

MTA Membership Meeting
September 20, 2015
Baymont Inn, Midland, Michigan

The membership meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Josh Barber, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, Glen Polley, John Proctor, Les Thomas and Jonathan Wright.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Doug Veldhuis- Vice President and John Crabb.

Auction

News & Updates –Jan VanHoesen is doing well.

Don Gadille is battling some health issues.

Doug Aven's daughter is progressing slowly – sending prayers your way.

Various MTA members went to the NTA convention in Gatlinburg, TN.

Membership report given – Currently have 173 members.

Dates

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
34 th Annual Convention	March 16-20, 2016 DeVos Place 303 Monroe Ave. NW Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. Picnic – Discussion to order only a half pig in 2016.

2. 2016 Convention:

- a. Suppliers
Glen Polley/Randy & Deb Budzynski
 1. Glen shared who is coming.

b. Photography

c. Judges

Doug Veldhuis

1. Fish – Rick Krane
2. Birds – Terry Weick
3. Mammals – Terry Rheinlander
4. Habitat – Randal Waites
5. Whitetail – Clint Rickey and Rick Carter

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

d. Judging writer auction John Proctor

e. Seminars Doug Aven

f. 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

g. Woodcarving Jonathan Wright working on getting supporters.

h. Wildlife Art Jonathan Wright/Melissa DiVietri

i. Banquet/Hotel Pam Onken

1. Hotel rooms including 2 breakfast tickets - price will be \$105. Rooms are blocked until mid-February 2016.

j. Friday Night Joe Miles

1. Having Carnival Fun Night again.

k. Competition Packets Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker working on getting them out soon.

l. Awards – Discussed that we have changed to the slate awards.

m. HOL/Dream Makers – Mike Butler discussed that they already had a pig hunt and will be having a whitetail hunt.

3. New Business:

- a. Hands on Seminars Around the State – 3 fish seminars have taken place this summer – Thank you Randy Budzynski for giving these.
- b. E-store – Working with Pro Logo on getting MTA items available to be ordered and shipped direct.
- c. Winter Meeting Seminar – Discussion on asking Terry Weick to give the seminar.
- d. Winter Meeting Location – Discussion about a moving the location around Lansing area for meeting in 2017.
- e. Youth Sponsored T-shirts – Connect with John Proctor if you are want to support.
- f. Chili Cook-off Trophy – Discussion to change to an engraved cutting board.

4. Today:

- a. Membership drawing, \$50 – Kevin Eberhardt not present. Next membership meeting drawing worth \$75.
- b. Pan fish competition winner – Wendi Johnson...CONGRATS!

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary