

TRAP-LINES

*New York State Trapper's Association
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New York State Trappers Association Convention & Sportsman's Show 2010

The New York State Trappers Association would like to invite you and your family to attend the 2010 Convention and Sportsman's Show, September 2-4, 2010 at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds in Frankfort, NY. There will be trapping & outdoor demonstrations starting at noon on Thursday and continuing throughout the weekend. Our demonstration area will be sponsored by **Rid-A-Critter** this year. There will be a NYS Trapper Education course on Sat., September 4th starting at 8AM, please pre-register at the NYSTA booth or by calling Wayne Jones at (315) 768-8115. The annual President's Dinner will be held on Friday evening followed by a large merchandise auction with the general membership meeting to be held on Saturday followed by a Chinese auction. There will be raffles, games and contests for all ages and kids only demos. Please check the NYSTA website at www.nystrappers.org/conventions for additional information about camping, tailgate and vendor opportunities. Auction donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to: Wayne Jones at 9152 River Road, Marcy, NY 13403.



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Sept. 2nd, 3rd, 4th - Starts Thursday at 12pm

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Greetings NYSTA Members,

It has been a mostly quiet and peaceful summer season so far. NYSTA just concluded its last Directors Meeting prior to our Annual Fall Convention. Most all of the voting members of the Board were in attendance and I want to thank all who were there for attending. These meetings are very important especially since we only meet in this official capacity four times per year.

We had two DEC biologists in attendance, Paul Jensen and Andy MacDuff. Paul's presentation included the finalized harvest summaries for beaver, otter, fisher, marten and bobcat for the 2009-2010 seasons (see page 5) as well as a discussion about otter research and the importance of that research.

These studies will determine the possibilities of experimental and/or regular harvest seasons for the Mohawk Valley and Catskill Regions. These same studies that Andy MacDuff is currently spearheading will also be used in combination with earlier studies by Nathan Roberts to help determine populations of otters in the reintroduction areas of Western New York.

There is always some intense dialog when discussing these otter issues especially those surrounding the questionable closure of the otter seasons in the Catskills and Mohawk River Valley quite a few years ago. The DEC's Furbearer Management Team along with NYSTA's trappers are looking forward to the results of these studies. Progress has been slow and changes are still a few years off but the good news is that progress is finally being made.

Paul Jensen also noted that he has been involved in some very in depth studies of marten in New York State and he expects that the results of that research will be finished and available later this summer. He also mentioned that they are very interested in Southern Zone bobcat and fisher expansion and population densities. The DEC can foresee possible new harvest opportunities in the future for WMUs that have not previously experienced open seasons for these furbearers.

Andy MacDuff presented the outcome of the regulations changes package. After three long years of work by the FMT (the Furbearer Management Team) and the JTI (Joint Trapping initiative) all of the items in this package were approved and these new regulations will be implemented this season except for one item.

For some reason, at the very last minute, the

Commissioner decided to axe the proposal for discontinuing the 5' setback ruling in regards to muskrat houses. NY's trappers have been pursuing this change on and off for over 50 years but we lost it in the final hours. We really don't know why yet, and maybe we never will, but this surprised both the DEC biologists on the FMT and us alike.

The good news is that all the other proposals were adopted with many of the suggested changes that were provided by NYSTA and other trappers during the comment period.

The actual language of these new regulations and changes can be found now via the internet at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/355.html> and by clicking on the links in the left hand column of the opening page. Some of the changes are under different headings so please take time to check out all the links provided. The actual language of these changes will also be printed in the NYS Register on July 28, 2010 and will be included in the new syllabus for this year as well.

Because there are so many positive changes in this year's regulations and several new or improved definitions, I urge you to carefully read and digest all these new provisions before heading out to the trap line this season.

Andy reported on his ongoing otter studies as well as informing us that beaver pelts will no longer require pelt seals starting this upcoming season. This program is being completely discontinued and the Department is going to rely on trapper surveys for the important seasonal harvest information they need from trappers from now on.

These DEC presentations are an important part of NYSTA's meetings and we greatly appreciate these folks taking time to address us and keep us informed of what is going on. Especially during these difficult fiscal times for the DEC. It's also a perfect opportunity for us to address them with any issues or questions we have.

On another very important topic, I hope all of you received your complimentary issue of the "Trappers Post" magazine produced by Bob and Deb Noonan of Maine. It was very generous of Bob and Deb to offer a sample to all our members and I hope you were all as impressed

with this fine magazine as I have been. As many are well aware, several trapping organizations including NYSTA have been experiencing many difficulties with the subscription department for the "Trapper & Predator Caller" magazine. Without going into much detail, these problems have prompted us to look at offers from other trapping magazine publishers.

The NYSTA Board of Directors had a proposal on the table at this meeting from the Noonan's. This proposal was voted on by the Board and approved.

The "Trappers Post" will now be the magazine that will be supplied with all NYSTA memberships. If you are a regular NYSTA member you will continue to receive the "Trapper and Predator Caller" magazine until your membership expires. When you renew your membership, your next magazine will be the "Trappers Post". If you are a Lifetime NYSTA Member, you will start receiving the "Trappers Post" beginning with the November/December issue. Right now the "Trappers Post" is published 6 times per year but may soon increase to 8 issues per year. The Noonans, jointly with members of NYSTA's Executive Board, have worked out a mutually beneficial agreement that hopefully includes a smooth transition from "Trapper and Predator Caller" to the "Trappers Post" for our membership. The NYSTA Association News will be included in "Trappers Post" starting with the Nov/Dec issue and will also be submitted to the "Trapper and Predator Caller" for at least one more year for those members will still be receiving that magazine with their current membership. All circulation and distribution issues are handled in-house by the Bob and Deb Noonan. Deb handles the subscriptions and she can be readily contacted by phone at 207-660-2380 or by email at deb@trapperspost.com.

We have been assured that you will get a personal and timely response to any concerns and immediate resolution of any circulation issues. NYSTA looks forward to this new working relationship with the Noonans and "Trappers Post" magazine. We feel proud to offer such a fine magazine as an added benefit to your NYSTA membership.

We realize that many trappers may miss getting the "Trapper and Predator Caller". I personally receive at least six different trapping magazines and enjoy them all. ***NYSTA is going to look into the possibilities of providing our members subscriptions to "Trapper and Predator Caller" and "Trappers World" at a reduced subscription price as an added bonus for being a NYSTA member.***

There will be more information forthcoming on this in the future as progress is made. Watch for

that information in the **TRAP-LINES** and on the NYSTA website at www.nystrappers.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all who worked so hard at the Washington County Fairgrounds to ensure the success of the NTA Northeast Regional Convention. I would especially like to thank all the volunteers from the Mid Hudson Valley Fur Harvesters. These folks did an excellent job of keeping everything running smoothly throughout the entire convention. The overall attendance of the NTA Northeast was a bit off, probably due to the economic conditions we all face, but was otherwise a great success and well enjoyed by all in attendance.

NYSTA's Annual Convention is rapidly approaching. Please view all the convention information elsewhere in this issue of the **"TRAP-LINES"** and plan to attend one of the best and largest state conventions in North America.

Also please be sure to visit the NYSTA booth, renew your membership, and encourage fellow trappers to do the same.

Thank you !

John Rockwood, President
New York State Trappers Association
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***Next Newsletter Deadline....
September 18th:***

***Do you have Meetings, Fur Auctions,
Dinners and other events to announce? Please
send the information to:***

***Angie Berchielli
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Westerlo, NY 12193***

AngieBerchielli@MSN.com

Deadline for information to me is **September 18th** for the next newsletter that will reach our readers in mid to late October.

<i>Other important NYSTA News</i>

The First NYSTA Youth Trappers Camp is full!

Thank you for all your interest. We have some great mentors coming to the youth camp:

NYSDEC - Gordon Batcheller- will be there to talk about the importance of trapping as wildlife management tool.

Land trapping: Tim Strough, Von E Strahan, Dave Miller, Jim Carmody, and Al West.

Water: Bob Hughes, Paul Ackerman, Scott Lehtonen, and Dave Leibig

Trap Preparation: Andy Smith / Dave Leibig/Sam Sampson, and Rick/ Patti Wattengel

Skinning/pelt preparation: Dave Leibig/clean skinning beaver

The Use of lures/baits: Jim Gephart – lures, baits, using them and Kevin Kielchel, lures, baits

And additional and very important support help: Cheryl Smith – Kitchen

Merry Sampson - nurse coordinator first aid equipment

All of the mentors are very active with trapping or are active trappers of many years and some specialize in land or water and some are all around trappers. Most are NYS trapper training instructors. Some will come from JTI and all are NYSTA members.

There will be a mentor for every two youths, and they will be there to spend “hands on time” with them, as they learn their new skills. This camp will be pretty busy and not much time for anything else.

We have the necessary permits which will allow us to actually set traps and possess pelts, even though the season is closed. There will be critters to skin and again mentors to work with each youth. There will be additional demos and extra help as time allows.

We also have nurses to cover anything that might need them and make any medical decisions.

We very much appreciate all of the campership donations not just from trappers but also from other people who value getting youth interested in the outdoors. Many county groups have sent money donations which are very much appreciated. There are also many more vendors and friends that are gifting us with trapping equipment.

A sincere “Thank you” to all of you that have made this first youth camp possible.

The camp is full with the 25, but we will keep a waiting list. In case someone between now and then can't attend we will fill their slot in the order of the names on that list. It may be a last minute opportunity to attend this First Youth Trappers Camp. I will also be keeping a list of names of youth that would be interested in being considered for the camp next year. Sign up now since we fill fast! Just send me your contact information, and that will be kept in the order received.

People have been very generous with items to give to the students but operating money is a little light. At this time money donations would be appreciated.

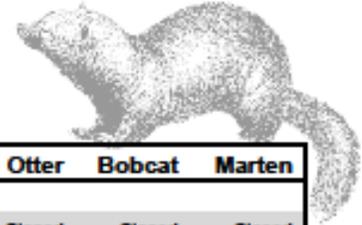
I want to thank all who have participated. I think this will be an exciting event and one to last. Any interest or questions may be directed to me at 315-644-4643 or patriciaarno@gmail.com

I would also like to have a short meeting with all mentors that can possibly make it at the Convention. Saturday at noon where we have the presidents dinner. I will try to keep it short and still answer questions .

Thanks,
Pat Arnold Region 6 Director

NYSDEC Furbearer Harvest Report

New York State Furbearer Harvest Summary, 2009-2010.



Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) Aggregate ^a	Beaver	Fisher	Otter	Bobcat	Marten
Coastal Lowlands (1A, 1C, 2A)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
New York City Transition (3R, 3S)	2	Closed	1	Closed	Closed
Neversink-Mongaup Hills (3H, 3K)	102	43	28	23	Closed
Catskills (3A, 3C, 4G, 4H, 4P, 4R, 4W)	313	112	2 ^b	89	Closed
Hudson Valley (3F, 3J, 3M, 3N, 3P, 4B, 4J, 4K, 4S, 4T, 4Y)	488	45	43	86	Closed
South Taconic Highlands (3G, 4U, 4Z)	236	8	11	25	Closed
North Taconic Highlands (4C, 4L, 5S, 5T)	402	40	18	57	Closed
Otsego-Delaware Hills (4F, 4O)	475	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mohawk Valley (4A, 5R, 6R, 6S)	456	139	Closed	Closed	Closed
Champlain Valley/Transition (5A, 5G, 5J)	1011	262	128	20	Closed
Central Adirondacks (5F, 5H, 6J)	1668	301	214	39	132
Northern Adirondacks (5C, 6F)	1133	187	115	34	Closed
St. Lawrence Valley (6A, 6C, 6H)	3361	126	247	44	Closed
East Ontario Plain (6G)	485	26	32	19	Closed
Tug Hill (6N)	807	94	48	5	Closed
Tug Hill Transition (6K)	1023	213	54	Closed	Closed
Oswego Lowlands (7A)	236	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Oneida Lake Plains (6P, 7F, 7H, 7J)	349	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Great Lakes Plain (8A, 8C, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, 9A, 9C, 9F)	260	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
North Appalachian Hills (8M, 8N, 8P, 8R, 8S, 9G, 9H)	251	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
East Appalachian Plateau (7M, 7P, 7R, 7S)	943	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Central Appalachian Plateau (8T, 8W, 8X, 8Y)	311	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
West Appalachian Plateau (9J, 9K, 9M, 9N, 9P, 9R, 9S, 9T, 9W, 9X, 9Y)	892	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
TOTAL	15204	1596	941	441	132

^aNote: slight changes to WMU and WMU Aggregate boundaries were implemented during the 2009-2010 seasons.

^bWithin the Catskills WMU Aggregate, only WMU 3C has an open trapping season for river otter.

Convention News

Vice President's Report

Greetings trappers! This year's convention committee has just about finalized plans for the 2010 NYSTA convention. I'd like for everyone to extend a hand to them as you see them around the convention this year as they have done a great job in planning & executing this year's event for everyone. The committee consists of Jim Carmody, Dale Gamba, Bob Hughes, Pat Arnold, Brandon Hemmerich, Tom Delisle & Dave Miller. We're always open to comments & suggestions on how to improve the convention or possibly add something that's missing. Please track me down and let me hear what you have to say.

Once again we have a full schedule of events planned for this year's convention with a few minor changes from suggestions received.

The gates will open to the general membership & public on Thursday, September 2nd at 12PM. Both dealer buildings & tailgate areas will be open at that time as well as a full slate of demo's running until 5PM.

As always, we are looking & asking for volunteers to set-up the building & grounds starting at 9AM on Wednesday, September 1st & throughout the weekend, especially on Sunday morning for clean-up!

Due to an overwhelming response, we will keep ***the general merchandise auction on Friday night*** and have moved ***the President's dinner back to Friday night*** just before the auction.

The general membership meeting will be held on Saturday at 5PM as in year's past and it will be ***followed by the Chinese auction*** and possibly some form of live entertainment. In any event, everyone is invited to bring along a guitar, banjo, harmonica or whatever you can play and we can share stories and some music..... and of course, a great deal of enthusiasm !

While the buildings & grounds won't be open for business on Sunday, we encourage everyone to stay Saturday night and the comradory and have a safe trip home first thing Sunday morning.

Jim Carmody has done a great job securing some of the finest trappers from not only here in NY, but across the country to present informative demonstrations and if anyone would like to give a demo this year, please contact Jim (oldgreyfox03@aol.com) as we may have a few openings left. We've expanded to a third dealer building next to the demo area this year, and while we currently don't have anyone signed up for it, there is space available if anyone is interested.

The tailgate pre-registration has been a big hit. If you haven't reserved your spot but would like to, please

visit the ***NYSTA website at <http://www.nystrappers.org/conventions/nysta/>*** and see what spots we have remaining and then contact me with what spot you'd like. We expanded the tailgate area are from last year and we now have 100 tailgate spots. Last year we had only a few spots remaining on Saturday so you may want to consider this pre-registration option to ensure you don't get shut out for next years convention.

This year's convention will go back to some events from past years and even a few new idea's as well. We'll have a women's skillet toss, kid's hay scramble and a few other surprise's too, so please don't miss it!

Once again this year we will be offering a NYS trapper training certification class. Pre-registration is required. Contact information on page 7.

If anyone would like to assist with the class, please contact the Lead Instructor, Pat Arnold at (315) 644-4643 or patriciaarno@gmail.com .

There are also many family activities to be found in the Herkimer area, for example, your family could go fishing or visit the Herkimer Diamond Mines and look for "Herkimer Diamonds".

I'm still looking for ideas for educational material to publish or publications for purchase to distribute to local organizations for community events so if you have anything, please let me know.

I'm always open to suggestions on how to make ***YOUR*** convention run smoother or to possibly add different things to make it more enjoyable. Please don't hesitate to contact me either by phone or email if you have any questions, concerns or ideas. My phone number and email are listed below.

Hopefully I'll see many of you in September and please take a moment to track me down and introduce yourself.

Wayne

Wayne Jones
(315) 768-8115
lluvny2@roadrunner.com

NYSTA Convention:**Convention Trapper Training Course:****Date:** Saturday September 4th**Starting time:** 8:00 AM until 5 PM**Where:** Administrative Building of the Herkimer County Fairgrounds**Pre-registration is required.**

Contact Andy MacDuff NYSDEC Region 6 at (315) 785-2533.

Since this is an all day course, you may want to bring a lunch and something to drink with you.

Please be aware:

This year there is another large event being held in the Herkimer area. We offer this list of the motels/hotels in the area as information and as a convenience to you as you make your arrangements for the Convention.

Registrations are filling fast at many of these motels/hotels.

Hotels in the area

America's Best Inn (315) 866-1101
227 N. Washington Street, Herkimer, NY

Best Western Adirondack Gateway (315) 732-4121
175 North Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Hampton Inn (315) 733-1200
172 N Genesee St, Utica, NY 13502

Best Western Little Falls (315) 823-4954
20 Albany Street, Little Falls, NY

Colonial Motel (315) 732-4887
2242 State Route 5, Schuyler, NY

Country Motel (315) 732-4628
1477 Herkimer Road, Utica, NY
www.thecountrymotel.com

Davis Motel (315) 732-5850 / 1108
1516 Herkimer Road, Utica, NY

Gateway Motor Inn (315) 732-4121
175 North Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Glen Ridge Motel (315) 866-4149
5571 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY
www.glenridgemotel.com

Happy Journey Motel (315) 738-1959
300 North Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Herkimer Hotel (315) 866-0490
100 Marginal Road, Herkimer, NY
www.herkimermotel.com

Holiday Inn (315) 797-2131
1777 Burrstone Road, New Hartford, NY

Holiday Motel (315) 732-4187
West Schuyler, NY

Motel 6 (315) 797-8743
150 North Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Passport Inn (315) 732-1171
2243 State Hwy 5, Utica, NY

Pinecrest Motel (315) 724-9831
8163 Seneca Turnpike, New Hartford, NY

Portobello Inn (315) 823-8612
5989 State Route 5, Herkimer, NY

Radisson Hotel (315) 797-8010
200 Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Ramada Inn (315) 735-3392
141 New Hartford Street, New Hartford, NY

Red Roof Inn (315) 724-7131
Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Scottish Inns (315) 735-6698
238 North Genesee Street, Utica, NY

Sunny Side Motel (315) 724-8124
1505 Herkimer Road, Utica, NY

Super 8 Motel (315) 797-0964
309 North Genesee Street. Utica, NY

Executive Director's Report

Legislative: Finally it appears that we are likely to get to use an identification number on our trap tags if we so desire. Senate bill #2622a has passed both the Senate and the Assembly and at this writing is waiting to go to the Governor.

Getting to this point was a bit of a struggle as the assembly version of the bill was held up in codes committee. In early June I was able to meet with some committee legal staff to give them a little more information; they understood the need for this legislation and agreed to put it on a committee agenda. Within about a week our bill was reported out of committee; went to the floor of the Assembly and was passed with "0" no votes.

Now I guess I just hold my breath 'til the Governor gives his blessing (and signature).

There seemed to be a little more interest in the cable restraint bill as the session went along this year; it could well be that we will see some movement in 2011. All of you need to talk to your own legislators about this issue; and be very sure when you do that you talk about live cable restraints. Emphasize the fact that they are a non-lethal and highly selective wildlife management tool.

Fund raising: Considering the economy our fund raising effort has done pretty well. The most recent gun raffle will be drawn in just a few days; while profits are apparently down a bit we will do o.k..

The N.T.A. North East regional Convention went well and while not as well attended as we had hoped was a profitable venture for us. Believe me I know this fund raising stuff is a bit of a pain but necessary, so hang in there---- one of these days I (or somebody) will come up with a better way.

Mark your calendars, ***June 23, 24 and 25, 2011 the Fur Takers of America National convention will be held in New York at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds in Dunkirk, N.Y.*** This will be a great opportunity have fun, enjoy old friends and, yes, make some \$\$\$\$. I spent a couple of days in early June in Columbus, Indiana at this years F.T.A. national taking reservations from vendors for next year. I came home with 63 or 64 spaces reserved. I would think that we should do real well as we host the F.T.A. here in N.Y.

Well folks, that about it for now. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the NYSTA Convention over Labor Day weekend, til then be safe and enjoy the summer.

Dave Miller (607) 522-4707 or guarddn@empacc.net

In Passing:

Schoharie, New York

The story of an Olde Time Trapper
and Fur Buyer

Kenneth Conley of Box 142, Westinghouse road, Central Bridge, New York, trapper and fur buyer, died May 5, 2010, at the age of 76. He was scheduled for triple by-pass surgery after suffering heart trouble for about a year. As his daughter Tammie, was wheeling him into Ellis Hospital in Schenectady for the surgery, the Lord called him home to that great fur shed in the sky.

Ken was known to all outdoorsmen in the surrounding counties of Albany, Schoharie, Montgomery, Fulton, Otsego, Delaware and Greene as a trusted and professional trapper and fur buyer. Over the years, trappers and fur hunters brought thousands of pelts to Ken for sale. All sportsmen enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere in his fur shed, which was always welcoming to all. Many a lively and spirited hunting and trapping story was shared while sitting around his old wood stove. A bottomless pot of coffee was always there for all to share. If you were lucky, you might just be in time for a big bowl of his homemade clam chowder. It never lasted long.

Ken was the son of the late Lawrence and Mary Doyle Connolly and was born in Staten Island, N.Y, October 2, 1933. His parents moved to Broome Center when he was three years old. The family later moved to Worcester and later Schoharie, NY.

Ken was married to Shirley Shell of West Berne, NY on August 22, 1953. Together they raised five children. His beloved Shirley passed away in 2003. Ken frequently expressed how much he missed her. They were a great team.

As Ken grew up he held various jobs on the surrounding dairy farms and frequently drove teams of horses to bring in loads and loads of hay and other crops. He worked at the Penn-Dixie cement plant at Howe's Cave, NY for 25 years. He then went to work at the Owen-Corning fiberglass plant in Delmar, NY.

Living near the banks of the Schoharie Creek, Ken started trapping, hunting and fishing at an early age. As he grew up, sometimes school seemed to get in the way of time spent in the great outdoors, but he did find time to be on the Schoharie High School basketball and bowling teams. He graduated from high school in 1951.

In 1973, having had a very successful trapping season that year, he found himself with 114 raccoon and 750 muskrat pelts as well as many

other assorted fox, mink and beaver pelts. The best prices being paid locally at the time, were about \$1.50 for the 'coon and \$.75 for the muskrat pelts. His friends and fellow trappers encouraged him to start buying fur from other trappers to resell in New York City where prices were higher. In those days there were many streets in the City completely devoted to the fur business. George Hesig had a rural newspaper delivery route in the area at the time, and liked to go with Ken on his trap-line to help haul in the large catches of fur.

As the years rolled on, and fur prices climbed in the late '70's and early '80's, Ken bought upwards of 10,000 muskrats, 15,000 'coons, and between five and six hundred deer hides a year. His son Dennis, accompanied him on many trips to New York City to sell furs. For years he sold many furs to Warren Krumm in Liberty, New York. Many of the deer hides he sold to George "The Deer Man" Hesig in South Edmeston. Ken continued buying and selling fur and hides every year up to the time of his death, 37 years in all.

Ken loved the out-of-doors and anything that had anything to do with it. He is a member of the NYSTA, and the Middleburg Rod and Gun Club. As a father he loved taking his sons hunting and on the trap-line. He taught them all the tricks of the craft. He also found time to coach his son's Babe Ruth, and later, his son's Little League baseball teams. Many trappers came to him for advice, encouragement, and instructions on the proper care of pelts that they caught. As a service to

his customers, he purchased lures and trapping supplies from his friend Pete Rickard and made them available when trappers sold their furs to him.

As a trapper he would start out early each morning from Fall to Spring, to check his line, setting an example for all to emulate. He firmly believed in the vital role that trapping plays in helping to conserve all wildlife. His advice to young trappers was, "Never bother another trappers traps," "When you set a trap check it every 24 hours," and last but not least to "Take care of your catch in a humane way."

Ken is survived by his five children and ten grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by his loving family and all who knew him. He was one of the old time trappers and furbuyers. His friendly encouragement and sage advice will long be remembered by many. He was respected, honest, above board, and a straight shooter all the way. His passing has created a large void in the fur business in upstate NY. To contact his family write or call: Dennis Conley, 484 Barton Hill Rd., Schoharie, NY 12157.

Submitted by: Robert S., Drake Sr. and Cappie Schworm of Duansburg, NY.



Minutes of the New York State Trapper's Association Director's Meeting

April 25, 21010

Rusty Nail, Canastota, NY

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Rockwood at 9:15AM with the pledge of Allegiance. Minutes of the January meeting were approved. President Rockwood noted that due to the special presentation scheduled we would be shifting the agenda.

Trapper's Post

Bob Noonan and his wife, who are the owners and editors of the new ***Trapper's Post Magazine***, were at the meeting to introduce the magazine to the board and try and secure an agreement with NYSTA to replace or add the ***Trapper's Post*** as the magazine that would come with a NYSTA membership.

Bob outlined some of his goals for the magazine which included: respect for the resources, education, and information, nuisance work (one article per issue) and trapping history.

There was a great deal of discussion about what kind of arrangement could/should be made available to NYSTA. What were the monetary advantages/disadvantages. How to get member input etc. This lasted for the better part of two hours. No vote was taken as there barely was a quorum and it was felt more information was needed, that Bob was going to provide.

Committee Reports

Scholarship committee - Thank you note was received from Jason Byron. Bob Hughes noted he needs phone numbers on the applications. No applications have been received for this year.

Treasurer's Report - this was distributed on a separate cover. NYSTA moved from a deficit to a surplus between January and April. Report was accepted.

The gun raffle tickets will be drawn at the July Board of Director's meeting. Brandon Hemmerick felt the tickets for this went out too late.

NTA Regional Convention - Since Wayne Jones was in Texas there was limited information. The NTA should be handling most of the logistics details except for volunteers.

Fur Handling Award - Flyers about it are out. There seems to be growing interest in the event. We need more youth participation.

Youth trapper Training Camp - This will be held at Camp Rushford. Money to operate the DEC facility will be coming from P.R. money. Still need money for t-shirts, patches, hats and mentor meals. There was discussion about the need for a waiver to be signed.

Election - Regional elections are scheduled to be held for Regions 5,6, and 7 this year. The Board reviewed the guidelines and qualifications for regional elections.

Misc.

The Second Annual Hoosick Falls Outdoor Expo was sponsored by the high school. Some 1,600-1,800 people went to the event. A TV intern videoed the fur handling. We should see a finished video sometime later in the summer.

There was discussion as to who was the Washington County representative. There was a question as to whether the old rep has opted not to continue.

FTA Director - Andy Smith has resigned the position due to personal reasons. Bob Hughes was appointed to fill out his term.

NTA

Jim Carmody noted that FTA had a trapping show on the Outdoor Channel and the NTA was planning something similar. There was a good turn out at the leadership Conference at Ballston Spa. The speakers/demos list for the Regional convention are in place. Appears to be a lot of interest in the Regional event.

The NTA's financial situation appears to be stable and is operating in the black. The Maine lynx case went against the antis but they are appealing the ruling.

NYSTA Minutes Continued...

JTI

Al West requested that NYSTA/JTI send in an official response to the proposed new regulations. The JTI will draft a response.

Executive Director's Report

There are no adverse trapping bills in the legislature, everyone is concentrating on the budget. We should be able to get the DECAL # on the trap tags passed this session. There was discussion on what we might like to propose to the legislature next year in addition to the cable restraint bill. Ed Hogan suggested an authority bill to allow the DEC to manage trapping state wide through regulations instead of half the state being managed through regulation and half through statute.

Old Business

Need to order more chrome traps for the Convention. Angie has made notes for changes to the booklet, "*Trapping in the 21st Century*". The dog pamphlet is on hold due to time constraints.

Correspondences

Fur Takers sent a letter requesting money to help pay for the TV Show they produced. No action was taken as we did not have a quorum at this time.

Rockland County sent \$750 to our Legislative Fund to help pay the Executive Director's salary.

Vermont Trappers requested items for their auction but the event had already taken place.

New Business

Trapper's Post Magazine - additional discussion regarding the opportunity for NYSTA to generate some income. What we would like to see, financially. Do we replace *Trapper & Predator Caller*. We need to come to some action plan in July.

July 10th is the deadline for the next newsletter.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with no motions passed. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:AM on July 17, 2020. at the Herkimer County Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Hogan,
NYSTA Secretary

Other NYSTA News...



Oswego County Trappers Association

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ADMISSION

11th Annual Convention and Rendezvous
September 24-25, 2010

8am – 6pm Friday / 8am – 6pm Sat.
 Raffles will be drawn Saturday night at 6:00pm

Camp Zerbe – Rt 104 Williamstown, NY

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 You can set up after 3:00pm on Thursday, 9/23. Any questions please contact any of the following individuals:



George Dubois
315-963-7779



Charles Lamb, Jr
315-963-3051

Anders Anderson
315-216-6859

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Fur Sale schedule:

Fur Harvester's of Jefferson County fur sales

Date: December 1, 2010
and April 9, 2011

Where: Will be held at the Mannsville Fire Department.

Time: For both sales.

Receiving fur at 8AM

Auction starting by 9.

All sellers must be a member (\$5.00) and the commission is 10%.

Charlie Pennock is our contact at 315-465-4031 or cep56@yahoo.com



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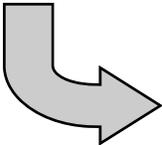
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