

MTA Board Meeting
February 3, 2013
John Crabb's Home, Morrice, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Mike Bush, John Crabb, Rob Haysmer, John Proctor, Brenda Sears, Les Thomas and Charlie Walker.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator and Paul Borkowski.

Absent: Pam Onken-Treasurer, Jeremy Kennedy and Orlando Villareal.

Welcome – Joe welcomed everyone.

News – Mark Esch's mother passed away. Our sympathy goes out to Mark and his family.
Randal Waites injured his arm and it's in a cast. We hope you're better soon.

Board and Membership meeting minutes from January 6, 2013 were handed out and reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by John Proctor to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Brenda Sears. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury report will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Membership count is 219, which includes 2 new members.

Future meeting dates reviewed:

March 20-24, 2013 Convention and Competition at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. Winter membership meeting review – discussed that the total review of the convention packet was not needed, just point out new items and review seminars.
- b. 501C3 status – Pam Onken sent in items and Les Thomas will be sending other needed items.
- c. Credit Card – used and worked at the winter meeting.
- d. MTA Apparel – Doug Veldhuis reported that popular items have been reordered.
- e. Midland Museum for the Arts – Curator will be judging 2D Art. Possible fall meeting place.

2. 2013 Convention:

- a. Day by Day review – board members please keep display area & rooms clean and neat.
 1. Tuesday night set-up will start around 4:30-5:00pm – Mike Bush will have trailer there at 4:00pm.
 2. Wednesday – Registration Day – 8:30am board meeting. For lunch we'll have Subway. Jan VanHoesen hands-on seminar taking place. Judging may start later in the day. 9:00pm Board members to meet and vote on Board of Directors award.
 3. Thursday – Judging continues.
9:00am New Members meeting
Rick Krane hands-on seminar taking place and other seminars.
Supplier rooms setting up.
Ribbon placing – Pam organizing.
Show opens at 3:00pm.

4. Friday – Josh Guge hands-on seminar taking place and other seminars.
5:30pm Friday Fun Night – Mexican buffet & new competition at Riverfront Hotel.
 5. Saturday – Rick Krane hands-on seminar taking place and other seminars.
12:00pm People’s Choice voting ends.
5:00pm Banquet/Awards Presentation/Auction at Riverfront Hotel.
 6. Sunday – Seminars taking place.
2:30pm Membership meeting and election at DeVos Place.
5:00pm Mount pick-up.
6:00pm Tear down and pack trailer.
- b. Photo Board of Judges and Board – Rob Haysmer putting together.
 - c. Non taxidermy seminars for spouses – Kathy P., Kelly V., Deb M. putting together “Bedazzle”.
 - d. Youth – John Proctor putting together.
 - e. Photographers – John Crabb connected with them.
 - f. Judges –
 1. Masters: all signed contracts are in.
Whitetails – Lou Gagliano and Bryan Eppley
Fish – Bob Berry
Mammals – Brenda Duvall
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
 - g. Suppliers – discussion on who has said they are coming, McKenzie, Northern Pines, etc.
 - h. Seminars – discussion on schedule that’s included in the convention packet.
 - i. Hands On Seminars – Doug Bridges dropped out, Rick Krane doing 2, Josh Guge and Jan VanHoesen.
 - j. Woodcarving – seminar/new award/suppliers/registration – Orlando Villareal working on.
 - k. 2D Art – rules/registration/judging – Kimberly Tweist is working on.
 - l. Electronic Score sheets – Brenda Duvall is developing a format for the iPad. Possibly will us at our show.
 - m. Ribbon Placing – Meeting – Pam Onken organizing teams.
 - n. Banquet – Brenda Sears is in charge of.
 - o. Friday Night - new activity promises to be fun. “South of the Border” theme.
 - p. Competition Packets – have been mailed out and are on the website.
 - q. Awards – Les Thomas is ordering awards, 2013 year tabs and ribbons for the new 2D Art
 - r. Sponsored Award Contacts – Jeremy is working on.
 - s. Area Layout and Setup – possibly will move the Board room to allow for 2 large supplier rooms. The walk through is being determined and Joe Miles will email board when it will be.
 - t. Tear Down – trying Sunday night tear down and pack in trailer to eliminate returning on Monday.
3. New Business:
 - a. 1991 Audit Files – Barb Krichbaum still has these files and will be sending Joe Miles what she has.
 - b. Judging 2 year commitment – discussion on how it is working. Joe Miles will bring up at the membership meeting.
 - c. Fisher Insurance – discussion on another insurance agency wanting to put together a packet for MTA and its members.
 - d. Masters of Masters criteria clarification – discussion on clarifying that freeze dried turkey heads are allowed provided the competitor does all the work themselves.

4. Items to bring to the convention:

- a. step stool – Brenda Sears.
- b. wood – 2x8 and furring strips for back board support – Mike Bush.
- c. mounting stands – Mike Bush, Rob Haysmer and Doug Veldhuis.
- d. invisible tape and masking tape – Pat Walker.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary