

Michigan Taxidermist Association Board Meeting  
February 24, 2008  
Crabb Residence, Morrice, Michigan

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, Mike Zank, Don Reeves, Bobby Hamilton, Kevin Smith and John Crabb.

Board Members Absent: Brenda Sears, excused. Vaughn Chambless, excused. Les Thomas, excused. Charlie Walker, excused.

Secretary's Report given by Dawn Derenski. Minutes contain an error that will be corrected for the next board meeting. Approval once the correction is made.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account - \$5,673.69  
Savings Account - \$1,971.20  
Youth Account - \$635.00  
Rainy Day Fund - \$50.00

Motion: Motion made by Don Reeves to accept the treasurer's report. Second by Mike Bush. Motion voted on and passed.

1. OLD BUSINESS.

A. Convention 2008 Updates.

1. Convention Packages all mailed out. Several new people calling to get packages. No more printed packages left.
2. Awards are all accounted for.
3. Judges are all confirmed and all itinerary information has been passed on to Paul Borkowski for airport pick up.
4. Brenda Sears updated Dawn via the telephone that the Banquet is all in order and all the provisions are being taken care of.
5. All assigned tasks to board members are in order and everyone accepts there assignments.
6. Kelly Veldhuis is taking care of the judges bags as well as the Dream Maker's board for the show.
7. Board Member shirts and tee-shirts will be done shortly. Scott and Dawn will pick them up in Cadillac from Creative Embroidery.
8. Joe Miles related that his seminar schedule is pretty much finalized pending any changes by people giving the seminars.
9. Radisson has made adjustments to the board rooms per conversation with Dawn and Becky (from the Radisson)

## 2. OTHER BUSINESS.

A. Jean Roll wanted to discuss the Masters of Masters Division with the board.

1. Jean related that she felt because of the higher standards of the Masters of Masters Division (i.e., everything is made by the artist except the eyes) that competitors in the Masters of Masters division should also be allowed to compete in the same category in the Masters Division in the same competition year. This rule already applies to all other divisions at the MTA show and Jean would like to see an exclusion made for the Masters of Masters and Masters division.

2. After much discussion on the matter, President Derenski related that this matter would not be rectified prior to the convention and needed more input from others before the board could make an educated decision on the matter.

3. President Derenski related to Jean that she should get some others Masters of Masters competitors to come to the first board meeting after the convention to give their perspective on the possible rule change. Scott related he would personally invite all Award of Excellence recipients to the meeting to get their opinions on the subject.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Don Reeves to adjourn the meeting. Second by John Crabb.

With there being no further business of the MTA Board of Directors and its Officer's the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.