

MTA Board Meeting

May 17, 2015

Debbie & Randy Budzynski's home, East Lansing, Michigan

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Board of Directors Present: Doug Aven, Josh Barber, Debbie Budzynski, Randy Budzynski, Mike Butler, John Crabb, Glen Polley, John Proctor, Les Thomas, and Jonathan Wright.

Others Present: Kathy Proctor-Membership Coordinator.

Welcome – Joe Miles welcomed everyone.

News & Updates – Prayers go out to Rick Steele & family and Warren Stutsman & family as they each have lost a parent.

The following folks are struggling with illness: Jan VanHoesen, Curtis Cook, Kathy Huntley, Charlie Walker, and Doug & Kelly Veldhuis' son – sending prayers your way.

Board minutes from February 15, 2015 was reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Debbie Budzynski to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Josh Barber. Motion voted on and passed.

Membership minutes from March 22, 2015 was reviewed.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to accept the minutes as is. 2nd by Debbie Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

Board minutes from March 22, 2015 was reviewed.

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

Treasury Report handed out and reviewed.

- Discussion on year over year report of revenue and expenses.

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

Membership report given – Currently have 168 members.

- Discussion on having Kathy Proctor send a "come back" letter to old members.

Dates

Summer Picnic & meeting June 20, 2015
Jean Roll's place
5950 Morrice Road,
Perry, MI

Fall Membership meeting September 20, 2015
Baymont Inn
2200 W Wackerly St,
Midland, MI 48640

Board meeting December 6, 2015
Pam & Ken Onken's home
2310 Atkins Rd.
Fennville, MI

Winter Membership meeting January 10, 2016
VFW Post #5602
2195 W. Fleck Rd.
Six Lakes, MI

Board meeting February 7, 2016
Josh & Courtney Barber's home
2737 Wildflower Dr.
Middleville, MI

34th Annual Convention March 16-20, 2016
DeVos Place
303 Monroe Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MI

1. Old Business:

- a. 501C Status – Les Thomas sent email to check on progress but no reply. Les T. will call to check status.
- b. Membership Drive-Tanneries/Postcards – Pat Walker sent flyers to tanneries. Need to check if they are including them in shipments.
- c. Website Update – Pat Walker connecting with Melissa DiVietri with information to update website.
- d. Trailer Maintenance – asking Rick Steele to check the trailer-John Crabb will call Rick.

2. 2016 Convention:

- a. Slate Awards – received very good feedback. Cost of awards are reasonable at \$39.99 plus shipping.
- b. 2015 Show:
 1. Meeting Times – Joe Miles to set-up a schedule for the 2016 convention.
 2. Public Awards/Table – was received well by the public.
 3. Layout Supervisor – received nice feedback on layout – thank you Les.
 4. Rooms – placement of seminars and suppliers were fine.
 5. Suppliers – question asked often “what are the show discounts that the suppliers are offering?” – post discount information before show.
 6. Responsibilities – please do your assigned jobs early to get things done.
 7. Photographer – went well but fell short in sales to be able to have the link to all photos.
 8. PowerPoint – turned out well after a “bump”. Add to banquet acknowledgement of veterans.
 9. Tear Down/Move Out (time change) – in 2016, the main show is closing an hour later. For 2016 convention need new screws and bits to alleviate issues at tear down-Les Thomas to purchase new.
- c. Judges Doug Veldhuis
 1. Fish – Rick Krane
 2. Birds – Terry Weick
 3. Mammals – Terry Rheinlander

4. Habitat – Randal Waites

5. Whitetail maybes:

- a. Ken Bouwman
- b. Clint Rickey
- c. Rick Carter
- d. Mike Rohanna

Novice Judges: (Doug Aven to call 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

d. Commercial Division Doug Aven

e. Judging writer auction John Proctor

1. Pat Walker to add for 2016 communication "You are not allowed to have an entry within the category you are writing for."

ACTION: Motion made by Les Thomas to add that each writer is not allowed to have an entry within the category they are writing for. 2nd by Randy Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

f. Suppliers Glen Polley and Randy Budzynski

g. Seminars Doug Aven

1. Ron Furgeson
2. Kelly Agren
3. Curtis Cook
4. Steve Hall
5. Ron Acker
6. Mac Zerlaut ?
7. Mike Guest ?

h. Hands on Seminars Joe Miles

1. Thursday All Day-Turkey with Tim Jordan ?
2. Fish with Mark Oslund
3. Bird with Travis McLeod
4. Whitetail with Ken Onken & team

i. Woodcarving Jonathan Wright

j. Wildlife Art Jonathan Wright

k. Ribbon Placing Pam Onken/Team

l. Banquet/Hotel Pam Onken

1. Banquet room change starting in 2016 of \$250 each night.
2. Hotel rooms including 2 breakfast tickets price increasing to \$105. Discussion to continue to have room rates including 2 breakfast tickets or eliminate breakfast tickets then rate of \$95.

ACTION: Motion made by Kathy Proctor to have the MTA continue to have 2 breakfast tickets included in the room rate. 2nd by Randy Budzynski. Motion voted on and passed.

m. Friday Night Joe Miles

1. Have Carnival Fun Night again.

n. Competition Packets Joe Miles/Doug Veldhuis/Pat Walker

1. Add list of Suppliers.
2. Trying to have the packet ready by September Fall Membership meeting.

o. Awards Les Thomas

p. Sponsored Awards Josh Barber

q. Area Layout and Setup Les Thomas

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| r. Signage | John Crabb |
| s. HOL/Dream Makers | Mike Butler |
| t. Information Cards | Melissa DiVietri |

3. New Business:

- a. Hands on Seminars Around the State
 1. Fish with Randy Budzynski scheduled for June 19 at Jean Roll's place.
 2. Copper work with Kurt Ainsworth - ?
 3. Form Alterations with Dennis Harris.
- b. Dream Makers – Discussed that we have available a whitetail hunt at Superior Whitetails, fishing with Catch-A-Bunch charter, and working on others. Also, in August there will be the Helene DeVos walk and Dream Makers will have a booth there. And working on many other exciting opportunities.
- c. Attendance – Discussed that if you are going to miss a meeting please let Joe Miles or Doug Veldhuis know.
- d. Competition Packet Review/updates – Discussed getting everyone going with their jobs so packets can be ready earlier.
- e. Board Fun Day at Jonathan Wright's place – Not able to do this year.
- f. E-store – Working with Pro Logo on getting MTA items available to be ordered and shipped direct.
- g. Fall Meeting – being held at Baymont Inn in Midland (same hotel as last year but with a new name), meeting will be held in a meeting room at the hotel for a charge of \$50 but no kitchen facilities. Make a weekend of it and attend the antique fair-blocked rooms for Friday & Saturday night at \$72 per night.

4. Picnic & Hands-On Seminar:

Hands-On Fish Seminar – June 19, 2015 with Randy Budzynski at Jean Roll's place.

Food

Pig Roast

Activities

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| • Corn Hole | John Crabb/Doug Aven |
| • Fishing | John Proctor |
| • Mini Comp | John Proctor |
| • Youth comp | John Proctor |
| • Cooking – Doug Aven & Charlie Walker | – Randy Budzynski bringing grill & charcoal |
| • 50/50 tickets | John Crabb |
| • Ice | John Crabb – 25 bags |
| • Auction | Charlie Walker |
| • Kids Games | Doug & Kelly Veldhuis |

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectively Submitted;

Pat Walker, Secretary