

MTA Membership Meeting
August 4, 2012
Jean Roll's Farm, Perry, Michigan

The summer membership meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

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

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

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Joe Miles-President, Rob Haysmer.

Welcome – Doug Veldhuis welcomed everyone.

Board minutes from May 6, 2012 are available for review.

Treasury Report was reviewed.

Membership report given - currently have 212 members of which 42 are new members.

1. Old Business:

- a. Jeremy Kennedy reported on the whitetail hands on seminar given by Kurt Ainsworth at Jeremy's shop on July 7, 17 attended and it was very informative. Doug asked for other hands on seminar suggestions. Additional discussion to possibly have a mammal hands on seminar given by Jean Roll. More to come on this.

2. 2013 Convention:

- a. Banquet – Brenda Sears is working on.
- b. Friday Night Event – Any ideas please let Brenda Sears know.
- c. Judges –

1. Masters:

Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Epply returning
Fish – ask Bob Barry, still checking
Mammals – Brenda Duvall returning
Birds – asked Jim Kimball
Habitat – asked Kurt Ainsworth

2. Novice:

Whitetails – asked Ken Onken and Justin Pohl
Fish – asked Kevin Perry and Paul Borkowski
Mammals – asked Steve DeBoer and George Elekes
Birds – asked Terry Weick and Jonathon Wright

- d. Scoring Criteria – Discussed we are moving away from the number scores and change 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.
- e. Discussion on a possible change of putting mount ribbons on Friday morning instead of Thursday just before show opens to help eliminate errors, board is still discussing.

3. Other Business:

- a. Discussion on Dream Makers hunt – Doug Aven reported that a deer hunt is scheduled for September 28 in Howard City for Justin. This will be mounted at the convention.
- b. Discussion on gun raffle – John Crabb is contacting Pheasants Forever to see if we can participate in their raffle again this year.
- c. Discussion on Purple Heart – Doug Pickel announced all veterans are being added. Black bear and whitetail hunts are being arranged. To get involved contact Doug Pickel or Curtis Cook.
- d. Membership attendance raffle was drawn, winning member was not present to win so next membership meeting raffle will be worth \$50.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Pickel to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary