

MTA Board Meeting
December 8, 2013
Jeremy Kennedy's Place, Whitehall, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Rob Haysmer, Jeremy Kennedy, John Proctor, Les Thomas and Orlando Villarreal.

Absent: John Crabb, Keegan Crabb, Justin Pohl and Jonathan Wright.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator, Ken Onken, Charlie Walker.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

News – Brenda Sears having knee surgery again...prayers to you, Brenda.

Orlando Villarreal won multiple awards...Congratulations!

Josh Guge's father passed away...our sympathy goes out to them.

Doug & Kelly Veldhuis are grandparents...Congratulations!

Doug Aven is going to be a grandpa again...can't wait to see pics.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from September 29, 2013 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by John Proctor to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Orlando Villarreal. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report given and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to accept the treasury report as is. 2nd by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership report given – no change, currently have 183 members.

Future Meeting Dates -

Winter Membership	January 5, 2014 VFW Post #5602 2195 W. Fleck Rd. Six Lakes, MI
Board meeting	February 9, 2014 John Crabb's home 8859 Cork Rd., Morrice, MI
Convention	March 19-23, 2014 DeVos Place 303 Monroe Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 status – Discussion about still working on – need to change the by-laws stating financials are open to the public – discuss at the January membership meeting.
- b. “Why Join MTA” flyers - Discussion that the third set were sent to the Michigan tanneries and they have started to distribute to taxidermists by inserting in shipments. A few members have received it in their shipment.
- c. Website update – Discussion that the website is updated and some pages are still in process. If anyone wants something added on the website please email Melissa DiVietri and copy in Joe Miles.
- d. Fischer Insurance – Discussion that Kathy Proctor is connecting with them to have a comparison made.
- e. Dropbox – Discussion on checking out a new shared space. Pat Walker will work on this.
- f. MTA Facebook page – Discussion that currently Dawn Derenski is administrator. Jeremy Kennedy will connect with Dawn to be set up as co-administrator and remove Doug Bridges.

2. 2014 Convention:

- a. Commercial Division – Discussion on appointing John Proctor as point person
- b. Judge Writing Auction – Discussion to auction judge’s writing positions at Winter Membership meeting. Doug Veldhuis will find out how many positions are needed.
- c. Judges Update – Discussion that 4 contracts have been received back still need to receive 2.
- d. Hands-on Seminars – Discussion that 3 seminars are scheduled and have been published.
- e. Wednesday Hands-on Seminar – Discussion that volunteers are needed. It has been published in the Winter meeting flyer and will be announced at the Winter meeting.
- f. Seminars – Discussion that seminars will be provided by the judges, Randal Waites, Randy Budzinski, Paul Borkowski , possibly Commemorative Bucks & Melissa DiVietri with “Tech”.
- g. Suppliers – Discussion that 4 suppliers are confirmed coming and calling others.
- h. Friday Night – Discussion that Brenda Sears is working on food and the special event is being updated.
- i. Banquet – Discussion that Brenda Sears is working on food.
- j. Wildlife Art-2D & 3D – Discussion that Joe Miles is connecting with Kimberly Twiest for updates.
- k. Veteran Mounting – Discussion that the Veteran mounting will be held on the main floor along with mounting for Hunt of a Lifetime and DreamMakers.
- l. Jobs Review – Joe Miles discussed and reviewed board members jobs.
- m. Awards – Les Thomas discussed about the idea of having one of each award available at the banquet for presentation purposes and then after the convention order the awards which could include the winner’s name and the date. Decided to discuss with members at the Winter membership meeting.

3. Other Business:

- a. Hands on Seminars-Around State – Discussion on Jeremy Kennedy is working on.
- b. DreamMakers – Discussion that Doug Aven took a 14 year old on his first whitetail hunt.
- c. Current Trailer Maintenance – Discussion that Doug Veldhuis will connect with Mike Bush to get maintenance completed before show.
- d. Midland Facility – Discussion that favorable feedback was received on the new meeting facility. Trying to get the facility for next September a week earlier.
- e. Winter Meeting Seminar – Discussion that asking Jonathan to do a bird seminar.
- f. McKenzie Award – Discussion on nominees and voted.
- g. Above and Beyond Award – Discussion about changing the award to include others outside of the membership (person or business).

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to change the MTA Above and Beyond Award to "Any membership member, person or business outside the membership who has done the most during the past year to: Go above and beyond to assist the officers, board and members of the Michigan Taxidermist Association." 2nd by Rob Haysmer. Motion voted on and passed.

h. Above and Beyond Award – Discussion on nominees and voted.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by John Proctor to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Orlando Villarreal. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary