

MTA Board Meeting
January 11, 2015
Six Lakes VFW, Six Lakes, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:25 a.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, John Crabb, Jeremy Kennedy, Ken Onken, John Proctor, Les Thomas, Charlie Walker and Jonathan Wright.

Absent: Joe Miles-President.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Doug welcomed everyone.

News:

- Joe Miles is in South Carolina for his new job.

Board minutes from December 7, 2014 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Jeremy Kennedy to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Charlie Walker. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report – no change from December 7, 2014 report.

Membership report given - currently have 199 members.

Dates of future meetings:

Board meeting	February 8, 2015
Deb & Randy Budzynski's home	*****NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE*****
2175 Haslett Road, East Lansing, MI	
Convention	March 18-22, 2015
DeVos Place	
303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI	

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 Status – No change-Pam Onken sent in items.
- b. Website Update – Updates have been made. More updates will be made after this meeting and will be adding the convention packets.

2. New Business:

- a. Dream Makers/Veterans – Discussion that we currently have 2 Dream Makers mounts and 1 Hunt of a Lifetime mount to be mounted during the convention. Veteran mounts to be mounted are being worked on.

3. 2015 Convention:

- a. Judges – Assigned to Doug Veldhuis.
Professional/Master Judges:
 1. Whitetail judges:

- a. Jody Green – plans on coming, but do not have his signed contract yet.
- b. Second whitetail judge – still working on.
- 2. Mammal judge:
 - a. Terry Rheinlander – yes, coming.
- 3. Fish judge:
 - a. Terry Weick – yes, have signed contract.
- 4. Bird judge:
 - a. Tony Finazzo – yes, coming.
- 5. Habitat judge:
 - a. Randal Waites – yes, will do.

Novice Judges:

- 1. Whitetail judges:
 - a. Chris Carls and Ken Onken
- 2. Bird judges:
 - a. Calvin McLeod and Jonathan Wright
- 3. Fish judges:
 - a. Paul Borkowski and Ron Acker, back-up judge: Randy Budzynski
- 4. Mammal judges:
 - a. Ann Euler and George Elekes
- b. Commercial Division – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- c. Judging Writer Auction – Assigned to John Proctor. Auction of positions will begin today at the membership meeting and Pat Walker will continue the auction through Facebook and email.
- d. Suppliers – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy and Randy Budzynski.
 - 1. Currently have 10 suppliers coming: Wildlife Gallery, Northern Pines Taxidermy, McKenzie, etc.
- e. Seminars – Assigned to Doug Aven. Doug will announce what he has at the membership meeting.
- f. Hands-On Seminars – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy. Kurt's full; Michael P's 2 signed up; Dan's 6 signed up.
- g. Woodcarving – Assigned to Ken Onken and Charlie Walker.
- h. Wildlife Art – Assigned to Jonathan Wright. Discussion that signs are needed.
- i. Ribbon Placing – Assigned to Pam Onken and teams she puts together.
- j. Banquet/Hotel – Assigned to Brenda Sears and Pam Onken. Pam will connect with hotel to see if food price will remain the same as 2014.
- k. Friday Night – Assigned to Joe Miles – Redneck theme. Plan to have ticket games.
 - 1. Need to add more silent auction items-assigned board members to bring a bucket filled with "goodies" to auction.
 - 2. Need assistance in obtaining a few large prizes.
 - 3. Need people to help with games. Each board member to come up with a game to discuss at February board meeting.
- j. Competition Packets – Assigned for Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker. Not being handed out today, still working on.
- k. Awards – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- l. Sponsored Awards – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- m. Area Layout and Set-up – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- n. Signage – Assigned to John Crabb.
- o. HOL/Dream Makers – Assigned to Mike Butler. Mike will be ordering Dream Makers t-shirts and hats.

p. Taping at convention – Debbie Budzynski is working on.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary