

MTA Board Meeting
September 21, 2014
Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:55 a.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, John Proctor, Orlando Villarreal and Jonathan Wright.

Absent: John Crabb, Jeremy Kennedy and Les Thomas.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

News:

- Doug Aven's daughter is home but needs full time care, she has a long road to recovery – Prayers to her and family.
- Jim VanHoesen, Jan's husband, passed away September 11 – Sympathy to Jan and family.
- Howard and Roberta Crepeau's daughter passed away due to diabetes – Sympathy to them and their family.
- John Crabb's fiancé's son is struggling and needs our prayers.
- Orlando Villarreal announced that he is resigning from the board as of today. He is moving to Texas. Replacement board member: Ken Onken and Charlie Walker – part-time. Both will share Orlando's responsibilities. THANK YOU, ORLANDO, for contributions to the MTA!

Board minutes from June 21, 2014 was reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Jonathan Wright to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Deb Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report handed out and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Jonathan Wright to accept the treasury report. 2nd by Deb Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership report given - currently have 194 members.

Dates of future meetings:

Board meeting December 7, 2014

Jeremy Kennedy's home

9580 Silver Creek Road, Whitehall, MI

Winter Membership January 11, 2015

VFW Post #5602

2195 W. Fleck Road, Six Lakes, MI

Board meeting February 8, 2015

John Crabb's home

8859 Cork Road, Morrice, MI

Convention

March 18-22, 2015

DeVos Place

303 Monroe Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI

Old Business:

- a. 501C3 Status – Pam Onken is working on past years of revenue and distribution.
- b. Membership Drive-Tanneries/Postcards – New tannery flyers will be mailed.
- c. Website Update – Discussion on the new look of the MTA website. Melissa has been hard at work giving it a new look. Let us know what you think.
- d. Fischer Insurance – Discussion on the MTA insurance that needs renewal through Fremont Insurance or move to Fischer Insurance.

ACTION: Motion made by Deb Budzynski for MTA to change to Fischer Insurance Agency. 2nd by Randy Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

- e. Picnic Review – pig roast was well received and bag toss was a hit.

1. 2015 Convention:

- a. Professional/Master Judges – Assigned to Doug Veldhuis and will discuss at the membership meeting.
- b. Commercial Division – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- c. Judging Writer Auction – Assigned to John Proctor. Pat Walker will do the auction through Facebook and email.
- d. Suppliers – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy and Randy Budzynski.
- e. Seminars – Assigned to Doug Aven.
- f. Hands-On Seminars – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- g. Woodcarving – Assigned to Ken Onken and Charlie Walker.
- h. Wildlife Art – Assigned to Jonathan Wright.
- i. Ribbon Placing – Assigned to Pam Onken and teams she puts together.
- j. Banquet/Hotel – Assigned to Brenda Sears and Pam Onken.
- k. Friday Night – Assigned to Joe Miles – Redneck theme. Need to add more silent auction items- assigned board members to bring a bucket filled with “goodies” to auction.
- l. Competition Packets – Assigned for Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker.
- m. Awards – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- n. Sponsored Awards – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- o. Area Layout and Set-up – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- p. Signage – Assigned to John Crabb.
- q. HOL/Dream Makers – Assigned to Mike Butler. Mike displayed a new logo for DreamMakers. Doug Aven discussed that a hunt for 1 child is scheduled for October 10.

2. New Business:

- a. Hands-On Seminars-Around the State – Jeremy Kennedy is working on.
- b. Board Fun Day – Jonathan Wright offered to host a fun day, but did not get together this summer.
- c. MTA Marketing – Discussion on a marketing position proposal by Melissa DiVietri. She proposed this position to promote MTA through electronic media. She also will assist with judges travel arrangements.

ACTION: Motion made by Deb Budzynski to contract Melissa DiVietri to perform the MTA Marketing position and pay her for this service by MTA paying for 4 nights of hotel room charges during the MTA convention. 2nd by Jonathan Wright. Motion voted on and passed.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary