - Standardiize training presentations-comments from Art Foltz
 - VTA Trailer Number 2 - See EB Motions
 - 2016 Budget Review-I think we have it and will be ready for Vote by BOD at july meeting
 - Regulations-Ready to start process with DGIF to change selling of parts pelts etc from trapper hunters to public.
- Motions BOD
 - That VTA Treasure be bonded.-psddrf
 - To add Treasurer bonding to bylaws whenever they are updated
 - To ask Norm Mullins to accept appointment to VP interim position
 - --passed- still dependant upon NM accepting
- Motions EB
 - VTA to pay 50% of trailer number 2 up to \$1200 (D1 will pay balance and install features on trailer[shelves etc] also will keep VTA merchandise in trailer for sales at events in southern end of state)

The State Convention is coming up July 8th and 9th at the Page County Fairgrounds in Luray Virginia. Find more Details at virginiatrapper.org or call your director. Please volunteer to help.

The Bear Trap for Raffle was at the fur sale and should be at the Cabelas Grand Opening at short pump VA in April. if every member would buy or sell 4 tickets it sure would help. If you don't like raffles please donalte a few dollars. I calculate the VTA spends about 50 bucks per member presently and only about 16 bucks per member comes in yearly (life memberships which take about 16 yrs to use up paid LM funds thus the 16) So as you can see it is imperitive that we generate some revenue from outside the dues we collect. This low market is going to mean we don't make money on fur sales and it would be a shame to have to tap into the little saving we have. Every one that helps raise funds should be very much appreciated by all Trappers. Note that many of those life members are the ones working hardest to help raise funds for the VTA.

Watch virginiatrappers.com for training and other events coming up. Contact Norman Pierce for details on Trapper Training Events.

Hope to see you all at the 50th anniversary convention in July.

Respectfully TimS

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