

MTA Board Meeting
December 7, 2014
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 and Pat Walker-Secretary.

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, Jeremy Kennedy, Ken Onken, John Proctor, Les Thomas, Charlie Walker and Jonathan Wright.

Absent: John Crabb.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

Thank you, Jeremy, for hosting our meeting today.

News:

- Doug Aven's daughter is home and is walking some with a walker, she is making progress – Prayers to her and her family.
- Doug Veldhuis announced that Kelly is retiring January 27, 2015 – CONGRAT Kelly...enjoy!
- Joe Miles took a new job in Adrian, MI "Project Lead the Way" with 8th-9th graders – CONGRATS!
- Mike Butler announces he is getting married January 9, 2015 – CONGRATUATION and BEST WISHES!

Board and membership minutes from September 21, 2014 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Kathy Proctor to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report handed out and reviewed.

- Discussion on having Pam Onken create a report for calendar year and do a comparison of year over year for the expenses.

ACTION: Motion made by Jonathan Wright to accept the treasury report. 2nd by Deb Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership report given - currently have 195 members, added one new member.

Dates of future meetings:

Winter Membership	January 11, 2015
VFW Post #5602	
2195 W. Fleck Road, Six Lakes, MI	
Board meeting	February 8, 2015
Deb & Randy Budzynski's home	*****NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE*****
2175 Haslett Road, East Lansing, MI	
Convention	March 18-22, 2015
DeVos Place	
303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI	

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 Status – Pam Onken has sent in items and is working on additional requested information.
- b. Membership Drive-Tanneries/Postcards – Updated tannery flyers will be mailed.
- c. Website Update – Pat Walker will be sending update information to Melissa DiVietri for upcoming winter meeting, change in board members and updated membership lists.
- d. Fischer Insurance – Discussion on members are requesting competitive quotes.

2. New Business:

- a. Intentions – Discussion on who will or will not be running for their position in March. Currently two board positions will be open: Jeremy Kennedy and Ken Onken/Charlie Walker.
- b. Dream Makers/Veterans – Discussion that we currently have 2 Dream Makers mounts and 1 Hunt of a Lifetime mount to be mounted during the convention. Veteran mounts to be mounted are being worked on.
- c. Novi Show – Doug Aven and Mike Butler will be going to the Novi show to promote taxidermy and the MTA.
- d. MTA Above and Beyond Award – Discussion on nominees and voted.
- e. McKenzie Distinguished Service Award – Discussion on nominees and voted.
- f. Membership cards – Discussion that the cards will be a green color for 2015.

3. 2015 Convention:

- a. Judges – Assigned to Doug Veldhuis.

Professional/Master Judges:

1. Whitetail judges:

- a. Jody Green – plans on coming, but do not have his signed contract yet
- b. Pat Wagner – asking for 2015 convention
- c. If Pat Wagner cannot – other options are:

1. Mike Rohanna
2. Joe Meder
3. Neil Fowler

2. Mammal judge:

- a. Terry Rheinlander – asking for 2015 convention
- b. If Terry Rheinlander cannot – asking Brian Olson

3. Fish judge:

- a. Terry Weick – yes, have signed contract

4. Bird judge:

- a. Tony Finazzo – yes, coming. Contract being sent.

5. Habitat judge:

- a. Randal Waites – yes, will do

Novice Judges:

1. Whitetail judges:

- a. Chris Carls and Ken Onken

2. Bird judges:

- a. Calvin McLeod and Jonathan Wright

3. Fish judges:

- a. Paul Borkowski and Ron Acker, back-up judge: Randy Budzynski

4. Mammal judges:

- a. Ann Euler and Geroge Elekes

- b. Commercial Division – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- c. Judging Writer Auction – Assigned to John Proctor. Auction of positions will begin at the winter meeting and Pat Walker will continue the auction through Facebook and email.
- d. Suppliers – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy and Randy Budzynski.
 - 1. Currently have 2 suppliers coming: Wildlife Gallery and Northern Pines Taxidermy.
- e. Seminars – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- f. Hands-On Seminars – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- g. Woodcarving – Assigned to Ken Onken and Charlie Walker.
- h. Wildlife Art – Assigned to Jonathan Wright. Discussion that signs are needed.
- i. Ribbon Placing – Assigned to Pam Onken and teams she puts together.
- j. Banquet/Hotel – Assigned to Brenda Sears and Pam Onken.
- k. Friday Night – Assigned to Joe Miles – Redneck theme. Plan to have ticket games.
 - 1. Need to add more silent auction items-assigned board members to bring a bucket filled with “goodies” to auction.
 - 2. Need assistance in obtaining a few large prizes.
 - 3. Need people to help with games.
- j. Competition Packets – Assigned for Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker.
- k. Awards – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- l. Sponsored Awards – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- m. Area Layout and Set-up – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- n. Signage – Assigned to John Crabb. Joe Miles with contact John about signs that are needed.
- o. HOL/Dream Makers – Assigned to Mike Butler. Discussion on ordering Dream Makers t-shirts and hats-Mike will order.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary