

MTA Board Meeting
January 6, 2013
VFW Post #5602, Six Lakes, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

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

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

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Brenda Sears.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

News – There is no update on Willard Cocco.

Detroit News article – article talks about taxidermy items not correct-Les Thomas will connect with the DNR to let them know MTA is not associated with this.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from December 2, 2012 were handed out and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by John Proctor to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Rob Haysmer. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury report handed out and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by John Proctor to accept the report as is. 2nd by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership count is 214, no additional new members.

Committee Reports – Doug Pickel has items lined up to mount at show.

Future meeting dates reviewed:

February 3, 2013	Board meeting at John Crabb's home in Morrice, MI
March 20-24, 2013	Convention and Competition at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C3 status – Pam Onken and Les Thomas are work on.
- b. Credit Card – trying to use today.
- c. MTA Apparel – will have items for sale today, Kelly Veldhuis will be taking care of.
- d. Midland Museum for the Arts – early January MTA items was picked up. Possible fall meeting place.

2. 2013 Convention:

- a. Photo Board of Judges and Board – Rob Haysmer will put together.
- b. Non taxidermy seminars for spouses – Kathy P., Kelly V., Deb M. putting together "Bedazzle".
- c. Youth – John Proctor will put together.
- d. Photographers – John Crabb connecting with them.
- e. Judges –
 1. Masters: all signed contracts are in.
Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Eppley returning
Fish – Bob Berry

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

- f. Suppliers – discussion on who has said they are coming, McKenzie, Northern Pines, etc.
- g. Seminars – discussion on schedule that's included in the convention packet.
- h. Hands On Seminars – 4 are set up: Doug Bridges, Josh Guge, Rick Krane and Jan VanHoesen.
- i. Woodcarving – seminar/new award/suppliers/registration – Orlando Villareal working on.
- j. 2D Art – rules/registration/judging – Kimberly Tweist is working on.
- k. Electronic Score sheets – Brenda Duvall is developing a format for the iPad. Possibly will us at our show.
- l. Ribbon Placing – Meeting – Pam Onken organizing team and game plan.
- m. Banquet – Brenda Sears is in charge of.
- n. Friday Night - new activity promises to fun. "South of the Border" theme.
- o. Competition Packet Review – ready to be handed out today.
- p. Awards – Les Thomas is ordering awards and ribbons for the new 2D Art.
- q. Sponsored Award Contacts – Jeremy is working on.
- r. Area Layout and Setup – possibly will move the Board room to allow for 2 large supplier rooms. Setup Tuesday evening with start time around 4:30-5:00.
- s. Tear Down – trying Sunday night tear down and pack in trailer to eliminate returning on Monday.

3. New Business:

- a. CBM – discussion on how the piece will be picked for the award.

4. Winter Membership Meeting:

a. Activities:

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| • Open Mini Comp | John Proctor |
| • 50/50 | John Crabb |
| • Auction | Charlie Walker |
| • Lunch | Pot Luck |
| • Seminar | Question and Answer Panel |
| • Chili Cook-off | Rob H. and Doug A. doing. |

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary