

MTA Membership Meeting
March 22, 2015
DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, Michigan

The membership meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 2:40 p.m.

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

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

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Doug Aven.

Welcome – Joe Miles welcomed everyone.

Update – Doug Ave is absent today because he is with his daughter that is recovering from major infection...prayers go out to them.

Membership report given – Currently have 221 members that include 20 new members.

Thank yous were expressed to the many helpers at the convention.

1. 2015 Convention Review:

- a. Feedback about the show – great show; judges did a great job; thank you officers and board.
- b. Friday night event – enjoyed the evening. PLEASE NOTE: all are welcome to come even if not eating.
- c. Saturday banquet – nice choices, very good.
- d. Saturday night auction brought in +\$5,000.

2. Other Business:

- a. Set dates for the 2015/2016 year.

Summer Picnic & meeting	June 20, 2015
Fall Membership meeting	September 20, 2015
Winter Membership meeting	January 10, 2016
34th Annual Convention	March 16-20, 2016
- b. Best of Category winners – at the end of this meeting, please fill out order a form for your slate award.

3. 2016 Convention:

- a. Professional/Masters Judges:
 1. Whitetail judges:
 - a. Mark Gonnering – ask for 2016
 - b. Clint Rickey – ask for 2016
 - c. Vincent Fleming – ask for 2016/future years; Curtis Cook talked to him & he's available for 2016
 2. Mammal judge: Terry Rheinlander – returning for 2016
 3. Fish judge: Rick Krane – coming for 2016

4. Bird judge: Terry Weick – coming for 2016
5. Habitat judge: Randal Waites – returning for 2016
- b. Novice Judges suggestions:
 1. Whitetail judge:
 - a. Chris Carls
 - b. Kelly Agren
 - c. Ed Crawford
 - d. Curtis Cook
 2. Bird judge:
 - a. Calvin McLeod
 - b. Jonathan Wright
 3. Fish judge:
 - a. Mark Oslund
 - b. Randy Budzynski
 - c. Paul Borkowski
 4. Mammal judge:
 - a. Mike Doyle
 - b. Matt Diemer
 - c. Tom Stombaugh
 - d. Carolin Brak-Dolny
- c. Seminar suggestions:
 1. Flying bird with Travis McLeod
 2. Whitetail nose finishing with Kelly Agren
 3. Pedestal backing
 4. Back to basics
 5. Easy eye rotation with Curtis Cook
 6. Easy ear butts with Curtis Cook
 7. Molding and casting
 8. Habitat working with Kurt Ainsworth
- d. Hands-on Seminars suggestions:
 1. Copper working with Kurt Ainsworth
 2. Fish with Mark Oslund
 3. Turkeys with Cally Morris
- e. Information cards with 2016 show – Melissa DiVietri is putting together.
- f. Competition packets – goal is to have them ready & available by September.
- g. Public Choice vote – went over well. Need more & bigger signs. Think about moving table to the right side at the top of the escalator.
- h. MTA shirts/other items – moved table out for public to purchase-went over well.

4. Election Results:

Officers

Joe Miles – President
Doug Veldhuis – Vice President
Pam Onken – Treasurer
Pat Walker – Secretary

Board of Directors

Doug Aven
Josh Barber (New)

Debbie Budzynski
Randy Budzynski
Mike Butler
John Crabb
Glen Polley (New)
John Proctor
Les Thomas
Jonathan Wright

5. Other:

- a. Discussed mounts and entries to be taken out starting at 5:00 p.m.
- b. Rick Steele has offered to take care of the MTA trailer. Thanks Rick!
- c. Show breakdown today after mounts/entries are picked up – anyone may stay to tear down and pack the trailer.
- d. Pre-registration drawing – winner is Jonathan Wright. Congrats!
- e. Membership drawing, \$25 – winner is Marvin Ellcey. Congrats!

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Membership the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary