

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

The board 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: 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.

- Asked if members liked the facility and weekend – comments: great, enjoyed the weekend.

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!

Treasury Report reviewed.

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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Judges – Assigned to Doug Veldhuis.

Professional/Master Judges:

1. Whitetail judges:

- a. Jody Green – yes, coming
- b. Gene Smith – no, cannot come
- c. Vincent Fleming – asking for 2015 convention

2. Mammal judge:

- a. Ken Walker – no, cannot come

3. Fish judge:

- a. Terry Weick – yes, coming

4. Bird judge:

- a. Cory Caruthers – no, cannot come
- b. Danny Owen – asking for 2015 convention

5. Habitat judge – working on

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: Randal Waites

4. Mammal judges:

- a. Ann Euler and Geroge Elekes

- 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. Banquet/Hotel – Assigned to Brenda Sears and Pam Onken.

- j. Friday Night – Assigned to Joe Miles – Redneck theme...come in camo. More silent auction items-board members will bring a bucket filled with "goodies" to bid on.

- k. Competition Packets – Assigned for Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker.

- l. Awards – Assigned to Les Thomas.
- m. Sponsored Awards – Assigned to Jeremy Kennedy.
- n. 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. MTA Marketing – Discussion on marketing position that Melissa DiVietri will be doing. She also will assist with judges travel arrangements.

Today:

- 1. Membership drawing, \$50 – Ross Momany not present. Next membership meeting drawing worth \$75.
- 2. Pan fish competition winner – Doug Veldhuis...CONGRATS!

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Membership the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ACTION: Motion made by Deb Budzynski to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary