

MTA Board Meeting
September 20, 2015
Baymont Inn, Midland, Michigan

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

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Josh Barber, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, Glen Polley, John Proctor, Les Thomas and Jonathan Wright.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Doug Veldhuis- Vice President and John Crabb.

Welcome – Joe Miles welcomed everyone.

News & Updates –Jan VanHoesen is doing well.

Doug Aven's daughter is progressing slowly – sending prayers your way.

Board and membership minutes from June 20, 2015 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Deb Budzynski to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Doug Aven. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report handed out and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to accept the treasury report. 2nd by Glen Polley. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership report given – Currently have 173 members.

Dates

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 th Annual Convention	March 16-20, 2016
	DeVos Place
	303 Monroe Ave. NW
	Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:
 - a. Picnic – Discussion to order only a half pig in 2016.

2. 2016 Convention:
 - a. Slate Awards – All awards shipped out expect for 1, Jean & Kurt.
 - b. Public Awards/Table
 - c. Suppliers Glen Polley/Randy & Deb Budzynski
 1. Discussion on adding incentives like advertising ahead the discounts.
 - d. Photography – Discussion about asking them to use entry number.
 - e. Judges Doug Veldhuis
 1. Fish – Rick Krane
 2. Birds – Terry Weick
 3. Mammals – Terry Rheinlander
 4. Habitat – Randal Waites
 5. Whitetail – Clint Rickey and Rick Carter

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
 - f. Commercial Division Doug Aven
 - g. Judging writer auction John Proctor
 - h. Seminars Doug Aven
 - i. 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
 - j. Woodcarving Jonathan Wright working on getting supporters.
 - k. Wildlife Art Jonathan Wright/Melissa DiVietri
 - l. Banquet/Hotel Pam Onken
 1. Hotel rooms including 2 breakfast tickets - price will be \$105. Rooms are blocked until mid-February 2016.
 - m. Friday Night Joe Miles
 1. Having Carnival Fun Night again.
 - n. Competition Packets Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker
 - o. Awards Les Thomas
 - p. HOL/Dream Makers Mike Butler
 - q. Information Cards Melissa DiVietri
 - r. Novice Judges gifts Gift bags or memberships/show registration – keep doing gift bags.

3. New Business:
 - a. Hands on Seminars Around the State
 1. 3 fish seminars have taken place this summer – Thanks Randy Budzynski.
 - b. Dream Makers Fundraising – Mike Butler is working on pulling together.
 - c. Member Letter of Concern – Joe Miles did send a letter with the boards reply.
 - d. E-store – Working with Pro Logo on getting MTA items available to be ordered and shipped direct.
 - e. Winter Meeting Seminar – Discussion on options.

- f. Wildlife Art/Carving Shows - Situation on getting additional support.
- g. Adams and Hayward/McClure Award reminder - Discussion that the voting will happen at our next board meeting.
- h. Board/Officer Openings - Discussion on openings coming in March 2016.
- i. Winter Meeting Location - Discussion about a different location for meeting in 2017.
- j. Youth Sponsored Trips - Discussion that John Proctor will work on.
- k. Chili Cook off Trophy - Discussion to change to an engraved cutting board.
- l. Post Cards - Discussion on the Wildlife Art/Carving post cards for all to distribute.
- m. Dream Makers - * * * * * Table for future board meeting.

4. Membership Drawing - \$50

With there being no other business of the Hudson Tadmire Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Ivi Walker, Secretary