

**Summary of the Fur Advisory Council Meeting
September 30, 2014
New Iberia, Louisiana**

Council Present

Charles Pettefer, Jr.
James Gallaspy
Ryan Schaefer
Tony Howard
Judge Edwards
Frank Ellender
Archie Domangue

LDWF Presence

Tanya Sturman
Edmond Mouton
Buddy Baker
Bob Love
Jennifer
Alicia

Others Present

Council Absent

John Linzay
Steve Hughes

Tony motioned to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Ryan seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Turkish Fur Fair Update

All travel was approved. Archie declined. Tony and Tanya have confirmed flights. Edmond gave an update on contract status.

Fur Coats for Cameron Fur Festival

Ryan said he would rather go with something more modern, even if we have to buy fewer coats. He said we have a room full of old styles. The Council discussed the option of having Tony and Tanya hand pick a garment or two at the Turkish Fur fair. The Council would like to purchase four garments in a variety of styles, perhaps a vest, a knit garment, a jacket or cape and a coat.

Jennifer talked to property control about options of how to dispose of the fur coats. Since they don't have a property tag, they could go on permanent loan. The same thing applies to old fur rings. Raffel's can refurbish an old coat with a new design and new lining starting at \$1,000.

Buddy said he met with a woman who refurbishes fur in trendy new styles. He said her work would be nice enough to donate to a pageant.

Ryan said he would be happy to separate and grade some fur.

Tony and Tanya should try to bring back two garments from Turkey.

The Council is considering \$5,000 for new garments, \$5,000 for refurbished and \$5,000 for rings.

Tony motioned to approve \$15,000 for garments, refurbishing of coats and rings and for new fur rings. Judge seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beijing Fur Fair

Tony said that he would like to travel to China again with Tanya this year to follow up one year later. Ryan said that he would like to travel if Tanya or Tony could not make it.

Judge motioned to send Tony and Tanya to the Beijing Fur Fair to represent the Fur Council with Ryan on standby as an alternative traveler in case Tony or Tanya cannot make it. Charlie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tony said that we need a fluent translator at the Beijing Fur Fair. Nick knows the fur industry and has native fluency. Buddy asked if Michael would provide a translator. Michael will provide a translator, but there needs to be more than one translator in the booth because of the heavy traffic flow. Michael hires students living in Beijing and his budget for translators is less than what Nick would need to travel from Hong Kong.

Jimmy motioned contract with Nick for \$1,900 to work the Beijing Fur Fair. Jimmy seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Beijing Fur Fair

Tony said that he and Quinten have already been working on setting up these workshops, even though his contract does not start until December. The NTA will cover the insurance. They have two workshops scheduled, one in December and one in January. Quinten is working on the details and advertising.

Quentin attended an event with Tony last weekend, and one child lost interest within a half of an hour. Tony said that they want parents to stay with younger ones so that parents don't drop off children who are not genuinely interested in trapping for daycare. Quentin was able to see firsthand what these events will be like. He will be arranging the location, food, forms, advertising, and so forth. The LTAHA is providing the instructors. Buddy said that Quentin should keep a participant list with names and contact information in Excel, so that we can send each participant newsletters or something down the road. Bob also thought that Quentin should provide a certificate for completing the workshop.

The facility that they have lined up can accommodate 80 people indoors in case of bad weather. The South Louisiana event does not have a definite location yet, but Ryan is looking at two places. They are aiming for 30 people at that one and it will be in early January.

Buddy mentioned that a fur management book is being redone on a national level and each state will have an opportunity to purchase copies. There is also a BMP management book that is about 300 pages.

Judge told a story about looking at fur in a shop window and that the owner explained that the meat was used for food and so it's okay to use the fur. The fur management book lists other uses for fur bearers. Judge said that many people in the green movement will be open to the idea of fur if we can show that the animal is used for other purposes also. Tony said that the green movement is our biggest ally right now. Buddy said that nothing is greener than sustainable use. Judge said that the workshops should include information on other uses of furbearers.

Trapping Supplies

Ryan said that they have used about 2/3 of the previous trapping supplies. Last year they ran out of supplies. Tony said that they would like to purchase some more now so that they have enough for the upcoming workshops.

Judge motioned allocate up to \$5,000 for trapping supplies. Charlie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Fur Refurbishing

Ryan said that he would sort and grade the fur in the storage room. The fur that is good enough to go into a new garment will be saved and refurbished. The Council discussed giving some of the fur garments away to theater departments rather than throwing them away.

Other Business

Edmond said that if a trapper has a lease on a property and he finds traps that don't belong to him, he can remove it. He can notify the sheriff of trespassing. If there are animals in the traps then enforcement can be notified. Someone asked about how to handle this at a previous meeting.

Alicia created a PowerPoint and a PDF of shipping procedures that can be added to the Council website. She went through the presentation.

The Council discussed either eliminating or raising the severance tax.

Edmond suggested that the Council start drafting key points for the Education RFP.

The Council would like to meet on December 9th meeting.

Ryan motioned to adjourn. Charlie seconded. Motion carried unanimously.