

MTA Board Meeting
December 2, 2012
Brenda and Paul's Home, Grand Rapids, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:05 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, Brenda Sears, Les Thomas, Orlando Villareal and Charlie Walker.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator, Paul Borkowski and Ken Onken.

Absent: Mike Bush.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

News – Update on Kelly Veldhuis, she is doing well after her accident.

Willard Cocco suffered a heart attack this past week; do not know any other information at this time.

Pam and Ken Onken are grandparents again, a granddaughter that is around 7 weeks old.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from September 9, 2012 were handed out and reviewed.

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

Treasury report handed out and reviewed.

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

Membership count is 214, increase of 2 new members.

Future meeting dates reviewed:

January 6, 2013	Winter Membership meeting at VFW in Six Lakes, MI
February 3, 2013	Board meeting at John Crabb's home in Morrice, MI
March 20-24, 2013	Convention and Competition at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 status – continue to work on.
- b. Credit Card – have gone to Square - swipe option for cell phone.
- c. Drop Box – all new board members have access.
- d. Insurance – complete. Going forward bid out to other companies.
- e. MTA Apparel – Doug Veldhuis discussed that a re-order has been placed on fast moving items. Kelly Veldhuis has volunteered to put out the items at membership meetings and convention.
- f. Midland Museum for the Arts – currently displaying MTA items. Possible fall meeting place.

2. 2013 Convention:

- a. Job Lists – handed out responsibility lists to board members.
- b. Photo Board of Judges and Board – Rob Haysmer will put together.
- c. Non taxidermy seminars for spouses – Kathy Proctor and Kelly Veldhuis will put together.
- d. Youth – John Proctor will put together.

- e. Photographers – John Crabb connecting with them. Possibly will do a seminar.
- f. Judges –
1. Masters: all signed contracts are in.
 - Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Eppley returning
 - Fish – Bob Berry
 - Mammals – Brenda Duvall returning
 - Birds – Jim Kimball
 - Habitat – Kurt Ainsworth
 2. Novice:
 - Whitetails – Ken Onken and Justin Pohl
 - Fish – Kevin Perry and Paul Borkowski
 - Mammals – Steve DeBoer and George Elekes
 - Birds – Terry Weick and Jonathon Wright
- g. Suppliers – connected with link to their website – Charlie Walker sent letters and will be contacting. Will compile list of suppliers coming.
- h. Seminars – have approximately 13 seminars set up. Doug Veldhuis working on getting more.
- i. Hands On Seminars – 4 are set up: Doug Bridges, Josh Guge, Rick Krane and Jan VanHoesen.
- j. Woodcarving – seminar/new award/suppliers/registration – Orlando Villareal working on.
- k. 2D Art – rules/registration/judging – Kimberly Tweist is working on.
- l. Gifts for Presenters – suggestions? Possibly multi-purpose tool.
- m. Electronic Score sheets – Brenda Duvall is developing a format for the iPad. Possibly will use at our show.
- n. Ribbon Placing – Meeting – Pam Onken organizing team and game plan.
- o. Banquet – Brenda Sears reviewing contract. \$25.00 adult/\$15.00 kids 12 and under.
- p. Friday Night - new activity promises to fun. Mexican food bar. \$10.00 adult/\$5.00 kids 12 and under.
- q. Competition Packet Review – reviewed and continue to update for seminar schedule.
- r. Awards – Les Thomas is ordering awards and ribbons for the new 2D Art.
- s. Sponsored Award Contacts – reviewed and updated list.
- t. Area Layout and Setup – possibly will move the Board room to allow for 2 large supplier rooms. Setup Tuesday evening with start time around 4:30-5:00.
- u. Tear Down – trying Sunday night tear down and pack in trailer to eliminate returning on Monday.
- v. Score Sheets – Pat Walker make copies.
3. New Business:
- a. CBM – discussion on how the piece will be picked for the award.
 - b. McKenzie Award – nominees discussed and vote taken.
 - c. MTA Above and Beyond Award – nominees discussed and vote taken.
4. Winter Membership Meeting:
- a. Activities:

• Open Mini Comp	John Proctor
• 50/50	John Crabb
• Auction	Charlie Walker
• Lunch	Pot Luck
• Seminar	Question and Answer Panel (Bd come with 2 questions each)
• Chili Cook-off	Brenda Sears

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by John Proctor to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary