

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



**NYSWMA Meeting Minutes  
August 2011**

The August meeting of the NYSWMA was held August 13 at the Great China Buffet in Johnson City. It was attended by; Cody Baciuska, President, Dale Stockton, Vice President, Berton Mead, Secretary, and John Sincock, Price Morris, and Jim Hickey, members. The minutes of the July meeting were accepted. There was no Treasurer's report.

The following items were discussed:

The September meeting will be 9-10 at the Ling Ling Restaurant in North Syracuse.

The funds in the Treasury will be transferred to Mike Walker, the new appointed Treasurer, at the September meeting. Dale will contact his accountant to get recommendation on how to best handle the funds considering the organization of the NYSWMA.

Bill A295A. This bill that was signed by the Governor, made some changes in wording of the Environmental Conservation Law,. There was an article in a downstate paper that implied that Environmental Conservation Officers and other law enforcement personnel would be taking on some nuisance Raccoon control work. The language of the law was reviewed, along with comments by the DEC and it was concluded that it was merely a minor technical change in the law that made no significant change to the current responsibilities for nuisance

animal control and should not adversely effect NWCO's.

Cable Restraints; The NYSWMA continues to support the NYS Trappers efforts to have Cable Restraints made legal in New York State. We, the NYSWMA will also investigate the possibility of having the word "Beaver" replaced with "Nuisance Animals" in ECL Section 11-0521. This is the section of the ECL that allows the use of cable restraints to capture nuisance beaver. The changes to this law to allow cable restraints to capture coyotes, feral hogs, and other nuisance wildlife should not engender as much opposition as the previous efforts to make more broad changes and should be easier to get support since it applies to nuisance animals only..

Relationship to NWCOA. Cody will investigate the invitation of NWCOA to become a colligation member and determine what advantage it offers to the NYSWMA..

The 2012 Seminar. The 2012 Spring Seminar will be held in Owego February 24 & 25. The Seminar charge will be Members early registration \$100. Non-members, late registration and at the door,\$160. We are planning an interesting and informative program that will include business, technical and practical topics. Topics being pursued include advertising and using social networks, White Nose Syndrome update, Bird Control, Pricing and charging for Services, Woodchucks, Accounting for NWCO's, Rodent Control and others. There will be more information as the speakers and topics are confirmed.

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The meeting ended at 3:00  
Respectfully submitted  
Bert Mead, Secretary

**Headline news  
SQUIRRELS DO 17 PERCENT OF  
THE DAMAGE TO FIBER OPTIC  
NETWORK**

8/11/2011

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Lawler noted, "Of all the animals in the whole world, almost all of our animal damage comes from this furry little nut eater. Squirrel chews account for a whopping 17% of our

damages so far this year! But let me add that it is down from 28% just last

year and it continues to decrease since we added cable guards to our plant. Honestly, I don't understand what the big attraction is or why they feel compelled to gnaw through cables. Our guys in the field have given this some thought and jokingly suspect the cable manufacturers of using peanut oil in the sheaving. If you have any new ideas on how we can combat these wayward rodents, I'd love to hear from you. We are always looking for ways to improve."

Source:

<http://blog.level3.com/2011/08/04/the-10-most-bizarre-and-annoying-causes-of-fiber-cuts>.

**Buy sell & trade**

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

<p><b>Dan Ebel</b>  <b>North Country Snares</b>  <b>1037 Co. Rt. 3</b>  <b>Redwood NY 13679</b>  <b>315-324-6392</b>  <b>ADC Beaver Cable Restraints &amp;</b>  <b>assorted supplies</b></p>
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**Sites of interest you need to visit, especially the  
Assembly and Senate**

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**

We also have a NYS insurance company that will write policies for NWCO's in NY. It's the Skeele Agency, their address is: Skeele Agency Inc. (315) 655-2878 [skeeleagency@skeele.com](mailto:skeeleagency@skeele.com) Mike Skeele is contact person

Send pictures you want posted on the web page to [Cody@loomacres.com](mailto:Cody@loomacres.com) or [www.Loomacres.com](http://www.Loomacres.com) If they are acceptable he will put them on it.

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