
RESOLUTIONS 2019



1. **Brush Piles** - Resolution #01-2019 Submitted by Region 7
WHEREAS current forestry operations have operators make brush piles out of the residual branches and unmarketable product;
WHEREAS these brush piles become a source for both food and shelter for small species, be it predator or prey; and
WHEREAS after a 2 year period the piles are burned, displacing or killing many wild animals;
BE IT RESOLVED that the practice of burning brush piles be discontinued to allow natural decomposing and remain habitat for all species.
Moved by Lyle. Seconded by Don Gordon
For : 90% **Against : 8%** 1-Invalid Ballot
2. **Provincial Beaver Management Incentive** - Resolution #02-2019 Submitted by Region 9
WHEREAS beaver trapping is a labor intensive practice that includes harvesting, pelt preparation and often difficulty accessing the trapping area, coupled with depressed prices the trappers receive little monetary incentive to properly manage beavers;
WHEREAS beaver populations propagate then through necessity relocate and re-establish in areas where they restrict or divert water flow causing extensive damage to public, commercial infrastructure and agriculture operations; and
WHEREAS some agencies and corporations offer a bounty system or are contracting management trappers and deploying heavy equipment as a result of coping with beavers. These measures are generally a futile repetitive and an expensive management struggle;
BE IT RESOLVED a provincial beaver management incentive program based on marketable pelts is introduced, with monetary contributions from agencies, corporations and accountable ministries.
Moved by Lyle. Seconded by Bill Zak
For : 94% **Against : 4%** 1-Invalid Ballot
3. **Free Hanging Snares** - Resolution #03-2019 Submitted by Region 10
WHEREAS provincially certified snares are already approved for use by predation specialists in the South Saskatchewan Fur Management Area to harvest coyotes, under special permit by the Ministry of Environment;
BE IT RESOLVED that the trappers in the South Saskatchewan Fur Management Area, while conducting normal trapping operations, be authorized to use the current Saskatchewan certified free hanging snares under the current permit regulations.
Moved by Lyle. Seconded by Al Killoh
For : 22% **Against : 78%**

4. **Coyote Status** - Resolution #04-2019 Submitted by Region 10 & 11
WHEREAS the coyote is a living, breathing creature and a valuable fur resource, it deserves more respect;
WHEREAS having an open season on coyotes, they are being wasted; and
WHEREAS the open season on coyotes is leading to a lot of illegal activity;
BE IT RESOLVED that the coyote be placed back on the fur bearers list, providing a designated harvest season to utilize the prime fur; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ministry continues to allow land owners the right to protect their property and livestock.
Moved by Lyle. Seconded by Ron Lorenz
For : 35% **Against : 65%**
5. **Hunting Guide** - Resolution #05-2019 Submitted by Region 11
WHEREAS the Provincial Government is eliminating the paper version of the Hunters' & Trappers' Guide;
WHEREAS cell coverage is not guaranteed across Saskatchewan and not all outdoorsmen have access to the internet; and
WHEREAS glossy pages and pictures are not required for publication;
BE IT RESOLVED that the government of Saskatchewan continue with the paper version of the Hunters' and Trappers' Guide for future years; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of Saskatchewan review publication strategies to minimize input costs.
Moved by Lyle. Seconded by Joyce Lorenz
For : 100% **Against : 0%**
6. **Registered Traplines** - Resolution #06-2019 Submitted by Region 15
WHEREAS there are a number of unutilized or underutilized trap lines in the province;
WHEREAS the number of predator/livestock encounters is trending upwards, resulting in a wolf hunting season in Saskatchewan; and
WHEREAS the department of Highways remain involved with contracting services along the roadways adjacent to registered lines due to damage from beaver dams;
BE IT RESOLVED that the STA lobby the Ministry of Environment to establish a central trapping region, specific to the registered blocks within STA regions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, and portions of 4; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment would remove the current block policy within this region, allowing each of the identified fur management blocks to become independently leased and operated by individual trappers.
Moved by Lyle. Seconded by Tom Edwards
For : 29% **Against : 63%** 1 Invalid Ballot/ 3 Abstained

7. **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

2 Year Membership - Amendment #CA01-2019

Submitted by Region 10

WHEREAS the 2 year membership provides financial risk to the association with respect to current expenditure obligations;

WHEREAS the association has received membership renewals and payment when not required; and

WHEREAS administrative input is increased to monitor and manage multiple year submissions;

BE IT RESOLVED that the STA amend Constitution Article 7-2 and Bylaws Articles 1-1 *d* and 1-2 *b* to remove the two year membership and replace with a 1 year membership.

Moved by Lyle. Seconded by Al Killoh

For : 88% **Against : 10%** 1 Invalid Ballot