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AFTA Monthly General Meeting

Sept 6, 2016

Demo; presented by Al Spencer, Building a collapsible muskrat colony trap.

7:50 pm, General Meeting

Board Members Present; Al Spencer, Josh Hunsacker, Jamie Bragg, Earl Bragg

Note: Nick Stark has advised that he has officially stepped down as Secretary as of this meeting.

Treasurers Report; Read and discussed by Al Spencer; motion by Earl Bragg to accept as read, second by Josh Hunsacker, all in favor.

Old business;

AFTA Scholarships were awarded to Maio Nishkian for \$1000.00 and Josh Hunsacker \$750.00.

The spring trapping class was successful, having about 9 in attendance.

New Business;

SECRETARY A need for a temporary Secretary was discussed; Sherri Prevatt was appointed and all in favor.

Note: this December is the Election, further announcements at next months (October 4th) meeting.

Website; the association is in need of a person who is knowledgeable and experienced with working on and maintaining our website; the PC and equipment will be maintained by this person as well. Anyone interested needs to contact Jamie Bragg.

Banquet Results; we had a good attendance, with earnings grossing 19,565.00. A volunteer to Chair next year's banquet is open along with committee members.

Trapper of the Year; was awarded to Jim Spalding at the banquet in June.

Membership Drive; Discussion; Suggestions and ideas were to offer a raffle or drawing to gain members and to have member receive a prize for the most members signed up.

Now that we have the reminder cards, old members need to be contacted along with those that have recently expired. Suggested that the Secretary lead this and attempt to get memberships renewed.

Fall Trapping School; Matt Smith is chairing this at the moment, he needs help with instructors. The class date is on Saturday, October 15th at the Palmer Elks Lodge on Bogard Rd. This class will be more geared towards intermediate trappers with some knowledge of trapping.

Land Purchase; Dave Auld asked that we look into the possibility of buying land now. He volunteered to join the informal committee with Steve Shaffer and Mike Burge. Discussion, Al Spencer suggested that all areas of concern be looked into for this purchases, i.e. a strategic plan, insurance, taxes, building etc.

Gun Raffle; Dave Auld suggested we look at having a gun raffle/drawing for the remaining guns and possibly look at new guns for the next banquet. Only discussion, those present seemed to be favorable of this idea.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm

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