

MTA Board Meeting

May 18, 2014

John & Kathy Proctor's home, Litchfield, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

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

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

Absent: Doug Veldhuis- Vice President, Doug Aven and Debbie Budzynski.

Others Present: Ken Onken and Charlie Walker.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone and asked that we stay on task.

News – Doug Aven's daughter is still in critical condition – prayers to you and your family.

Ohio Show – multiple Michigan taxidermists attended. CONGRATULATIONS to Terry Weick, Mike Doyle and Owen Eldred – all show winners.

Board minutes from February 9, 2014 and Board & Membership minutes from March 23, 2014 were reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Jonathan Wright to accept the minutes as is. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report handed out. Discussed and reviewed.

- Reviewed a summary report.

ACTION: Motion made by Jeremy Kennedy to accept the treasury report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Proctor. Motion voted on and passed.

- Discussion on professional judges costs. Judges expenses that MTA covers continue to go up, such as transportation and baggage charges. Currently MTA gives professional judges \$125 for food plus covers breakfast at the hotel each day, Friday evening dinner ticket and Saturday banquet dinner ticket.

ACTION: Motion made by Les Thomas to change the food amount for the professional judges to \$50 replacing the \$125. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

- Mike Butler looking into connecting with a travel agent to work with judges on transportation.

Membership report given - currently have 186 members.

Dates of future meetings:

Summer Picnic – ask for June 21, 2014

Jean Roll's

5950 Morrice Road,

Perry, MI

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 look back through past membership lists and send "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 email Melissa the Picnic and Bird seminar information and update the Board of Directors page for new board members. Need pictures of Debbie, Randy and Mike.
- d. Fischer Insurance – Discussion about insurance information Kathy Proctor gathered. Fischer Insurance Agency did a presentation at the March Membership meeting at the show.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Kathy Proctor to endorse/partner with the Fischer Insurance Agency. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeremy Kennedy. Motion voted on and passed.

- e. Trailer maintenance – Doug Veldhuis or Joe Miles will connect with Mike Bush to have trailer checked over.

2. 2015 Convention:

- a. Discussion on Professional/Masters 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
    5. Bill Yox
  2. Mammal judge:
    - a. Ken Walker – ask for 2015 convention
    - b. Wendy Christensen
    - c. Marcus Zimmerman



- d. Manny Chavez
- e. Ashley Barrett
- f. Bill Lancaster
- 3. Fish judge:
  - a. Terry Weick – ask for 2015 convention
  - b. Don Frank
  - c. Jeff Compton
  - d. Rick Krane
- 4. Bird judge:
  - a. Cory Caruthers – ask for 2015 convention
  - b. Danny Owen
  - c. Tony Finazzo
  - d. Dale Manning
- 5. Habitat judge discussion about options on who to ask. Need to think “outside the box” for this.
  - a. Suggestion was to ask Justin Nagy  
\*\*\*TABLE this until next board meeting\*\*\*
- 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 – if Paul can’t then ask Randal Waites.
  - 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. Judging Writer Auction – Assigned to John Proctor. Pat Walker will do the auction through Facebook and email.
- f. Suppliers – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy and Randy Budzynski.
- g. Seminars – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- h. Hands-On Seminars – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- i. Woodcarving – Assigned to Orlando Villarreal.
- j. Wildlife Art – Assigned to Jonathan Wright.
- k. Ribbon Placing – Assigned to Pam Onken and teams she puts together.
- l. Banquet/Hotel – Assigned to Brenda Sears and Pam Onken.
- m. Friday Night – Assigned to Joe Miles. Comments from this past show were needs more items to keep all involved. Need to add more silent auction items.
- n. 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.
- o. Awards – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- p. Sponsored Awards – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- q. Area Layout and Set-up – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- r. Signage – Assigned to John Crabb.
- s. HOL/Dream Makers – Assigned to Mike Butler. Have 5 people getting veteran mounts: Jeremy Kennedy, Mike Butler, John Crabb, Ken Onken and Joe Miles.



3. New Business:

- a. Hands-On Seminars-Around the State – Jeremy Kennedy is working on.
- b. Dream Makers – Doug Aven was not available to discuss.
- c. Board Fun Day – Jonathan Wright has offered to host a fun day, maybe fishing or clay shooting. All board and officers check your calendars for an available day during July through early August on Sunday-Thursday.
- d. Gun Raffle – John Crabb is investigating another raffle.

4. Picnic Weekend:

- a. Saturday, June 21, 2014 at Jean Roll's Farm.
- b. Food – Pig Roast – John Proctor getting supplies; buns, water, condiments, etc.
- c. Activities:
  1. Bean Bag Toss – Jeremy Kennedy
  2. Fishing – John Proctor
  3. Mini comp – Novelty – John Proctor
  4. Youth comp – Anything – John Proctor
  5. 50/50 tickets – John Crabb
  6. Ice – John Crabb – 25 bags
  7. Redneck Games
  8. Piñata – Jeremy Kennedy
  9. Auction – Charlie Walker
  10. Silent Auction – All Board and Officers bring a filled 5 gallon pail for the silent auction
- d. Hands-On Bird Seminar, Friday, June 20, 2014 at Jean Roll's Farm. Time: 10:00 a.m. - ????  
Seminar being led by Jonathan Wright with Charlie Walker, Randal Waites and Willard Coco.  
Fee is \$100/person – sign up and pay Pam Onken, Treasurer.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Jeremy Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orlando Villarreal. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary