

MTA Board Meeting
May 6, 2012
Onken's Home, Fennville, Michigan

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

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Mike Bush, John Crabb, Rob Haysmer, Jeremy Kennedy, John Proctor, Brenda Sears, Les Thomas, Orlando Villareal and Charlie Walker.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator, Tammy and Kevin Perry, Kelly Veldhuis, Ken Onken, Paul Borkowski.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone and asked that we stay on task.

News – Kevin Perry's brother was in a bad accident. Our thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.

Mike Fales mother passed away. Our sympathy to Mike, Donna and family.

Brenda Sears had knee surgery again, but she was here to participate in our meeting-GO Brenda.

Board Info – Doug Bridges will be setting up Drop Box accounts which will hold minutes, etc.

Melissa Yell has resigned from the Secretary position, replacment Pat Walker.

Board and Membership minutes from March 18, 2012 were reviewed and need to add Charlie Walker as attending board member and remove Mike Zank.

ACTION: Motion made by Brenda Sears to accept the minutes with changes. 2nd by Mike Bush. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report handed out. Discussed and reviewed a 3 year history of revenue and expense summary.

ACTION: Motion made by Les Thomas to accept the treasury report. 2nd by Charlie Walker. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership report given - currently have 194 members. Discussion on membership drive – Kathy Proctor will work on. Decision made to reduce the Membership fee to \$20 for new and renewing members for the rest of this year. Also, looking into having our membership meetings and convention dates listed in outdoor magazines.

Committee Updates:

1. Handbook: Joe Miles working on.
2. Veteran Mounting: Doug Pickel is working on.
3. HOAL: Ken Onken stepping down and Doug Aven and Jeremy Kennedy taking over.
4. Hands on Seminars: Jeremy Kennedy working on a seminar to be held at his place.
5. Convention Chairman: Doug Veldhuis
6. Mini comp Chairman: John Proctor
7. Video/Electronics: Les Thomas
8. Membership Coordinator: Kathy Proctor
9. Banquet Coordinator: Brenda Sears
10. Website Manager: Doug Bridges
11. Newsletter: Pat Walker
12. Promotions Contact: Kathy Proctor working on – will be researching pricing.

13. Youth Division: Doug Veldhuis and John Proctor

14. Inventory: Doug Veldhuis has an updated list.

15. Wood Carving: Les Thomas and Orlando Villareal

1. Old Business:

a. Discussion and clarification on convention questions.

b. Discussion about the 501C3 status – still working on.

2. 2013 Convention:

a. Board Duties – Discussed list and appointed duties.

b. Awards, Ribbons and Trophies – Discussed continuing to move to more acrylics, update look.

c. Photo Board – Positive feedback and will continue.

d. Youth – Shirts did not do well.

e. Judges –

1. Masters:

Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Epply returning

Fish – ask Bob Barry

Mammals – ask Manny Chaves

Birds – ask Danny Owens

Habitat – ask Kurt Ainsworth

2. Novice:

Whitetails – ask Ken Onken and Justin Pohl

Fish – ask Kevin Perry and Paul Borkowski

Mammals – ask Steve DeBoer and George Elekes

Birds – ask Terry Weick and Jonathon Wright

f. Hands on Seminars – Discussed possibilities.

g. Wood Carving – Growth over previous year – seminars are helping growth. Discussed sponsors.

h. Friday Night Event – Brenda Sears has booked.

i. Banquet – Brenda Sears has booked.

j. Competition Packet – Discussed updates/corrections. Also have a Judges packet.

k. Awards Contacts – Being worked on.

l. Scoring Criteria – Discussion on moving away from the number scores and change to 1+/1/1-, etc.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to change the Taxidermy mount scoring on the score sheets from numbers to 1+/1/1- for high/medium/low for a first place ribbon, 2+/2/2- for high/medium/low for a second place ribbon, 3+/3/3- for high/medium/low for a third place ribbon, and NR for No Ribbon in the Youth, Novice, Professional and Masters divisions. 2nd by Rob Haysmer. Motion voted on and passed.

m. Membership Attendance Raffle – Kathy Proctor will take care of.

n. Inventory – Discussion on any additional items needed.

o. Youth Account – MTA will contribute the annual \$500.

p. After Show Pack-up – Discussion on staying to pack trailer on Sunday night.

3. New Business:

a. Discussion on a change of putting mount ribbons on Friday morning instead of Thursday just before show opens to help eliminate errors. *****TABLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION*****

b. Discussion on Dream Makers being a sponsor of a youth hunt/fishing. MTA to mount trophies.

c. Discussion on Veteran Mounting.

d. Discussion on having Treasurer and President bonded.

e. Discussion on Michigan Taxidermist Association name.

- f. Discussion on wood carving banner.
- g. Discussion on ordering name badges – Doug Veldhuis will be ordering.
- h. Discussion and presentation by Tammy Perry on MC Sports programs.
 - 1. Sports card discount – personal.
 - 2. Active rewards – affiliation program.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven for MTA to join the MC Sports affiliation program. 2nd by John Crabb.
 Motion voted on and passed.

- i. Discussion on possible seminars for future membership meetings.
- j. Hand-out and discussion on Recommended Organizational Practices.

4. Picnic:

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven for MTA to join the MC Sports affiliation program. 2nd by John Crabb.
 Motion voted on and passed.

- a. Saturday, August 4, 2012 at Jean Roll's Farm.
- b. Food – Burgers, Brats and Hot dogs – John Proctor getting.
- c. Activities:
 - 1. Horse Shoes – Doug Aven
 - 2. Archery – Bobby Hamilton or Kurt Ainsworth
 - 3. Fishing – John & Kathy Proctor
 - 4. Face Painting or tattoos – Doug & Kelly Veldhuis
 - 5. Piñata – Doug & Kelly Veldhuis
 - 6. Pie eating contest – Brenda Sears
 - 7. Youth comp – Anything – John Proctor
 - 8. Mini comp – Novelty – John Proctor
 - 9. Cooking – Charlie Walker & getting charcoal/lighter fluid
 - 10. Auction – Charlie Walker

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Charlie Walker to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Brenda Sears. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary