

**MTA Membership Meeting
September 9, 2012
Lions Club, Metamora, Michigan**

The fall membership meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 1:15 p.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, John Proctor, Les Thomas and Charlie Walker.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Absent: Mike Bush, John Crabb, Rob Haysmer, Jeremy Kennedy, Brenda Sears and Orlando Villareal.

Welcome – Joe Miles welcomed everyone.

Board minutes from August 4, 2012 are available for review.

Treasury report was reviewed.

Membership report given - currently have 212 members.

Attendance today was 28 members.

1. Sharing Membership Information:

- a. Jan VanHoesen's skunk was in a movie.
- b. Larry & Pauline Fitch's daughter was on Nickelodeon TV show "Figure It Out".
- c. Kurt Ainsworth won the Wasco Award.
- d. Glen Polley's daughter was named Peach Queen.

2. Upcoming Important Dates:

- December 2 – Board meeting at Brenda Sears.
- January 6 – Winter Membership meeting at VFW in Six Lakes.
- February 3 – Board meeting at John Crabb.
- March 20-24 – Convention and Competition at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

3. Old Business:

- a. Seminar – whitetail seminar given by Kurt Ainsworth at Jeremy Kennedy's shop on July 7, 17 in attendance was very successful with lots of learning. Joe asked for other hands on seminar suggestions. Possibly will try to send out a survey asking for seminar suggestions.
- b. Gun Raffle – John Crabb is working on.

4. 2013 Convention:

- a. Youth Events – Saturday morning youth will be making moccasins. The bracelets made last year will again be available to make.
- b. Judges –
 1. Masters: contracts are mailed out.
 - Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Epply returning
 - Fish – Bob Barry
 - 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

- c. Suppliers – connected with link to their website – Mike Bush to compile a list of suppliers coming.
- d. Seminars – Thursday, all day seminar with Dan Hudzik. Doug Veldhuis is scheduling others.
- e. Hands On Seminars – Wednesday, coyote pedestal seminar with Jan VanHoesen . Fish seminar with Rick Krane, day not determined yet. Joe Miles working on scheduling others.
- f. Wood Carving – Orlando Villareal working on.
- g. 2D Art – discussion about adding this competition to our convention. Working on the rules, registration and judging.
- h. Banquet – Brenda Sears is working on.
- i. Friday Night - No speed mounting event, New activity that guarantees to be fun.
- j. Competition Packet – working on updating.

5. Other Business:

- a. Discussion on Dream Makers hunt – Doug Aven reported that a deer hunt is scheduled for September 28 in Howard City for Justin. This will be mounted at the convention.
- b. Membership attendance raffle was drawn, winning member, Russ Grigg, was not present to win so next membership meeting raffle will be worth \$75.
- c. Auction following membership meeting.
- d. Stay for today's seminar - form alterations given by Jean Roll.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Membership the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

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

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary