

MTA Board Meeting  
September 9, 2012  
Lions Club, Metamora, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, John Proctor, Les Thomas and Charlie Walker.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Mike Bush, John Crabb, Rob Haysmer, Jeremy Kennedy, Brenda Sears and Orlando Villareal.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from August 4, 2012 were handed out and reviewed.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Charlie Walker to accept the minutes as is. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Aven. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury report handed out and reviewed.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Charlie Walker to accept the report as is. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Proctor. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership count still remains at 212.

**1. Old Business:**

- a. 501C3 status – still working on.
- b. Credit Card Issues – looking into swipe option for cell phone.
- c. Drop Box – all new board members have access.
- d. Insurance – complete.
- e. Hands On Seminars – discussion on additional possible seminars-Jeremy Kennedy handling. Will possibly do an on-line survey to members asking for suggestions.
- f. Gun Raffle – John Crabb checking into.

**2. 2013 Convention:**

a. Judges –

1. Masters: contracts are mailed out.

Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Epply returning

Fish – Bob Barry

Mammals – Brenda Duvall returning

Birds – Jim Kimball

Habitat – Kurt Ainsworth

2. Novice:

Whitetails – Ken Onken and Justin Pohl

Fish – Kevin Perry and Paul Borkowski

Mammals – Steve DeBoer and George Elekes

Birds – Terry Weick and Jonathon Wright

- b. Suppliers – connected with link to their website – Mike Bush to compile a list of suppliers coming.
- c. Seminars – Doug Veldhuis is working on.



- d. Hands On Seminars – Joe Miles working on - fish seminar with Rick Krane, coyote pedestal seminar with Jan VanHoesen.
- e. Wood Carving – Orlando Villareal working on.
- f. 2D Art – discussion about adding this competition to our convention. Working on the rules, registration and judging.
- g. Banquet – Brenda Sears is working on.
- h. Friday Night - No speed mounting event, New activity that will be fun.
- i. Competition Packet – working on updating.

3. New Business:

- a. McKenzie Award – discussion to start thinking of nominations. Joe Miles will email form to board members.
- b. MTA Above and Beyond Award – discussion to start thinking of nominations.

4. Other Business:

- a. Discussion on other location options for Fall Membership meeting.
- b. Discussion on having a membership drive. Possibly develop a MTA flyer to include in shipments of local vendors.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Charlie Walker to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Aven. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary