

MTA Board Meeting
September 29, 2013
Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: John Crabb, Rob Haysmer, Justin Pohl, John Proctor and Jonathan Wright.

Absent: Doug Aven, Keegan Crabb, Jeremy Kennedy, Les Thomas and Orlando Villarreal.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from June 22, 2013 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Pam Onken to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Rob Haysmer. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report given and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Rob Haysmer to accept the treasury report as is. 2nd by Justin Pohl. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership report given - currently have 183 members.

1. Old Business:

- a. Discussion about the 501C3 status – items are at the accountant and are moving forward, received Federal tax ID number.
- b. Discussion about the “Why Join MTA” flyers, second set were sent to the Michigan tanneries and they have started to distribute to taxidermists by inserting in shipments. A few members have received it in their shipment.
- c. Website update – Discussion that the developer has been working with Go Daddy go get administration of MTA website. She is working on developing pages for the board to review.
- d. Fischer Insurance – Discussion that they are still working on a plan for MTA members. Once we receive the plan, we will test and connect with Fremont Insurance, our current provider.
- e. MTA liability insurance – Discussion that it's time to renew our association insurance, staying with Westbend.
- f. Discussion about Dropbox – decision made to move to Google shared. Pat Walker will work on this.
- g. Discussion on trailer maintenance – Mike Bush will be getting it checked over and get new tires.

2. 2014 Convention:

- a. Discussion on additional seminar – Wednesday, available for members – mammals.
- b. Discussion on Veteran mounting – 6 MTA members going to their local VFW/American Legion to offer a free mount for veteran. The club may auction it off to raise funds or choose to give to a veteran someday. This program is being managed by Doug Aven and Curtis Cook is connecting with suppliers/taxidermist.

- c. Discussion on judges' bags – for 2014 giving a tackle box filled with items they can use-Kelly Veldhuis is handling.

3. Other Business:

- a. Discussion on purchasing flatware – Kathy Proctor suggested purchasing flatware to replace the plastic-save money and help the environment. Board agreed to have her go ahead with purchase.
- b. Discussion on including membership renewal form with winter meeting flyer and mail to all members – Pat Walker will handle.
- c. Today at Membership meeting – Pan fish competition-John Proctor handling.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Jonathan Wright to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Justin Pohl. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary