

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C Status Les Thomas - Discussion that Pam Onken has mailed the requested revenue breakdown.
- b. Youth Sponsored T-shirts John Proctor – Discussion on having 2 different color shirts and working on getting sponsors.

2. 2016 Convention:

- a. Slate Awards – Still need to get Jean & Kurt's to them.
- b. Public Awards/Table Deb Budzynski will be in charge of having someone at the table.
- c. Suppliers Glen Polley/Randy & Deb Budzynski
 - 1. Discussion on adding incentives like advertising their discounts ahead of the show.
- d. Photography John Crabb – asking them to use entry number.
- e. Judges Doug Veldhuis – all signed contracts received. Working on airfare.
 - 1. Fish – Rick Krane
 - 2. Birds – Terry Weick
 - 3. Mammals – Terry Rheinlander
 - 4. Habitat – Randal Waites
 - 5. Whitetail – Clint Rickey and Rick Carter

Novice Judges:

- 1. Whitetail – Ron Furgeson and Chris Carls
 - 2. Birds – Calvin McLeod and Jonathan Wright
 - 3. Fish – Mark Oslund and Jim Krichbaum
 - 4. Mammals – Matt Diemer and Mike Doyle
- f. Commercial Division Doug Aven
 - g. Judging writer auction John Proctor
 - h. Seminars Doug Aven
 - i. Hands on Seminars Joe Miles/Pam Onken
 - 1. Sculpture small black bear with John Sanzo-Thursday All Day
 - 2. Whitetail with Ken Onken & team-Thursday
 - 3. Mounting a Duck with Travis McLeod-Saturday
 - 4. Fish with Mark Oslund-Friday
 - j. Woodcarving Jonathan Wright working on getting sponsors.
 - k. Wildlife Art Jonathan Wright
 - l. Banquet/Hotel Pam Onken
 - 1. Hotel rooms including 2 breakfast tickets - price will be \$105. Rooms are blocked until mid-February 2016.
 - m. Friday Night Joe Miles
 - 1. Having Carnival Fun Night again.
 - n. Competition Packets Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker-packets being mailed wk of Dec 7.
 - o. Judges Gifts Joe Miles contracted John VanSlambrouck to carve the gift.
 - p. Awards Les Thomas
 - q. Public Mounting HOL/Dream Makers - Mike Butler
 - 1. Discussion that the public mounting space that is provided is display area for mounting/education in front of the public. It can be a mount for Dream Makers/HOL/Veteran or educating the public or showing other items like putting something together for home decoration.
 - r. Information Cards Joe Miles

- s. Novice Judges gifts Gift bags or memberships/show registration – keep doing gift bags.

3. New Business:

- a. MTA Above and Beyond/McKenzie Awards – Discussion on nominees and voted.
- b. Member recognition – Discussion to recognize Marvin Ellcey for his contribution at the conventions.
- c. Non Members on Website – Discussion about taking off nonmembers links.
- d. Hands on Seminars Around the State
 1. Randy Budzynski provided 3 fish seminars this summer – Thanks.
- e. Dream Makers Fundraising – Mike Butler is working on pulling together.
- f. E-store – Working with Pro Logo on getting MTA items available to be ordered and shipped direct.
- g. Winter Meeting Seminar – Discussion on using the time for compiling questions for the DNR.
- h. Wildlife Art/Fish Carving Sponsors – Discussion on getting additional support.
- i. Board/Officer Openings – Discussion on openings coming in March 2016.
 - Treasurer-Pam Onken; Secretary-Pat Walker; Board-Deb & Randy Budzynski, John Proctor; Membership Coordinator-Kathy Proctor.
- j. Winter Meeting Location – Discussion about a different location for the meeting in 2017-Deb Budzynski checking into.
- k. Chili Cook-off Trophy – Discussion and decision to change it to an engraved cutting board.
- l. NTA Award – New award available from the NTA titled "Taxidermist of the Year". MTA will use the award to recognize those involved in our association that are/were instrumental to the development, implementation, improvement, representation or running of the Michigan Taxidermist Association. Every member will have the opportunity to nominate in writing, one member (past or present) of the MTA. Then all members in attendance at the Winter Meeting will have the opportunity to cast a written ballot to be counted to determine the year's recipient.

ACTION: Motion made by Jonathan Wright to add the NTA Taxidermist of the Year award to our convention. 2nd by Josh Barber. Motion voted on and passed.
Decision made by the Board to induct up to six (6) entries in this first year.
- m. Fall Membership/Board Meeting – Discussion on the following suggestions due to low participation.
 1. Combining board and membership meeting together.
 2. Do a board meeting an alternate way and eliminate membership meeting.
 3. Eliminate the membership and board meeting.Les Thomas will check into this.

4. Membership Drawing - \$75

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary