

I attended the NTA Board of Directors meetings in Springfield, Missouri, July 9th and 10th, 2019. I attended as the representative to Nebraska. The following are items from my notes I wish to report back to the Nebraska Fur Harvesters members.

President Chris McAllister reported that the trapping ban in California is hard to fight as there is no NTA state affiliate there. The proposed fur ban in New York is troublesome to all trapping. President McAllister heavily stressed the actions of trappers putting pictures on social media is hurting us more than helping us. Remember to be an asset to your sport every time you post.

Vice President John Daniel stressed that we all need to be prepared to defend ourselves. The wrong time to prepare is when you are under attack. They won't rest and we cannot afford to rest either.

Conservation Director Mike Seivering talked about a survey done by the Wildlife Society. This is a group of professionals from game and fish organizations. One survey question asked "should trapping be banned?" and 46% answered yes. These are professionals in the game and fish industries. This is why outreach and education are so important.

Directors of National and International Affairs, Dave and Karen Linkardt. Their main point was to talk to our legislators. You don't have to have an "ask". Introduce yourself and say you are a trapper.

#### VOTING RECORD

As the NFH pays dues to the NTA, I am a voting member. On behalf of the Nebraska Fur Harvesters, I voted for the following:

Dan Davis for the Northwest Regional Director. Elected.

Trapper Hall of Fame Committee: I voted for Chris McAllister and Bill Rudy, both elected.

Ethics Committee: Chip Davis, elected, and Ken Stewart second alternate.

Voted yes to disallow Northwest Ohio Furtakers for not paying dues 2018 and 2019 (they are disbanded)

Voted yes to increase the editors compensation by \$200 per issue, passed.

Voted yes to increase the lifetime dues from \$750 to \$1200, passed.

I voted for Dan Gates' initiative for \$20,000 for a steering committee to coordinate outdoor groups to provide messages to youth and adults for hunting fishing and trapping groups

#### COMMITTEES

I volunteered to sit on the Audit Committee and the Finance Committee.

My detailed notes include lots of things that other states are doing that I found interesting and we could try and adopt in Nebraska. I would be happy to discuss them with anyone.

The 2020 NTA convention will be in Kalamazoo Michigan, July 23, 24, 25 2020.

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