

MTA Board Meeting  
June 21, 2014  
Jean Roll's Farm, Perry, 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 and Pat Walker-Secretary.

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, John Crabb, Jeremy Kennedy, John Proctor, Les Thomas, and Orlando Villarreal.

Absent: Mike Butler and Jonathan Wright.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

News – Doug Aven's daughter is out of ICU and hopes to be in rehab next week. What a Miracle she is!

Rick Steele – Father and mother have been hospitalized. Prayers go out to them and family.

Board minutes from May 18, 2014 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by John Proctor to accept the minutes as is. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Crabb. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report handed out and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by John Crabb to accept the treasury report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orlando Villarreal. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership report given - currently have 189 members.

Dates of future meetings:

Fall Membership      September 21, 2014  
Midland Center for the Arts  
1801 W. St. Andrews  
Midland, MI

Board meeting      December 7, 2014  
Jeremy Kennedy's home  
9580 Silver Creek Rd.  
Whitehall, MI

Winter Membership      January 11, 2015  
VFW Post #5602  
2195 W. Fleck Rd.  
Six Lakes, MI



Board meeting February 8, 2015

John Crabb's home  
8859 Cork Rd.,  
Morrice, MI

Convention March 18-22, 2015

DeVos Place  
303 Monroe Ave. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 Status – Les Thomas will call to check on progress.
- b. Membership Drive-Tanneries/Postcards – New tannery flyers have been mailed.
  - Kathy Proctor will send out “we miss you” cards to previous members that have not renewed.
  - Promote MTA by putting articles in outdoor magazines.
  - Orlando Villarreal will connect with TV station and will send information to Joe Miles.
- c. Website Update – Pat Walker will continue to email Melissa meeting updates and seminar information and update the Board of Directors page for new board members. Need pictures of Debbie, Randy and Mike.
- d. Fischer Insurance – Discussion about officers and board members receiving calls to say “Thank You” for partnering with them.
- e. Trailer maintenance – Doug Veldhuis will connect with Mike Bush to have trailer checked over.

2. 2015 Convention:

- a. Professional/Master Judges – Discussion about Doug Veldhuis and Joe Miles are working on updating the judge's contracts.
  - Discussion on professional judges costs.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Doug Aven to revise the total food allowance for the professional judges to \$100. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

1. Whitetail judges:

1. Jody Green – ask back
2. Gene Smith – ask back
3. Vincent Fleming – ask for 2016 convention
4. Mark Gonnering – ask for 2016 convention
5. Bill Yox

2. Mammal judge:

- a. Ken Walker – ask for 2015 convention
- b. Wendy Christensen
- c. Marcus Zimmerman
- d. Manny Chavez
- e. Ashley Barrett
- f. Bill Lancaster

3. Fish judge:

- a. Terry Weick – ask for 2015 convention
- b. Don Frank
- c. Jeff Compton
- d. Rick Krane

4. Bird judge:



- a. Cory Caruthers – ask for 2015 convention
  - b. Danny Owen
  - c. Tony Finazzo
  - d. Dale Manning
5. Habitat judge discussion about options on who to ask. Need to think “outside the box” for this.
- a. Suggestion was to ask Justin Nagy  
\*\*\*TABLE this until next board meeting\*\*\*
- b. Novice Judges:
- 1. Whitetail judges ask:
    - a. Chris Carls and Ken Onken
  - 2. Bird judges ask:
    - a. Calvin McLeod and Jonathan Wright
  - 3. Fish judges ask:
    - a. Paul Borkowski and Ron Acker – if Paul can’t then ask Randal Waites.
  - 4. Mammal judges ask:
    - a. Ann Euler and Geroge Elekes
- c. Commercial Division – Assigned to Doug Aven .
- d. Judging Writer Auction – Assigned to John Proctor. Pat Walker will do the auction through Facebook and email.
- e. Suppliers – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy and Randy Budzynski.
- f. Seminars – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- g. Hands-On Seminars – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- h. Woodcarving – Assigned to Orlando Villarreal.
- i. Wildlife Art – Assigned to Jonathan Wright.
- j. Ribbon Placing – Assigned to Pam Onken and teams she puts together.
- k. Banquet/Hotel – Assigned to Brenda Sears and Pam Onken.
- l. Friday Night – Assigned to Joe Miles – Carnival night. Comments from this past show were needs more items to keep all involved. Need to add more silent auction items-assigned board members to bring a bucket filled with “goodies” to auction.
- m. Competition Packets – Assigned for Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker. The Fish Competition packet is being reviewed by Orlando Villarreal, Les Thomas and Joe Miles. The Wildlife Art Competition packet is being reviewed by Joe Miles.
- n. Awards – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- o. Sponsored Awards – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- p. Area Layout and Set-up – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- q. Signage – Assigned to John Crabb.
- r. HOL/Dream Makers – Assigned to Mike Butler. Have 5 people getting veteran mounts: Jeremy Kennedy, Mike Butler, John Crabb, Ken Onken and Joe Miles. Also, discussed that Mike Butler will set-up a Facebook page for DreamMakers to promote.
3. New Business:
- a. Hands-On Seminars-Around the State – Jeremy Kennedy is working on.
  - b. Dream Makers – Doug Aven discussed that a hunt for 1 child is scheduled for October 10.
  - c. Board Fun Day – Jonathan Wright has offered to host a fun day, maybe fishing or clay shooting. All board and officers check your calendars for an available day during July through early August on Sunday-Thursday.
  - d. Gun Raffle – John Crabb is investigating another raffle.



4. Picnic Weekend:

- a. Yesterday, Friday, June 20, 2014 was the Hands-On Bird seminar here at Jean's farm with 5 participants. Thank you Jonathan, Charlie and Randal for leading the seminar.
- b. Today, Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Jean Roll's Farm Food – Pig Roast.
- c. Activities:
  1. Bean Bag Toss – Jeremy Kennedy
  2. Fishing – John Proctor
  3. Mini comp – Novelty – John Proctor
  4. Youth comp – Anything – John Proctor
  5. 50/50 tickets – John Crabb
  6. Ice – John Crabb – 25 bags
  7. Piñata – Jeremy Kennedy
  8. Kids Games – Elly Kennedy
  9. Auction – Charlie Walker

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

ACTION: Motion made by John Crabb to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary