|  | ITA Meeting Minutes |
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# Call to order

The ITA meeting was held at Pete Switzer’s Shop on 7/12/2025.

# Attendees

Attendees included **Jordan Hackl, Frank Williams, Terrance Althoff, Alexis Davidson, Rachel Landau, Ryan Patterson, and Wilbur Yoder**

# Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included **Bill Bourke, Tony Gaudusky, Sarah Dejournett, and Jake Phillips**

# Call to order

# President Jordan Hackl called the meeting to order at 9:25am

# Immediate New Business:

Due to Secretary Derek Bourke stepping down, President Jordan Hackl nominated Debbie Kelly to be appointed the new Secretary for the remainder of this term.

Frank Williams 2nd the motion

All in favor = MOTION CARRIED

# Approval of minutes

Meeting minutes from the last meeting held on Sunday, March 16th were not available for this meeting so the board was not able to approve them. These meeting minutes will be brought up at the next board meeting in March 2026.

# Reports

Treasury Report

Terry stated our debits are actually a little higher than what is listed on the handout as there were things still to be paid out.

* Scholarship Fund Winners = waiting on the school addresses of the winners. Those payments will be $1750 / each

Report showed total CREDITS of $48,543.58, DEBITS (minus the above) of $26,245.10 leaving the BANK BALANCE at $22,298.48

Terry then reported that our CD matures on 7/18/2025 at a current balance of $14,879.29. We can either take it out or let it keep rolling.

Judges Report

Frank stated there was not much to report on this as we needed to pin down next years convention location and dates before we had a solid response from the judges we are wanting to ask. Currently we do have Brian Olson and Brandon Zahn. Clint Rickey is a maybe as it will depend on the convention date. Fish judges are between Tim G, Rich W and Butch.

# Unfinished / Old business

Backboard Setup at Nationals

Need 6-12 people for each date / time

Wednesday August 13th 8am – Setup

Saturday August 16th 12:30pm – Tear Down

Discussion was had regarding our current backboards. Terry discussed the possibility of using aluminum. He will make a prototype and provide the estimated cost per backboard if we decide to go that route.

Convention Location & Dates

President Jordan Hackl brought up the 2026 Convention location discussion. He provided a drafted contract for the Decatur Conference Center for the 2026 venue if we moved it to June from March.

To do a 3-year contract, our cost would be $11,000 / year with a $3,750 deposit due each January – this will be $1,800 more than we currently pay for the Northfield location, however we will be getting more room at the DCC and a better venue.

We need to meet the amount of 75 rooms

Jordan made the motion to move our annual convention to Decatur Conference Center and hold it the week of June 11th – 14th for 2026.

Frank – 2nd the motion

All in favor = MOTION CARRIED

Update on Laws

VP Frank Williams informed the board that his lawyer friend has a team working to get our Law Book for the ITA updated. They are running into a few roadblocks but are making progress.

* We need everyone’s help with regards to things needing changed. When the time comes will as that you reach out to your Congressman / Senator to help us change what needs changed in the law.

# New business

Chuck Watson Seminar

Chuck has stated he will do a free seminar at his shop on Saturday August 9th at 9am. The ask was if the ITA would provide the lunch.

President Jordan Hackl made a motion that the ITA would provide lunch for the seminar

Terry 2nd the motion

All in favor = MOTION CARRIED

Other Possible Seminars

Jordan will reach out to Jenna and Able to check their availability for doing a seminar next year. He will come back to the board with dates they are available and what the cost will be for the ITA. This will be a 1 day seminar.

Photography

Rachel made a motion to move the responsibility of the photography for the convention under the Media Manager. With the posts, booklet, and other announcements / communications going out is under the Media Manager, this too should fall under that as photography is part of all of this.

Alexis 2nd the motion

Frank opposed – MOTION CARRIED under majority

Evolve (credit card processing)

Jordan reminded everyone that the ITA gets $20 / month for free from Evolve for every single person that signs up with them for credit card processing. This is free money for the ITA. He also noted that we have 2 new reps from Evolve that will be at the 2026 convention or that anyone who is interested now can speak with.

Show Responsibilities

Vendors

* Wilbur Yoder
* Wilbur will be reaching out to see if they want to come and obtain a donation for the auction

Auction Items

* Everyone is responsible for helping to obtain items

Awards

* Ryan Patterson

Wild Wings Art

* Jordan Hackl

Judges Committee

* + Bill Bourke
  + Sarah Dejournett
  + Jake Phillips
  + Ryan Patterson

Election Committee

* + Wilbur Yoder
  + Tony Gaudusky
  + Alexis Davidson
  + Rachel Landau

Kids Seminar

* Alexis Davidson (she is asking for any feather donations she can get please)

Scholarships

* Sarah Dejournett

Shirts

* Tony Gaudusky

Auction Organization

* Ryan Patterson & Rachel Landau

Auctioneer

* Jack Trudeau (but we need to start looking also)

Registration Desk

* Debbie Kelly, Terry Althoff and if needed Alexis Davidson

Showroom Coordinators

* Jake Phillips & Tony Gaudusky

Show Raffles

* Frank Williams (bow) & Jordan Hackl (gun)

Special Interest Awards

* Ryan Patterson

PowerPoint Presentation

* Amanda Weathers

Pictures

* Rachel Landau

Hall of Fame

* Tony Gaudusky

Score Sheet Critique

* Debbie Kelly

IHSA Fishing Program w/ ICast

* Terry Althoff

Awards

Discussion on some the awards we present was brought up. It was brought up that the acrylics are expensive and unless you are holding them up close, they are hard to read. Suggestion to look into different types of awards – example a large belt buckle that can be displayed

* + Possible solution = look into if we can get the wording in color on the acrylics
  + Suggestion of giving out usable awards

Discussion was had about changing the color of the BEST OF SHOW from rainbow to something else. The choice was a GOLD RIBBON w/ BLACK lettering

President Jordan Hackl made a motion to change the BEST OF SHOW ribbon color from rainbow to GOLD with BLACK lettering

Terry 2nd the motion

All in favor = MOTION CARRIED

ITA Facebook Private Group

Alexis brought the idea up of creating a private ITA Facebook group for members to post tips and tricks, new ideas, questions, ect.

President Jordan Hackl made a motion to allow Alexis to create this group

Ryan 2nd the motion

All in favor = MOTION CARRIED

Adjourn

Terry Althoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Jordan 2nd the motion

All in favor = MOTION CARRIED

# Announcements

Mick Underhill wanted to thank the ITA for the chimes he received after the loss of his step-mother.

VP Frank Williams also wanted to thank the ITA for his gift after the passing of his mother.

We have some new ideas for raising money at the convention!

Award of Excellence – if you are not on the Hall of Fame Plaque and you should be, please get with Sarah ASAP.

March 2026 meeting there will be a discussion around our Tshirts

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT MEETING IN MARCH 2026 TO LEARN MORE!!!!

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| Secretary |  | Date of approval |