

MTA Winter Membership Meeting
January 6, 2013
VFW Post #5602, Six Lakes, Michigan

The membership meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

Officers Present: Joe Miles-President, Doug Veldhuis- Vice President, Pam Onken-Treasurer, Pat Walker-Secretary.

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Mike Bush , John Crabb, Rob Haysmer, Jeremy Kennedy, John Proctor, Les Thomas, Orlando Villareal and Charlie Walker.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Brenda Sears.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

Open Mini Comp – Winners – Congratulations to all!

1st Place – Pheasant by Jonathan Wright

2nd Place – Bass by Curtis Cook

3rd Place – Red Horse Sucker Wood Carving by Floyd Riegling

Chili Cook-off Winner – Trisha Stewart. Congratulations!

News – Update on Willard Cocco – he was in attendance and said he is doing well. Great to see him.

Detroit News article – article talks about taxidermy items not correct-Les Thomas will connect with the DNR to let them know MTA is not associated with this.

Dennis Harris – his father passed away a few weeks ago. Our sympathy goes to Dennis and his family.

Brian Harness – tree fell on him and he passed away late December.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from December 2, 2012 are available.

Treasury report reviewed.

Membership count is 215, just renewed a member from prior years.

Recognized 2 visitors that are being mentored by MTA members.

Future meeting dates reviewed:

February 3, 2013 Board meeting at John Crabb's home in Morrice, MI

March 20-24, 2013 Convention and Competition at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 status – Pam Onken and Les Thomas are work on.
- b. Credit Card – started using today. It has a 2.7% charge of total per swipe.
- c. MTA Apparel – selling items today, see Kelly Veldhuis if you would like to purchase something.
- d. Midland Museum for the Arts – early January MTA items was picked up. Possible fall meeting place.

2. 2013 Convention:

- a. Photo Board of Judges and Board – there will be a display, Rob Haysmer is putting together.
- b. Non taxidermy seminars for spouses – Kathy P., Kelly V., Deb M. putting together "Bedazzle". There will be finger nail decorating, decorating flip flops and more.
- c. Youth – John Proctor is putting together. There will be survivor bracelets, moccasins and other crafts.
- d. Photographers – they will be coming back. John Crabb connecting with them.

e. Judges –

1. Masters: all signed contracts are in.

Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Eppley returning

Fish – Bob Berry

Mammals – Brenda Duvall returning

Birds – Jim Kimball

Habitat – Kurt Ainsworth

2. Novice:

Whitetails – Ken Onken and Justin Pohl

Fish – Kevin Perry and Paul Borkowski

Mammals – Steve DeBoer and George Elekes

Birds – Terry Weick and Jonathon Wright

- f. Suppliers – discussion on who has said they are coming, McKenzie, Northern Pines, etc.
- g. Purple Heart – discussion that there will be a hog, 2 ducks, coyote, black bear and fish to mount at show.
- h. Dream Makers – Zeeland youth took a whitetail that will be mounted at the show, Roscommon county youth took a black bear and through Hunt of a Lifetime, a Grand Blanc youth took an elk.
- i. Seminars – discussion on schedule that's included in the convention packet.
- j. Hands On Seminars – 4 are set up: Doug Bridges, Josh Guge, Rick Krane and Jan VanHoesen.
- k. Woodcarving – seminar/new award/suppliers/registration – Orlando Villareal working on.
- l. 2D Art – rules/registration/judging – Kimberly Tweist is working on.
- m. Electronic Score sheets – Brenda Duvall is developing a format for the iPad. Possibly will use at our show.
- n. Ribbon Placing – Meeting – Pam Onken organizing team and game plan.
- o. Banquet – Brenda Sears is in charge of.
- p. Friday Night - new activity promises to fun. "South of the Border" theme.
- q. Competition Packet Review – Joe Miles, President, reviewed the packets. Pick yours up today.
- r. Awards – Les Thomas is ordering awards and ribbons for the new 2D Art.
- s. Sponsored Award Contacts – Jeremy is working on.
- t. Area Layout and Setup – possibly will move the Board room to allow for 2 large supplier rooms. Also will possibly use more of the area by windows for additional display area.

3. New Business:

- a. CBM – discussion on how the piece will be picked for the award.

4. Other Business:

- a. Membership attendance raffle was drawn, winning member, Shane Martindale, was not present to win so next membership meeting raffle drawing at the show will be worth \$100.
- b. Auction following membership meeting.
- c. Stay for today's seminar – panel question and answer discussion.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Membership meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Don Reeves. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary