

Michigan Taxidermists Association's Board Meeting Minutes 3/18/12

The board meeting was conducted immediately following the membership meeting at the DeVos Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Sunday, March 18, 2012.

Officers and board members present: Joe Miles, President; Doug Veldhuis, Vice President; Pam Onken, Treasurer; Melissa Yell, Secretary;

Board Members: Doug Aven, Mike Bush, John Crabb, Jeremy Kennedy, John Proctor, Brenda Sears, Les Thomas, Orlando Villarreal, Charlie Walker and Rob Haysmer.

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Ken Onken, Scott Derenski

Upcoming meeting dates were planned:

1. -Sunday, May 6, board meeting at the home of Ken and Pam Onken
2. -Saturday, August 4, board and membership meetings at the picnic at Jean Roll's farm
3. -Sunday, September 9, Fall Membership meeting, Metamora Lions Club, 3790 N Oak St, Metamora, MI 48455
4. -Sunday, December 2, board meeting at the home of Brenda Sears
5. -Sunday, January 6, 2013, Winter Membership meeting, Six Lakes VFW Post #5602, 2195 W Fleck Rd, Six Lakes, MI 48886
6. -Sunday, February 3, 2013, board meeting at John Crabb's home
7. -March 20-24, 2013, MTA Convention and Competition show dates

New Business:

- Cathy Proctor was appointed as the new Membership Coordinator
- Another room at DeVos Center may be available in for our use during 2013's show, possible uses could be for art seminars, or a board room.
- Joe Miles is in communication with a museum in Midland to pursue an opportunity to be involved in an upcoming taxidermy display; the possibility of having a future meeting there was discussed
- A topic for the agenda of the May board meeting will be insurance for the Dream Makers hunting trips and Veterans Mounting, as well as fund raising to finance it.
- Discussion was held regarding at least one board member becoming bonded
- The possibility of reduced registration fees for a future 2-D flat art category, as well as for the wood carvers, was discussed
- Mike Bush mentioned selling the current trailer and purchasing a larger one
- Discussion was held on the possibility of adding "and Wildlife Artists" to the Michigan Taxidermists Association name
- Orlando Villarreal requested that a banner be purchased to identify and distinguish the wood carvings from the taxidermy mounts, as well as a separate sign to list sponsors
- Several duties for the 2013 show may remain the same with Mike Bush and Doug Aven responsible for suppliers and Jeremy Kennedy in charge of hands-on seminars

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 4:50 p.m