

MTA Board Meeting
June 20, 2015
Jean Roll's Place, Perry, 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, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, John Crabb, Glen Polley, John Proctor and Les Thomas.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Josh Barber and Jonathan Wright.

Welcome – Joe Miles welcomed everyone.

News & Updates – Prayers go out to Terry Rheinlander for the unexpected death of his wife and to Warren Stutsman & family for the death of his father.

The following folks are struggling with illness: Jan VanHoesen, Curtis Cook, Charlie Walker, and Doug Aven's daughter – sending prayers your way.

Board minutes from May 17, 2015 was reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by John Crabb. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report – no update.

Membership report given – Currently have 171 members.

Dates

Fall Membership meeting	September 20, 2015 Baymont Inn 2200 W Wackerly St, Midland, MI 48640
Board meeting	December 6, 2015 Pam & Ken Onken's home 2310 Atkins Rd. Fennville, MI
Winter Membership meeting	January 10, 2016 VFW Post #5602 2195 W. Fleck Rd. Six Lakes, MI

Board meeting

February 7, 2016

Josh & Courtney Barber's home
2737 Wildflower Dr.
Middleville, MI

34th Annual Convention

March 16-20, 2016

DeVos Place
303 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C Status – Les Thomas will call to check on status.
- b. Membership Drive-Tanneries/Postcards – Pat Walker will mail revised flyers to tanneries. Also, will connect with the tanneries again to check if they are including them in shipments.
- c. Website Update – Pat Walker connecting with Melissa DiVietri with information to update website.
- d. Comeback Letters – Discussion that Kathy Proctor mailed “come back” letter to old members and received no responses. Discussed the need to pursue other forms of getting the word out.
- e. Trailer Maintenance – John Crabb connected with Rick Steele and Rick will check and report back.

2. 2016 Convention:

- a. Slate Awards – All awards shipped out expect for 1, it is ordered.
- b. Suppliers Glen Polley and Randy Budzynski
 1. Discussion on promoting the suppliers.
 2. Discussion on adding incentives like advertising ahead the discounts.
- c. Photography – Discussion about asking them to use entry number.
- d. Judges Doug Veldhuis
 1. Fish – Rick Krane
 2. Birds – Terry Weick
 3. Mammals – Terry Rheinlander
 4. Habitat – Randal Waites
 5. Whitetail – Clint Rickey and Mike Rohanna have been asked.

Novice Judges: (Doug Aven to call Novice judges)

 1. Whitetail – Ron Furgeson and Chris Carls
 2. Birds – Calvin McLeod and Jonathan Wright
 3. Fish – Mark Oslund and Jim Krichbaum
 4. Mammals – Matt Diemer and Mike Doyle
- e. Commercial Division Doug Aven
- f. Judging writer auction John Proctor
 1. Review with membership the change for 2016 “You are not allowed to have an entry within the category you are writing for.”
- g. Seminars Doug Aven
 1. Ron Furgeson
 2. Kelly Agren
 3. Curtis Cook
 4. Steve Hall
 5. Ron Acker
 6. Mike Guest
- h. Hands on Seminars Joe Miles

1. Sculpture small black bear with John Sanzo- Thursday All Day
 2. Whitetail with Ken Onken & team-Thursday
 3. Mounting a Duck with Travis McLeod
 4. Fish with Mark Oslund
- i. Woodcarving Jonathan Wright
 - j. Wildlife Art Jonathan Wright/Melissa
 - k. Banquet/Hotel Pam Onken
 1. Banquet room change starting in 2016 of \$250 each night (Friday & Saturday).
 2. Hotel rooms including 2 breakfast tickets - price will be \$105. Rooms are blocked until mid-February 2016.
 - l. Friday Night Joe Miles
 1. Having Carnival Fun Night again.
 - m. Competition Packets Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker
 1. Goal is to have packet ready by September Fall Membership meeting.
 - n. Awards Les Thomas
 - o. HOL/Dream Makers Mike Butler
 1. July 8 mounting a Kudu at Justin Pohl's place.
 - p. Information Cards Melissa DiVietri

3. New Business:

- a. Hands on Seminars Around the State
 1. Fish seminar with Randy Budzynski yesterday was full and went great.
- b. Dream Makers Fundraising – Mike Butler is working on pulling together.
- c. Member Letter of Concern – Discussed, reviewed and came to a conclusion. Joe Miles will reply in writing.
- d. CBM Record Books – Magazines and books are available.
- e. E-store – Working with Pro Logo on getting MTA items available to be ordered and shipped direct.
- f. Fall Meeting – being held at Baymont Inn in Midland (same hotel as last year but with a new name), meeting will be held in a meeting room at the hotel for a charge of \$50 but no kitchen facilities. Make a weekend of it and attend the antique fair-blocked rooms for Friday & Saturday night at \$72 per night.

4. Picnic:

Food Pig Roast

Activities

- Corn Hole Mike Butler/Doug Aven
- Fishing John Proctor
- Mini Comp John Proctor
- Youth comp John Proctor
- Cooking – Doug Aven & Charlie Walker – Randy Budzynski bringing grill & charcoal
- 50/50 tickets John Crabb
- Ice John Crabb – 25 bags
- Auction Charlie Walker
- Kids Games Doug & Kelly Veldhuis-Harley Town assisting

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary