

MTA Membership Meeting  
June 20, 2015  
Jean Roll's Place, Perry, Michigan

The membership meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, John Crabb, John Proctor and Les Thomas.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Doug Veldhuis, Josh Barber, Glen Polley and Jonathan Wright.

Welcome – Joe Miles welcomed everyone.

Thanked Jean for the use of your place.

News & Updates –

Dream Makers hunter, Wyatt, has joined us today. Welcome Wyatt!

Jan VanHoesen has joined us today. Great to see you Jan!

Prayers go out to Terry Rheinlander for the unexpected death of his wife and to Warren Stutsman & family for the death of his father.

The following folks are struggling with illness: Curtis Cook, Charlie Walker, and Doug Aven's daughter – sending prayers your way.

Treasurer report was given.

Membership report – Currently have 171 members.

Kathy Proctor mailed to prior members a "come back" letter but received no response.

Dates

Fall Membership meeting      September 20, 2015  
Baymont Inn  
2200 W Wackerly St.  
Midland, MI 48640

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<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

March 16-20, 2016

DeVos Place  
303 Monroe Ave. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. Website Update – Pat Walker connecting with Melissa DiVietri with information to update website.

2. 2016 Convention:

- a. Slate Awards – All awards shipped out expect for 1, it is ordered.
  1. Discussion on adding to the order form if want delivery to the picnic.
- b. Suppliers Glen Polley and Randy Budzynski
  1. Discussion on promoting the suppliers.
  2. Discussion on adding incentives like advertising ahead the discounts.
  3. Current suppliers committed to come: McKenzie, Ohio Taxidermy Supply, Walnut Creek and Smith Woodworking.
- c. Photography – Discussion about not enough individual photos sold to justify them to add all of our show pictures to their website.
- d. Judges Doug Veldhuis
  1. Fish – Rick Krane
  2. Birds – Terry Weick
  3. Mammals – Terry Rheinlander
  4. Habitat – Randal Waites
  5. Whitetail – Clint Rickey and Mike Rohanna have been asked.

Novice Judges: (Doug Aven to call 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
- e. Commercial Division Doug Aven
- f. Judging writer auction John Proctor
  1. Discussed with the membership the change for 2016 “The writer is not allowed to have an entry within the category that they are writing for.”
- g. Seminars Doug Aven
  1. Ron Furgeson
  2. Kelly Agren
  3. Curtis Cook
  4. Steve Hall
  5. Ron Acker
  6. Mike Guest
- h. 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
- i. Woodcarving Jonathan Wright
- j. Wildlife Art Jonathan Wright/Melissa
- k. Banquet/Hotel Pam Onken
  - 1. Banquet room change starting in 2016 of \$250 each night (Friday & Saturday).
  - 2. Hotel rooms including 2 breakfast tickets - price will be \$105. Rooms are blocked until mid-February 2016.
- l. Friday Night Joe Miles
  - 1. Having Carnival Fun Night again.
- m. Competition Packets Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker
  - 1. Goal is to have packet ready by September Fall Membership meeting.
- n. HOL/Dream Makers Mike Butler
  - 1. July 8 mounting a Kudu at Justin Pohl's place.
  - 2. Other possible hunts: Aug 15 a pig hunt; fishing trip this summer.
  - 3. Planning a fall fundraiser.

3. New Business:

- a. Hands on Seminars Around the State
  - 1. Fish seminar with Randy Budzynski yesterday was full and went great.
  - 2. Anyone wanting to provide a hands on seminar let any board member know.
- b. CBM Record Books – Magazines and books are available.
- c. E-store – Working with Pro Logo on getting MTA items available to be ordered and shipped direct.
- d. Fall Meeting – being held at Baymont Inn in Midland (same hotel as last year but with a new name), meeting will be held in a meeting room at the hotel but no kitchen facilities. Make a weekend of it and attend the antique fair-blocked rooms for Friday & Saturday night at \$72 per night.
- e. Pam Onken and Pat Walker discussed that they will both be leaving their positions in March, so asking if there is anyone wanting to fill either position.

4. Picnic Weekend:

- a. Yesterday, Friday, June 19, 2015 was the Hands-On Fish seminar here at Jean's place. Thank you Randy Budzynski for providing the seminar.
- b. Today, Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Jean Roll's place Food – Pig Roast & hot dogs.
- c. Thank you to all those that help get Jean's place ready for the picnic!
- d. Activities:
  - 1. Auction
  - 2. Fishing
  - 3. Mini comp – WINNER – Harvey Town...Congrats!
  - 4. Piñata and Kids Games
  - 5. Bean Bag Toss
- e. Membership drawing, \$25 – Lance Brew not present. Next membership meeting drawing worth \$50.
- f. Kelly Agren presented Wyatt, Dream Maker participant, his completed deer mount.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary