

Michigan Taxidermist Association Board Meeting  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
VFW Hall, Six Lakes, Mi

The board meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Scott Derenski, President.

Officers Present: Scott Derenski, President, Joe Miles, Vice President, Dawn Derenski, Secretary and Keena Crabb, Treasurer.

Board Members Present: Mike Bush, Charlie Walker, Mike Zank, Don Reeves, Kevin Smith, Bobby Hamilton, Les Thomas and John Crabb.

Board Members Absent: Brenda Sears, excused. Vaughn Chambless, excused.

I. Old Business:

- A. Les Thomas updated the board on the progress of ribbons and trophies.
  - 1. Les also discussed with the board about a budget of what he will be authorized to spend. Board related that for this year because of time restraints to keep the budget as close to last years funds that were spent.
- B. President Derenski updated the board on the travel plans for this years judges.
  - 1. Airline tickets have been ordered for Jody Green, Fred Vanderburgh and Tony Finazzo.
  - 2. Gary Powell and Rick Krane are making their own airline reservations.
- C. President Derenski updated the board about transportation to and from the Radisson to Devos Place. Showspan related they had rented a dash bus but when we received the map the bus does not come close to the hotel facility.
- D. Update on Awards: Everyone has contacted their respective award hosts and all are in order except Mike Zank and Mike Bush who are still awaiting return phone calls.
- E. Joe Miles updated everyone that their duty assignments have been handed out and everyone knows what their responsibilities are for Convention 2008.
- F. Joe Miles went over the room set up for the convention.

II. New Business:

- A. Les Thomas discussed the Hands on Seminar with Jody Green and Fred Vanderburgh. There will be enough slots for 25 people to participate for 25.00 each in a hands on seminar for setting antlers, eyes and ears on change out head manikins. The seminar is also open to all members attending the show

where they will be allowed to watch and learn.

- B. Les Thomas discussed the current score sheet with the board. He shared with them how the new score sheet would work to better offer the competitors a better understanding of how the judges rate their pieces. Les discussed putting these score sheets into effect for this years competition.

ACTION: Motion made by Bobby Hamilton to use these score sheets at this years convention and to try them for one year. Second by Mike Zank. Motion voted on and passed.

- C. Scott Derenski discussed with the board that at the upcoming membership meeting at 1:00 p.m. the board would be bringing up the changes that need to be made to the bylaws to allow affiliation with the MUCC for a lottery license. Members will vote today to accept the changes or to reject them.

- D. President Derenski related to the board that Vaughn Chambless related he would not be able to make the competition/convention in March at this time.

ACTION: Motion made by Les Thomas to adjourn the board meeting. Second by Don Reeves. Motion voted on and passed.

With there being no further business of the MTA Board of Directors and its Officer's the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectively,

Dawn Derenski  
Secretary MTA