

MTA Board Meeting
June 22, 2013
Jean Roll's Farm, Perry, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Absent: Doug Veldhuis- Vice President and Jonathan Wright.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

Board minutes from May 19, 2013 were reviewed and a few changes were requested and made.

ACTION: Motion made by Rob Haysmer to accept the minutes with changes. 2nd by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report given – no significant changes since the May 19, 2013 report.

Membership report given - currently have 176 members.

- Discussion about the "Why Join MTA" flyers were sent to the Michigan tanneries and they have started to distribute to taxidermists by inserting in shipments. Some members have received it in their shipment.

Old Business:

- a. Discussion about the 501C3 status – Les Thomas stated all the information has been sent to the accountant.
- b. Discussion about the By-Laws – the updated by-laws have been retyped in a format for the 501C3 and have been distributed to the officers and board of directors. A request was made to have the secretary put it out on Dropbox.
- c. Discussion about Dropbox – need to change administrative duty from Doug Bridges to President, Secretary and Membership Coordinator. Les Thomas is checking on how to accomplish this.
- d. Discussion on additional Membership drive ideas – possibly work with other state associations to have a "reciprocal" membership arrangement where another state association member would register for our show but no MI membership would be required because we would honor that they are already a member of another state's taxidermy association and then in turn if our members would go to that state show then our members would not have to pay membership dues for their state.
- e. Website update – Discussion that Joe Miles needs to get some information to the developer. She will develop page designs and board will review.
- f. Fischer Insurance – Discussion that they are still working on a plan for MTA members. Once we receive the plan, we will test and connect with Fremont Insurance, our current provider.

1. 2014 Convention:

- a. Discuss Judges–
 - 1. Masters:

Whitetails – Vincent Fleming is not available.

Mammals – Ken Walker is not available.

- b. Will discuss more details at the membership meeting.

2. New Business:

- a. Dream Makers – Discussion on possible walleye fishing outing for 13 year old with cerebral palsy. Doug Aven will handle. Need to discuss at next board meeting to better define “Dream Makers.”

3. Picnic:

- a. Time schedule –

10:00-11:00	Board meeting
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Membership meeting
1:45	Auction
2:00	Horseshoes/Kids fishing & Kids games
3:00	Wedding

- b. Food – Pig Roast provided by Kurt Ainsworth - Burgers, Hot dogs & few Brats – John Proctor getting (cut supply in half).

c. Activities:

1. Horse Shoes – Justin Pohl (\$3 per person)
2. Fishing – John Proctor & Keegan Crabb
3. Piñata – Jeremy Kennedy
4. Pie eating contest – Doug Aven & Orlando Villarreal
5. Youth comp – Anything – John Proctor
6. Mini comp – Novelty – John Proctor
7. Cooking – Doug Aven & Charlie Walker – Charlie getting charcoal/lighter fluid
8. 50/50 tickets – John Crabb
9. Ice – John & Keegan Crabb – 25 bags
10. Auction – Charlie Walker

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

ACTION: Motion made by John Crabb to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary