



MEETING MINUTES

SUBJECT: Purchasing Deer Wintering Yards

David Trahan, Executive Director Sportsman's Alliance of Maine (SAM)

MEETING DATE: 12/16/2022

LOCATION: NorthEastland Hotel, Presque
Isle, ME

PREPARED BY: Adam Jandreau

ACCA Secretary

TO: ACCA Members

COMMENTS/REVIEW ON PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Previous Meeting 5/20/22
- By the numbers, Winter of 202;
 - Deer consumed 190 bales of alfalfa
 - Within our predator management program, 77 coyotes were harvested
- Guest speaker Randy Martin, ESTABLISHING HABITAT FOR POLLINATORS
 - Mr. Martin is the Executive Director of the Central Aroostook Soil and Water Conservation District.
- New winter habitat conservation program;
 - AROOSTOOK COUNTY WHITETAIL DEER COLLABORATION (ACWDC).
 - Alliance between ACCA/SAM
 - Mr. Al Cowperthwaite presented a \$10,000 donation on behalf of Longroad Energy Corporation.

MEETING ITEMS:

1. **John Rasmussen** - BPL Salmon Brook Lake, Perham
 - a. Deer wintering area that deer use from Stockholm other towns north
 - b. Salmon brook lake was established to protect landscape and the forest
 - c. State of Maine has established boat launch
 - d. BPL is about to cut trees from this area and destroy the wintering areas
 - e. John is asking ACCA to step up and join together to make sure this cutting does not happen.
 - f. Discussions were had with David Trahan during the meeting. John was to send Jerry a letter to pass to David. David was going to discuss with his Contacts at BPL and NRCS.

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2. **President's Notes**

- Sportsman show and ACCA Banquet coming 3/25/23
- 6000 cedar saplings will be available spring 2023
- 200 rolls of alfalfa for winter 2023
- Next meeting in March 2023
 - i. Chesnut available
 - ii. Oak Trees available

3. **ACWDC**

- Aroostook County so far
 - i. Caribou Stream - 930 acres
 - ii. Reed Deadwater - 6,300 acres
 - iii. These will be managed by department
- \$22,225 in the current account
- Let's do this for our children and grandchildren
- Jerry Lavigne states we need 1,000,000 acres for deer yards

4. **Coyote Contest Gun Draw – 6.5 Creedmore**

- Winner – Ticket # Chuck Ainsworth

5. **Dave Trahan – Sportsman Alliance of Maine**

- Lands for Maine's future
 - Appropriated \$40mil in the next 4 years
- Antlerless Deer Permit system has also been changed
 - \$12 a permit
- This totals \$44mil a year between the Lands for Maine's Future and the new antlerless deer permit
- In first year, 2 wintering areas, in Aroostook County
 - Caribou stream
 - Reed Deadwater
- Nate Webb
 - 10,000 more acres in negotiation (a few of these are in Aroostook County again)
 - Money that is generate through these funds is to managed for deer wintering areas
- Two bills SAM is introducing this year
 - Mitigation for wildlife habitat loss during for solar farms and other renewables projects
 - BPL – 35,000 acres of BPL lands are deer wintering areas
 - Bill proposes Year-round management of these lands similar to these other parcels being bought for deer wintering. ie management these areas solely for deer wintering habitat
- ACCA/SAM- ACWDC Fundraiser Spring 2023. Stay tuned for more information.