

MTA Board Meeting
January 12, 2014
Six Lakes VFW, Six Lakes, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

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

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

Absent: Keegan Crabb and Justin Pohl.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

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

Mike Fales having shoulder issues maybe possible surgery...prayers to you, Mike.

Kurt Ainsworth having issues with a fish sting...prayers to you, Kurt.

Steve DeVaney having intestinal surgery...prayers to you, Steve.

Thank you Charlie Walker for calling members without email that meeting date changed.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from December 8, 2013 were reviewed.

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

Treasury Report given and reviewed.

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

Membership report given – Currently have 188 members which includes 2 new members.

Future Meeting Dates -

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 membership meeting today.
- b. "Why Join MTA" flyers - Discussion that the fourth set will be sent to the Michigan tanneries. A few members have received it in their shipment.

- c. Website update – Discussion that the website has been updated and some pages are still in process. The convention packets will be added soon. 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. Current Trailer Maintenance – Discussion that Mike Bush is currently getting maintenance done on it.
- f. Hands on Seminars-Around State – Discussion that there may be possibly a snake seminar around Picnic time.
- g. DreamMakers – Discussion that Doug Aven took a 14 year old on his first whitetail hunt.

2. 2014 Convention:

- a. Commercial Division – Discussion on appointing John Proctor as point person
- b. Judge Writing Auction – Discussion to start auction to be a judge's writer at the membership meeting.
- c. Hands-on Seminars – Discussion on scheduled seminars.
- d. Wednesday Hands-on Seminar – Discussion that volunteers are needed.
- e. Seminars – Discussion that seminars will be provided by the judges, Randal Waites, Randy Budzinski, Paul Borkowski , possibly Commemorative Bucks & Melissa DiVietri with "Tech".
- f. Suppliers – Discussion that 13 suppliers are confirmed coming and calling others.
- g. Friday Night – Discussion that Brenda Sears is working on food and the special event is being updated.
- h. Banquet – Discussion that Brenda Sears is working on food.
- i. Wildlife Art-2D & 3D – Discussion that adding the 3D at the upcoming convention.
- j. Veteran Mounting – Discussion that the Veteran mounting will be held on the main floor along with mounting for Hunt of a Lifetime and DreamMakers.
- k. Awards – Discuss with members at the meeting 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.

3. New Business:

- a. Bylaw Update – Discussion that need to present to the members that the by-laws need to be changed to state financials are open to the public.
- b. Award of Excellence points on website – Discussion that Joe Miles is in contact with Kevin Perry requesting a copy of the file.
- c. Election Intentions 2014 – Discussion on who wants to stay or not.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary