

MTA Membership Meeting  
June 21, 2014  
Jean Roll's Farm, Perry, Michigan

The membership meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 1:25 p.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, John Crabb, Jeremy Kennedy, John Proctor, Les Thomas, and Orlando Villarreal.

Absent: Doug Aven and Jonathan Wright.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

Thank you – Jean Roll for hosting the MTA picnic.

John & Kathy Proctor for cleaning up the picnic area.

Doug & Kelly Veldhuis for help with set-up and sending Thank You cards.

Jonathan/Charlie/Randal/Larry for leading the bird seminar.

News – Doug Aven's daughter is out of ICU and hopes to be in rehab next week. What a Miracle she is!

Rick Steele – Father and mother have been hospitalized. Prayers go out to them and family.

Cathy Huntley is not doing well – Prayers go out to her and her family.

Membership report given - currently have 190 members.

Dates of future meetings:

Fall Membership            September 21, 2014

Midland Center for the Arts

1801 W. St. Andrews

Midland, MI

Board meeting            December 7, 2014

Jeremy Kennedy's home

9580 Silver Creek Rd.

Whitehall, MI

Winter Membership      January 11, 2015

VFW Post #5602

2195 W. Fleck Rd.

Six Lakes, MI

Board meeting            February 8, 2015

John Crabb's home

8859 Cork Rd.,

Morrice, MI

Convention                March 18-22, 2015

DeVos Place

303 Monroe Ave. NW

Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 Status – Les Thomas will call to check on progress.
- b. Membership Drive-Tanneries/Postcards – New tannery flyers have been mailed.
  - Kathy Proctor will send out “we miss you” cards to previous members that have not renewed.
  - Promote MTA by putting articles in outdoor magazines.
  - Orlando Villarreal will connect with TV station and will send information to Joe Miles.
- c. Website Update – Pat Walker will continue to email Melissa meeting updates and seminar information and update the Board of Directors page for new board members.
- d. Fischer Insurance – Discussion about officers and board members receiving calls to say “Thank You” for partnering with them.

2. 2015 Convention:

- a. Professional/Master Judges
  1. Whitetail judges:
    1. Jody Green – ask back
    2. Gene Smith – ask back
    3. Vincent Fleming – ask for 2016 convention
    4. Mark Gonnering – ask for 2016 convention
  2. Mammal judge:
    - a. Ken Walker – ask for 2015 convention
  3. Fish judge:
    - a. Terry Weick – ask for 2015 convention
  4. Bird judge:
    - a. Cory Caruthers – ask for 2015 convention
  5. Habitat judge – discussion about options on who to ask.
- b. Novice Judges:
  1. Whitetail judges ask:
    - a. Chris Carls and Ken Onken
  2. Bird judges ask:
    - a. Calvin McLeod and Jonathan Wright
  3. Fish judges ask:
    - a. Paul Borkowski and Ron Acker
  4. Mammal judges ask:
    - a. Ann Euler and Geroge Elekes
- c. Commercial Division – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- d. Judging Writer Auction – Assigned to John Proctor. Pat Walker will do the auction through Facebook and email.
- e. Suppliers – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy and Randy Budzynski.
- f. Seminars – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- g. Hands-On Seminars – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- h. Woodcarving – Assigned to Orlando Villarreal.
- i. Wildlife Art – Assigned to Jonathan Wright.
- j. Ribbon Placing – Assigned to Pam Onken and teams she puts together.
- k. Banquet/Hotel – Assigned to Brenda Sears and Pam Onken.
- l. Friday Night – Assigned to Joe Miles – Carnival night. Comments from this past show were needs more items to keep all involved.

- m. Competition Packets – Assigned for Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker. The Fish Competition packet is being reviewed by Orlando Villarreal, Les Thomas and Joe Miles. The Wildlife Art Competition packet is being reviewed by Joe Miles.
- n. Awards – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- o. Sponsored Awards – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- p. Area Layout and Set-up – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- q. Signage – Assigned to John Crabb.
- r. HOL/Dream Makers – Assigned to Mike Butler. Have 5 people getting veteran mounts: Jeremy Kennedy, Mike Butler, John Crabb, Ken Onken and Joe Miles. Also, discussed that Mike Butler will set-up a Facebook page for DreamMakers to promote.

3. New Business:

- a. Hands-On Seminars-Around the State – Jeremy Kennedy is working on.
- b. Dream Makers – Discussed that a hunt for 1 child is scheduled for October 10.
- c. Gun Raffle – John Crabb is investigating another raffle.

4. Picnic Weekend:

- a. Yesterday, Friday, June 20, 2014 was the Hands-On Bird seminar here at Jean's farm with 5 participants. Thank you Jonathan, Charlie and Randal for leading the seminar.
- b. Today, Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Jean Roll's Farm Food – Pig Roast, members liked.
- c. Activities:
  - 1. Auction
  - 2. Fishing
  - 3. Mini comp – WINNER – Curtis Cook
  - 4. 50/50 tickets – WINNER – Cary Armbruster
  - 5. Piñata and Kids Games
  - 6. Bean Bag Toss
- d. Membership drawing, \$25 – John Pohl not present. Next membership meeting drawing 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 Jeremy Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Crabb. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary