

Michigan Taxidermist Association Board Meeting
April 19, 2008
Six Lakes Michigan

The Michigan Taxidermist Association Board Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Officer's Present: Scott Derenski, President, Warren Stutesman, Vice President, Dawn Derenski, Secretary and Keena Crabb, Treasurer.

Board of Directors Present: Les Thomas, Charlie Walker, Mike Zank, Mike Bush, John Crabb, Jodi Schofield, Kim Stutesman, Tim McMullen, Joe Miles and Bobby Hamilton.

Others Present: Doug Aven, Brian Hendricks & friend, Terry Weick, Jan & Jim VanHoesen, Jean Roll, Paul Borkowski, Brenda Sears, Julie Zank and Carol McMullen.

Secretary's report given by MTA Secretary Dawn Derenski.

ACTION: Motion by John Crabb to accept the minutes dated March 16, 2008. Motion second by Mike Bush. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report given by MTA Treasurer, Keena Crabb as follows:

Treasury Report: Checking account: \$11,569.18
Savings account \$1,972.76
Youth Account \$915.90
Rainy Day account \$50.02
(show revenue 17,801.00)

ACTION: Motion made by Bobby Hamilton to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Mike Bush. Motion voted on and passed.

I. Old Business: Masters of Masters Division.

A. Jean Roll approached the Officers and Board of Directors with some ideas for changes to the Masters of Masters Division.

1. President Derenski invited those in attendance that had their Award of Excellence in their respective fields to give comments and opinions on the way the MOM Division is set up currently and whether they would like to see changes as discussed by Jean Roll and Jan VanHoesen.
2. After lengthy discussion on the matter it was determined that the majority of those in attendance wanted the current MOM Rules and Guidelines to stand as they are.
3. Discussion ended.

B. Competition 2008 Feedback.

1. Banquet – Brenda Sears, Banquet Coordinator, related she heard positive

feedback from the MTA members as well as the Radisson Staff about how well the banquet turned out. Everyone in attendance was very pleased with the food choices and would like to have the Radisson host our banquet again next year.

- a. Scott Derenski asked Brenda if she would like to coordinate the Banquet for 2009. Brenda related she would take the position again.
2. Scoresheets introduced for 2008.
 - a. Discussion about the Pro's and Con's of the new scoresheet.
 - b. Les Thomas will modify the scoresheets based on the feedback he received from members as well as judges for the 2009 Convention.
 3. Open Mouth Whitetail Division.
 - a. Discussion about feedback from this years show about the new open mouth division for whitetails.
 - b. Responses were favorable to keep the new division.

ACTION: Motion made by John Crabb to keep the Open Mouth Whitetail Division. Second by Joe Miles. Motion voted on and passed.

4. Habitat Division.
 - a. Discussion about the problems we had with the Habitat Judging. Many judges did not judge many of the habitat entries because of error.
 - b. Discussion about having the habitat entries registered and entered as their own competition entries for 2009.
 - c. Possibility of having someone from our organization do the habitat judging.
5. Ribbons need to be updated.
 - a. Les Thomas will look into updating the current appearance of our ribbons especially the novice division.

II. New Business:

- A. Summer Picnic 2008.
 1. Picnic Cook – Charlie Walker
 2. Kids Games – Mike Bush and Brenda Sears
 3. Pinata – Brenda Sears
 4. Fishing Contest – Warren & Kim. Scott will get the poles and bait.
 5. Archery 3D Course – Bobby Hamilton
 6. Horseshoes – Mike Zank & Tim McMullen
 7. 50/50 – Jody Schofield
 8. Meat & Drinks – hamburgers, hot dogs & brats.

9. John Crabb – 5 big bags of charcoal
 10. Youth Competition & Novelty Mini-Comp – Joe Miles
 11. Board Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
 12. Membership Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
 13. Auction – Charlie Walker
- B. New Insurance for MTA Trailer – Tim McMullen has volunteered to store the MTA Trailer at his place. He will look into what it will cost to add the trailer to his insurance.
- C. Dream Maker's Hunts – Joe has two kids available. Tim McMullen possibly knows of a whitetail hunt that will be offered for a child. He will get more information for the board later.
1. Discussion about the lack of “monetary” sponsors for the Dream Maker's program.
 - a. Discussion about keeping the Legends Hunt but we can not presently afford the \$1,000.00 spot.
 - b. Discussion about still looking for sponsors to contribute money for Dream Maker's.
- D. Seminar ideas for Fall & Winter Meeting.
- a. seminar ideas discussed then selected by vote of the officers and board.
 1. Fall Meeting (September 13th) Prepping a whitetail cape with Tim McMullen.
 2. Winter Meeting (January 24th) Working with Bondo Ear Method and Earliners.
- E. Hands-on-seminars for the year (fundraising): Jean Roll (summer/early fall) Bobcat or smaller game head mount.
- F. Judges for 2009:
1. Whitetails – Fred Vanderburgh & Bill Yox
 2. Fish – Gary Bruch
 3. Birds – Glen Browning
 4. Mammals – Gary Powell
- G. Possible judge seminar – Competition WT Finishing & Painting with Fred V.

III. Other Business.

- A. Pre-registration: Still only a small percent of members pre-registering their pieces. Suggestions to get more people to pre-register.
1. Raise the late registration fee to make pre-registration more appealing.
 2. Eliminate the 3rd mount for free when not pre-registering.

- B. UTA – Jan VanHoesen updated the officer’s and board of directors about the current status of the UTA and projects planned. Scott Derenski thanked Jan and the UTA for the generous gift of hospitality snacks they gave us for the suppliers that were present at the 2008 show.

- C. Photographer: Discussion about possibly bringing in another photographer for 2009. John Crabb will look into this.

- D. Calendar changes for the board:
 - 1. Board Meeting August 3rd – Terry Weicks place
 - 2. Board Meeting December 14th

ACTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting by John Crabb. Second by Mike Bush.
Motion voted on and passed.

With there being no further business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.