

Michigan Taxidermist Association Board Meeting  
VFW Hall, Six Lakes, Michigan  
September 13, 2009

The meeting of the Michigan Taxidermist Association was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Officers Present: Scott Derenski, President, Tim McMullen, Vice President, Dawn Derenski, Secretary & Sally Thomas, Treasurer.

Board of Directors Present: Charlie Walker, Warren & Kim Stutesman, Mike Zank, Mike Bush, Les Thomas & Curtis Cook.

Board Members not present: John Crabb, excused & Jodi Schofield, excused Mike Fales, excused.

Others present: Joe Miles & Ken Onken.

Secretary Report given by Dawn Derenski/Secretary. Minutes from the meeting on Aug 9, 2009, were handed out for review.

**Action:** Motion made by Mike Bush to accept the Secretary's minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Walker. Motion voted on and passed.

Treasury Report given by Sally Thomas/Treasurer. Checking account balance \$23,837.79 and Savings account/Youth balance is \$1,981.33.

**Action:** Motion made by Tim McMullen to accept the Treasurer's report. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Walker. Motion voted on and passed.

I. First Order of Business:

- A. Purple Heart Hunt Update by Curtis Cook. Hunt will be October 1-4, 2009 at the Legends Ranch. There is scheduled to be 8-10 hunters. The Purple Heart Mounting Day will be at the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
  1. Hides – look into spreading them around to tanneries. Check with K&K Tannery and H&H Tannery.
  2. Forms – Eppley will donate again.
  3. Glue – Dermagrip? Check with Glen S.
  4. Picking up hides – Check with Mike Butler about having him pick them up.
  5. Need volunteers to mount the deer.
  6. Last day of the Hunt – meeting the soldiers?
  7. \$50.00 hands on fee again.
- B. Legends Ranch Youth Hunt. Joe Miles updated us on Alec Weick's hunt. Alec shot a 8 point at the ranch. His dad, Terry will be mounting the deer to bring to the show. Joe related that Terry said we could get more kids for the Legends Hunt through the camp that Alec goes to.

- C. Les Thomas mentioned he might have an opportunity for a hunt at a Game Ranch as well that we could donate.

II. Second Order of Business:

- A. Discussion that the reproduction category for Antlers/Horns be judged by the respective judges and not by the fish judge. Revisit this.
- B. By Law changes – need to revisit the changes and tidy them up and update them.
- C. Update on 501 C status. Curtis Cook’s mother-in-law will assist us in this matter. She is going to check into all the legal matters and requirements for what we need to get this taken care of.
- D. Bass Pro – Curtis Cook updated us on the Bass Pro Weekend that Doug Ellis put together. Doug would like to get some applications, brochures, etc., to hand out during the weekend.
- E. Discussion about doing a mass mailing to all licensed taxidermists in Michigan to recruit new members.

**Action:** Motion made by Curtis Cook to send a letter out to licensed taxidermist in the State of Michigan to recruit new members. Second by Mike Bush. Motion voted on and passed.

- F. Ken Onken addressed the board and officers about changing the Master’s Best of Category title to State Champion and possibly moving it from a trophy to a plaque.

**Action:** Motion made by Mike Bush to change the BOC title to State Champion in the Master’s Division only. Second by Mike Zank. Motion voted on and passed.

III. Third Order of Business:

- A. Discussion about putting monies into a 6 month CD or possibly a 12 month CD (depending on time frame between shows) after the yearly convention to make a little interest on the monies between show dates.  
Need more information on CD’s and current interest rates, etc.,
- B. Discussion about possibly doing the same thing with our Rainy Day Account.

IV. Fourth Order of Business:

- A. Discussion with a couple of gentlemen that were interested in participating as woodcarvers at the Michigan Taxidermist Association Competition and Convention. Discussion about having wood carvers join the MTA’s Annual Convention & Competition. Warren volunteered to look into guidelines for possibly including Fish Carvers into our annual competition and finding rules and regulations that are already being used by other organizations. Warren will also continue the conversation with the wood carvers at a later date.

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Tim McMullen. Second by Mike Zank. Motion voted on and passed. With there being no further business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectively Submitted,

*Dawn Derenski*

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MTA Secretary