

President's Report –

A quick update for everyone. The Winter Meet previously scheduled for February 26th, 2022, has been cancelled. We learned in December that the building owners changed hands and it's now managed by Bismarck Parks & Recreation Department. Along with a change in ownership, rental agreements were also changed. Daily building rental, deposits, and insurance requirements increased significantly and became difficult for us to accommodate.

We secured a venue for a summer rendezvous on June 25th, 2022 at the Velva Wildlife Club near Velva. It is a beautiful facility covering 60 acres along the Souris River. A variety of habitats exist for any type of demonstration. The main building is three years old and is a professional learning center with a kitchen. The facility hosts a small fee trapshooting, 3-D archery, rifle and pistol range, and catch & release fishing pond. There is primitive camping on site and camping with hook-ups and a motel in Velva. Plenty of opportunities for the whole family and a welcomed facility for us to use. We will hold our annual meeting on that day.

If you'd like to donate one or more carcass animals from trapping season this year, we've got a use for them. The animals will be used in future fur harvester education classes and fur handling events. Animals should be in good condition and preferably double bagged, compressed, and frozen. Pelt donations are always welcome and are a huge benefit to our education program. Some are tanned to compliment collections used for education or sold through Fur Harvesters Auctions. Those returns are dedicated to our education program.

The Dakota Skinner will be mailed later this month, and as usual, include the best of what is new in the fur hunting and trapping community. Remember to keep your membership current so you stay informed and encourage others to join this great organization. Until next time, take care and be safe.

Respectfully, Rick