

MTA BOARD MEETING

April 11th 2021

@Soaring Eagle, Mt. Pleasant MI

This Meeting was called to order at 11:01 am

Officers Present:

President: Rob Benson

Vice President: Marc Skutt

Secretary: Kelly Agren

Treasurer: Elaine Unrath

Board Members Present:

Jeff Agren, Robert Slogeris,, Mike Lagorio, Kandi Nichols, Doug Aven, Kyle McClure, Travis Walle

Board Members Absent:

Cortney Barber

News and Updates:

Review of Previous Minutes- All

March 28th membership meeting minutes

ACTION: Motion made by Robert Slogeris to accept the Minutes, 2nd by Doug Aven

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Treasurers Report- *Elaine Unrath*

- Elaine emailed report prior to meeting
- Still updating bank info, square, accountant, insurance etc.

ACTION: Motion made by Doug Aven to accept the Treasury Report. 2nd by Robert Slogeris

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Membership Report - *Elaine Unrath*

- 90 current, 51 previous members havent renewed yet but more are coming in!
- Last year we had around 140

Upcoming Events

Tentative Picnic date: June 12th: Kelly to call Jean to OK date. Get date by the end of April for advertising. Try and get hall rental for board meeting/seminars?

May 16th Board meeting via Zoom @ 8:00pm

2022 Convention: Tentative date of May 13th-15th

Need to lock in date/venue to get judges ASAP

Old Business:

- Membership Tiers: Probably won't implement until 2022 memberships/renewals
 - Lifetime Memberships?
 - Costs?
 - Honorary Memberships (hall of famers)
 - Discounted first year / Maybe prorate for first year
 - Family Memberships
 - Bronze, Silver, Gold?
 - Send out renewal postcard in Nov/Dec
- Seminars/Events for Picnic? Tentative date for June 12th
 - Jim, Bird seminar?
 - Multiple Seminars, What other events?
- Raffle License: Filling out Application. This year we are covered under the casinos license. We have filled out the proper paperwork
- 2021 Convention:
 - Set a Budget: We need more Auction donations, prizes for raffles, baskets, womens/kid stuff. Everyone go to local walmart and fill out donation form.
 - Board Member Tasks:
 - Kandi-Advertising, Sponsorships
 - Doug/Courtney-Youth
 - Mike/Kandi- Keep track of auction stuff/set up/Raffles
 - Marc-Vendors/Judges
 - Travis- Seminars
 - Kelly/Elaine-Comp Packet
 - Jeff/Kelly- Awards/Ribbons
 - Robert-TBD (mini -comps at meetings)
 - Kyle-TBD
 - Set up/ Showroom-All
 - Kelly/Elaine/Courtney/Jim/Kyle/Doug-Registration Table Friday/Sat (taking turns)More to be assigned
- Dinner Selections: Get Max capacity from Matt @ Soaring eagle.
 - Plated Dinner-2 of the 4 cheapest options
 - Social Night w/cash bar: 6-9? Friday w/Auction Raffles
 - Banquet/Auction Sat night cash bar 6-10?
- Registration Times: 8am-12:00pm Break 5:00PM-7:00pm
- Vendor Area- Open to the public? Sure
- Public Viewing-Saturday 3-5? Voting from 3-4 only
- Order Open Division Ribbons
- Hotel Rooms for Board: Yes or No?

ACTION: Motion made by Kyle McClure to not give hotel compensation to board/officers 2nd by Kandi Nichols
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- Add art/fish carving as Wildlife Art 2D and 3D. Membership Vote/Ribbons only
- Scribes: Allow to compete, even if in the same category as the judge they are writing for.
- Competition Packet details:
 - Cost of Day Pass? \$30
 - Pre Registration only including banquet tickets? Yes
 - Postmarked date? See when soaring eagle needs info
 - Reduced mount fees for required preregistration? Meet in the middle...\$20
 - Enter 2 get one free (single free entry)
 - Registration time? 8am-12 and 5pm-7pm
 - Check out time on sunday? 11am
 - Charge for matuska, best all around, collective, group? \$25
 - Banquet ticket price? \$35

New Business:

- Use of Resolutions: Create a searchable document when things get added/changed.
- Written Agreements: Make basic contracts for hunts/trips/days in the shop etc.- Rob will work on
- Nepotism: add a clause into the by laws for the next membership meeting.
- Spending: Spending w/o board approval-come up with a certain dollar amount
- Cloud storage: look into
- Laptop for treasurer
 - ACTION: Motion made by Kandi Nichols to spend up to \$500 on a laptop for the Treasurer.
2nd by Jeff Agren
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- Members only page on website: Once website transition to new server we can look into this
- Youth Sponsors: Wait till June meeting to sign up sponsors.
- Meeting dates
 - May 16th Board meeting via zoom @ 8pm
 - June 12th Picnic?
 - May 15-15th 2022 Competition?
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- Negativity/arguments on social media: If you see something going on delete or ask.
- Appreciation plaques: Do one for John and Kathy “ Thank you for your faithfull years of service “

If you're spending money on something for the MTA, turn in receipts, even if you're donating it back. We want an accurate cost of all expenses.

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board, the following action was made:

ACTION: Doug Aven motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Mike Lagorio

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MTA Board meeting was adjourned at 2:48pm.
Respectively Submitted;
Kelly Agren, Secretary