

LSRAB

MEETING MINUTES

09/17/2025

The meeting was started at 1PM by Captain Josh Bubier

Present

Robin Hudson- Secretary

Captain Joshua Bubier

Corporal Andrew Smart

Hannah Stevens (remote)

Amanda Devine (remote)

Edith Dunlap

Luke Frankel

Tom Doak

Nicole Lazure (remote)

Deputy Commissioner Tim Peabody

- A discussion of duties of being a board member were recapped for new members attending, and expectations that the board members be proactive.
- Current IFW Landowner relations wardens

Northern: Corporal Andrew Smart and Deputy Doug Kulis

Southern: Corporal Kris MacCabe and Deputy Steve Thistlewood

There is currently 1 opening for a Deputy Landowner Relations warden

Corporal Smart gave a description of the IFW landowner relations duties to the new members of the board

Landowner cleanup day was discussed they are possibly thinking of extending it to a cleanup week next year to encourage more participation.

- The board discussed the new law as a result of LD 1623, that went into effect on tree stands and cameras/electronic devices not labeled on private property. The board talked about the legality of the new law, definition of "permission" and how to determine if item owner truly is "unknown" and what to do if you really know who the owner is and the item is just not labeled and what to do with property found not covered under the new law, ground blinds was an example, they are not covered under this law.
- A discussion on the oversized ATV bill going back to the legislature to increase the size and weight, as it was carried over to the next session.
The board also discussed that the language for the Free ATV weekend may need to change to include the restrictions of the oversized ATV's in Maine.

- A discussion from a previous meeting was brought up about trying to establish a Violations Bureau- a new division to pay fines to avoid going to court. They would like to try to get it to the legislative session this fall.
- Overview of D-Map (Deer management assistance program) – in which Nate Beiber is the contact.
- Corporal Smart discussed cost share on fencing, up to \$10,000 per landowner, however the landowner must put equal amount in. He talked about possibly trying to move away from using deer canons.
- Nicole Lazure did an overview of SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan)- Maine's Bureau of Parks and Lands Survey in which the main objective is to provide public access to private land.
- Tom Doak spoke about a call he received from a reporter questioning the use of herbicides on invasive plants on land trust property. People were upset because they forage on the property. Tom told the reporter he never gave anyone permission to forage on the land and just because someone is given permission to enter a private property, that does not give them the right to take anything from the property unless they are given permission to do so.
- The board discussed updating and verifying the board roster. At the next meeting the board review current board members and their terms- possibly try to get new members or re-up the current members. There is currently no co-chair.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04PM by Captain Josh Bubier

Next meeting 10/29/2025 10AM – IFW main office, 353 Water St Augusta ME