

**New York State Wildlife Management Association  
Providing Problem Animal Solutions For Home Owners and Businesses**



**NYSWMA Meeting  
Minutes  
6-25-11**

The June meeting of the NYSWMA was held following the Feral Hog Seminar in Baldwinsville 6-25-2011. It was attended by Officers and Directors Cody Baciуска, President, Dale Stockton, Vice President, Berton Mead, Secretary, Bob Meakin, Treasurer, Mike Walker, Director and nine members and guests.

Bob Meakin's resignation as Treasurer was accepted and Mike Walker was appointed by the President to fill Bob's unexpired term. The current account will be divided into an operating account of \$500. And the remainder placed in an Administrative Account. The Operating Account will only need one signature on withdrawals while the Administrative account will need two Officers signatures to withdraw money.

Other items:

The Cable Restraint Law The failure to get a Cable Restraint Bill passed again this legislative session was discussed. It was stated that there had been considerable interest but no final action taken. It was decided to have the trappers take the lead and to support them in their efforts.

2012 Seminar It was suggested that the yearly seminar be moved to September, primarily because of the uncertain weather in February. The

arrangements for the 2012 Seminar in Owego have already been made and cannot be changed. Thought will be also given to a second seminar on a single topic, similar to the Feral Hog Seminar, for 2012.

August Meeting. The August meeting will be held in the Binghamton area. Dale will make the arrangements. Downstate, Central, and Western New York members are encouraged to attend and participate in the running of the organization.

The Website. The NYSWMA website is felt to be in need of updating and freshening. Bert Mead moved and Bob Meakin seconded that Cody be authorized to contract the modernization and updating the NYSWMA website at a cost not to exceed \$500. The motion was passed. All members are encouraged to visit the current website (NYSWMA.ORG) and contact Cody with any comments or suggestions for improvements or changes.

Editorial comment. The current website is a significant cost to the organization and is a resource for the members but it seems to be underutilized. For example, there are counties that do not have any member listed as offering service to that area. Does this mean that no members want to service that county or is it a member's lack of knowing the County referral service is on the website? There are likewise, many members' businesses that are not listed on the

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site. The website can be a tremendous member benefit but they must choose to use it.

The meeting closed about 4:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Mead, Secretary

Next meeting is August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Great China Buffet 560 Harry L Drive Johnson City, NY 13790 at noon.

Directions; I-81 North or South at the Rt. 17/81 split in Binghamton take Rt. 17 West to exit 70 N. (two or three miles); At the end of ramp stay in the extreme right lane, this exits on Harry L Drive; the Buffet is in back of Mc Donalds.

Rt. 17 East or West, take exit 70 north and continue to Harry L Drive.

**Lone Mink Decimates Colorado  
Chicken Flock**

Posted by Trapper Staff



It took 25 dead chickens for a family of Berthoud, Colorado, farmers to realize it had a mink problem. The attacks occurred just in time for Christmas.

From the [Berthoud Recorder](#):

Over the course of two nights 25 of Busch's flock of 30 chickens were killed; some disappeared, the remaining decapitated. Nine were killed the first night, and they suspected Major, a feral/tamed cat they have adopted as the culprit. But the second night when 16 more of the flock was found killed in the same manor – and Major was accounted for – the Busch's knew that they had a big problem.

Only after setting up a live trap did they discover a mink was to blame. They also realized mink are much more vicious than they appear.

Mink can become bold when their curiosity is aroused, and are fearless when confronted. This little mink approached people step for step when the trap was approached, and proved short tempered with its predicament.

It's yet another example of why predator management is necessary. It's not uncommon for a mink to "surplus kill" when hunting on farms. As in the Berthoud story, the mink killed many more chickens than it could possibly eat..

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Any buy, sell or trade items to include in the newsletter send to Dale.

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New York State Assembly/Senate web sites

[www.assembly.state.ny.us](http://www.assembly.state.ny.us). [www.senate.state.ny.us](http://www.senate.state.ny.us)

[www.conservewildlife.org](http://www.conservewildlife.org)

**Sites that may be of interest about animal rights activists and the state of their finances**

**Liability insurance; Address; Jim Pace Christian-Baker Co. Camp Hill PA. 17001 1-717-761-4712 or email him at**

[jjmp@buybestins.com](mailto:jjmp@buybestins.com)

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**It's the Skeele Agency, their address is:**

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**[www.Loomacres.com](http://www.Loomacres.com) If they are acceptable he will put them on it.**

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