

Michigan Taxidermist Association Board Meeting
June 28, 2008
Jean Roll's Farm, Perry, 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: Mike Zank, Charlie Walker, John Crabb, Jodi Schofield, Kim Stutesman, and Bobby Hamilton.

Board of Directors Not Present: Joe Miles (late), Mike Bush (late) Les Thomas (late) and Tim McMullen (late)

Secretary's report given by MTA Secretary Dawn Derenski.

ACTION: Motion by John Crabb to accept the minutes dated April 19, 2008. Motion second by Charlie Walker. Motion voted on and passed.

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

Treasury Report: Checking account: \$10,957.38
Savings account \$1,974.08
Youth Account \$916.51
Rainy Day account \$50.06

ACTION: Motion made by Mike Zank to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Charlie Walker. Motion voted on and passed.

I. New Business:

- A. President Derenski updated the board on the current status of the Treasurer's position. In May, 2008, Keena Crabb contacted Dawn and related that due to personal issues she would be stepping down from her position of Treasurer. Dawn related the message to Scott who in turn contacted Keena. Keena related that because of recent personal issues she didn't feel she could give the Treasurer's position the time it needed. Scott related to Keena that he understood the situation and he thanked her for the great job she had done in the past and he related he would find someone to fill her position.
- B. As per MTA bylaws in the event of a vacancy as stated: *Any vacancies on the board shall be filled by appointment by the President, and shall run until the next election.*
- C. President Derenski in turn contacted Sally Thomas, MTA Member, and asked her if she would be interested in taking over the position of Treasurer. Sally agreed to accept the position as MTA Treasurer.

- D. Scott contacted Keena and told her he had someone to fill the Treasurer's position and Keena related that she would like to stay on as Membership Coordinator. Scott related that Keena could keep her position as Membership Coordinator and Keena related she would turn over all necessary accounting records to Sally at the MTA Picnic.
- 2. Confirmed Judges for 2009. Vice President, Warren Stutesman updated the board and officers about the status of Judges for 2009. Fred Vanderburgh and Glen Browning have sent back their contracts. Bill Yox, Gary Powell and Gary Bruch have not sent back their contracts as of yet but have verbally confirmed their attendance for the 2009 show. Novice Judges have been contacted and confirmed for Convention 2009.
- 3. Youth Hunt.
 - A. Make a decision about the Legends Hunt/Rack Attack Hunts.
 - 1. Not enough money to make a \$1,000.00 donation to Legends. Possibly make a smaller monetary donation because of lack of funds this year.
 - 2. Tim McMullen has also contacted the owner of Rack Attacks Ranch and he has offered us two whitetail hunts.
 - 3. Jeff Chiddister of JC Woodworking has offered to make a custom made gun cabinet for a raffle to support the MTA Dreammaker's Project. Raffle tickets will be offered to the MTA members who would like to sell tickets. Tickets will also be available for sale at the Grand Rapids convention.
 - 4. Mike Zank has been looking into fundraising ideas for the Dream Maker's Program and has already collected \$400.00 with the possibility of more in the near future.
- 4. Raffle Update.
 - A. We have several different offers for raffle ideas. President Derenski asked the board and officers if they felt we should run several raffles at one time or just do one. Officers agreed to keep the raffle to one running raffle at this point.
- 5. Judges gifts.
 - A. Scott discussed with the board and officers the idea of custom made knives for the judges gifts for 2009. This item was discussed last year but with the time constraints because of the upcoming show only being a few months away it was tabled to be discussed for this year. Dawn related that she would email pictures of some of the sample knives that were available for everyone to review for further discussion later.
- 6. UTA. Discussion about the current status of the UTA and their current promotion of a \$10.00 one time deal membership.
- 7. Discussion about the days events and follow up to see if everything is in place.

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

With there being no further business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectively Submitted,

Dawn Derenski

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Secretary