

# MTA BOARD MEETING

## September 25th 2021

@ The Wildlife Centre/Legends  
Bitely, MI

This Meeting was called to order at 11:22am

### Officers Present:

President: Rob Benson

Vice President: Marc Skutt via speaker phone

Treasurer: Elaine Unrath

Secretary: Kelly Agren

### Board Members Present:

Robert Slogeris,, Mike Lagorio, Kandi Nichols, Doug Aven, Kyle McClure, Travis Walle, Jeff Agren

### News:

Rob Benson Appointed Todd Ekstrom as board member- called in via speaker phone

### Updates:

#### Review of Previous Minutes- All

Mins were emailed to the board

ACTION: Motion made by Robert Slogeris to accept the Minutes. 2nd by Doug Aven

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#### Treasurer's Report- *Elaine Unrath*

- Report emailed to board members prior.
- Casino bill should be around 6k with dinner.

ACTION: Motion made by Robert Slogeris to accept the Treasury Report. 2nd by Jeff Agren

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#### Membership Report - *Elaine Unrath*

- 163 members
- Sending out new forms for every member to update their personal information
- Sending new member certificates
- Request renewals mid november

### Old Business:

- Review of 2021 Show plans:
  - Thursday afternoon set up and evening registration
  - Friday morning registration
  - Some Auction friday? With Bar
  - Lighting- Casino trying to find a solution

- Streamline photography payment for next show
- Only put photos online-no CD: Drop Box?
- More Raffles? Sell tickets or cards?
- Must be present to win raffles!
- Seminars: A hands on, repeats? Possibly pay seminar presenters?
- Mics in seminar rooms
- Better set up of divisions in showroom?
- Board should dress up for banquet
- Membership
  - Membership dues  
ACTION: Motion made by Kandi Nichols to rise membership dues to \$65s, 2nd by Robert Slogeris  
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  - Honor our Hall of Fame Recipients with Lifetime Membership  
ACTION: Motion made by Jeff agren to give HoF lifetime membership, 2nd by Kandi Nichols  
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- Winter meeting venue
  - Casino?
  - Jan 7th or 8th?
- Quickbooks
  - Quickbooks online: \$25-30 per month  
ACTION: Motion made by Jeff agren to use quickbooks online, 2nd by Kandi Nichols  
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- Website/FB
  - Marketing on FB...Post at least one a week:Kandi

## New Business:

- 2022 Convention
  - Casino aprox \$3500 next year for room space
  - Registration and Comp fees: Elaine to research other states.
  - Packet changes: Finalize in December
  - Board Job Assignments:
    - Todd/Kyle: Vendor/Supplier Room
    - Rob: Venue
    - Kelly: Awards
    - Marc/Travis: Seminars
    - Doug: Youth
    - Marc: Judges
    - Elaine/Kelly Registration
    - Jeff: Ribbons/ Mount Placement
    - Kandi/Mike: Auction Raffles
    - Kandi: Hotels/Marketing
    - Todd: Hall of Fame
  - Podcast: Mike, friend of Mikes. Maybe cover before and after the show?
  - Photos: Marcs brother again?

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- Stage: Look at something different for dream makers
- Wildlife Art Better idea?
- Hall of Fame: Get bios from all possible for website
- Judges: Masters/ Pro
  - Mike Nakielski- Birds
  - Jack Emery- WT
  - Clay Wagner- Mammal/GH
  - Frank Kotula-Fish
- Judges: Novice/Youth/Comm
  - Shane Martindale-WT
  - Jay Clark-Mammal/GH
  - Ryan Bolin- Fish
  - Paul Burczykcki- Birds
- Ethics Committee
  - Remove from bylaws next update
  - President, Vice, a board member and a non board member?
- 2023 Convention contract
  - Penciled in for April 13-16
- Mini Comps
  - Preschedule so members have more time
- Elaine to create a by law committee for revision
- Board Travel Mileage
  - Pay board for traveling to meetings @ the federal rate?
- Storage unit in Mt. Pleasant?
- Jack gave us a copy of his scoresheet? Use for rest of judges too?
- Marc to get trailer jack fixed and send copy of bill to MTA/Elaine for reimbursement

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board, the following action was made:

ACTION: Robert Slogeris motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Doug Aven ALL IN FAVOR

MTA Board meeting was adjourned at 1:19pm

Respectively Submitted;

Kelly Agren, Secretary