

MTA BOARD MEETING

June 4th 2022

@ Lee Township Hall, Midland MI

This Meeting was called to order at 10:016am

Officers Present:

President: Rob Benson

Vice President: Marc Skutt

Treasurer: Elaine Unrath

Secretary: Kelly Agren

Board Members Present:

Robert Slogeris,, Mike Lagorio, Doug Aven, Kyle McClure, Travis Walle, Todd Ekstrom, Lexi Vaughn, Kody Godwin, Carissa Kennedy

Board Members Absent:

Kandi Nichols

UPDATES:

- Group of MTA members mounted 18 Deer for Doug Veldheis
 - Will be doing finish work soon
- Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Motion made by Travis Walle to accept the previous minutes
 - 2nd by Robert Slogeris
 - All in favor
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Nothing new to approve: 1st quarter was covered last meeting. 2nd quarter is at the end of June. Show reconciliation was posted to membership via facebook file
- Memberships:188 Family Memberships

Old Business:

- Hall of Fame Committee:
 - Mike Lagorio
 - Charlie Fanta
 - Pat and Charlie Walker
 - Don Gadillie
 - Suggestions made to Mike- Mike then takes any suggestions to the committee. Committee to come up w/ simple guidelines

New Business:

- By Law Committee:
 - Elaine Unrath
 - Joe Miles
 - Kandi Nichols
 - Elaine may appoint 1-2 other if desired.
- Every Board member should be asking for local donations to the MTA
- Vendor Room at the 2023 Convention
 - Full room plus perimeter of 2nd room with fun night in middle ?
 - Perimeter tables would be excused before banquet
 - Maybe non taxidermy vendors in hall for easy public access?
- Look into a large cart through the Casino to hold auction items?
 - They use some large carts for food etc?
- Scholarship Award- Training to be done by a non family member.

MOTION made to require the recipient of the scholarship award to choose a teacher outside of their family by Doug Aven
2nd by Travis Walle

All in Favor

- Pre- Registration Incentives
 - Keep buy 2 get one free excluding habitat and additional fees
 - \$75 Pre registered -\$95 late/at the door

MOTION made to change the registration fee to \$75 if pre-registered by a determined date and \$95 if late or at the door by
Travis Walle

2nd by Robert Slogeris

All in Favor

- MTA Sponsorship Levels
 - Gold, Silver Bronze etc.
 - Mike Lagiorio to set up incentives and coordinate with Todd, Kelly, Kandi, Marc
- Board Registration at show.
 - Still pay mount fees if competing
 - Waive registration fees

MOTION made to waive show registration for board members , if competing they would still pay mount fees etc. by Kyle
McClure

2nd by Todd Ekstrom

All in Favor

- Break in seminars for Vendors
 - We should be coordinating the seminar schedules, additional daily schedule, vendor
- Rob to check into Beer Kegs through the casino?
- Early Mount Check outs
 - Keep the same: Out of state 9am, everyone else 12 noon after meeting
- Monetary Award reduction/redistribution
 - Best of Show: keep @\$1000
 - State Champions change to \$200 each instead of 100
 - Remove monetary from "Best overalls" in Open division

- Master of Masters drop to \$300
- Scholarship Award: Keep same when sponsored :\$300
- Board of directors : remove monetary
- People's choice- remove monetary
- Creation of the Chairman's Challenge
 - Chairman to pick "Theme" member suggestions may be made.
 - 2023 theme: Animals with Attitude
 - Trophy and \$100 prize
- Look into google forms for registration?
- Post a Master MTA calendar with deadlines etc
- New Judges contracts with more info
 - Travel type
 - Hotel preferences
 - Seminar info
 - Critique availability (noon sunday)
 - Judging starts Friday after judges meeting
- Keep two presentation Screens at banquet
 - Announce sponsors or what the awards are actually for?
- Voted Awards: Tickets will not be handed out at registration. They will be distributed at voting time in the showroom. You MUST have a badge on when entering the showroom to receive tickets.
 - Peoples choice changes to Members choice (any Mta member and their family/plus one under their membership)
 - Public Choice: General public and members family friends not on their membership
 - Taxidermist choice: Any member registered for the show, doesnt have to be competing
 - UTA Artisan to be voted on by COMPETING only members
 - Ask mckenzie to include gameheads on WT and IRA on fish on plates
- Summer Seminar Event @ Fenton Cultural Community Center
 - Potluck
 - Mini Comp
 - Must be a member to attend
 - Schedule
 - Jena -WT
 - Abel- Mammals
 - Owen- GH
 - Ryan- Fish
 - Jim- Birds
- Competition - Tabled to next board
 - Fish replicas
 - 3d Prints
 - interp/group etc
- July Board meeting via Zoom?

With there being no other business of the Michigan Taxidermist Association Board, the following action was made:

ACTION: Robert Slogeris motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Mike Lagorio

ALL IN FAVOR MTA Board meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectively Submitted; Kelly Agren, Secretary