

MTA BOARD MEETING

April 10th 2022

Post Competition @ Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort

This Meeting was called to order at 11:07am

Officers Present:

President: Rob Benson

Vice President: Marc Skutt

Treasurer: Elaine Unrath

Secretary: Kelly Agren

Board Members Present:

Robert Slogeris,, Mike Lagorio, Kandi Nichols, Doug Aven, Kyle McClure, Travis Walle, Todd Ekstrom, Jeff Agren

UPDATES:

- Rob welcomed all the new members in attendance of the show
 - 30 New members this year, put us close to 200!
- Kelly Will email previous minutes
- Treasurers Report:
 - Elain will get show financials out in a few weeks.
 - Auction sales rocked!
 - 2022 budget: Membership looked over
 - Approved: Motion to accept by Curtis Cook, 2nd by Russ Grigg, All in favor of proposed operation budget for 2022

New Business:

- 2021 Competition Suggestions and ideas
 - Mount Critiques: Set time length, was very unequal etc
 - Paging system? Restaurant button? Deli Tickets?
 - Purchase crowd Control barriers?
 - Need better Seminar intro: intro presenter, subject, clean up after
 - Color code mount cards (habitat green) Make BIGGER
 - Friday rent water cooler instead of bottled water?
 - More time for public?
 - Best vendor room EVER!
- 2022 Show dates: April 13th-16 @ Soaring Eagle again
 - Weekend after Easter, not competing with Indiana, Ohio or PA
- Rule changes:
 - Masters fish replicas: Should we drop requirement for competitor to cast the replica themselves in masters?
 - Do other state research
 - How many entries etc

- Action: TABLED
 - Add a Studio category to the Commercial Division
 - One entry fee
 - Only one person that worked on piece needs to be a member/registered for show.
 - Businesses can promote near their mount after judging.
- 2022 Judges:
 - Eric Truckovitch- Whitetails
 - Rick Krane- Fish
 - Mike Doyle- Mammals
 - Birds- Mike Nakielski (returning)
- Future Meetings:
 - Summer meeting June 4-5 Midland
 - Fall meeting/Seminar day August 20th Fenton
 - Free for all members
 - Jenna WT
 - Abel Mammals
 - Owen Eldred GH
 - Ryan Bolin Fish
 - Birds?
 - Winter January?
- Created Hall of Fame Committee
 - Charlie Fanta
 - Charlie walker
 - Pat Walker
 - Don Gadillie
 - Plus 1 Board Member?
- Mounting Doug Veldhuis' Deer
 - At the STUDIO
 - 15 or so deer to mount
 - Will post details on FB, Need volunteers
 - Joe and Hilton donating forms and supplies
- 2022-2023 MTA Officer and Board Election Results
 - President-Rob Benson
 - Vice President-Marc Skutt
 - Secretary-Kelly Agren
 - Treasurer-Elaine Unrath
 - Board-Robert Slogeris
 - Board-Travis Walle
 - Board- Todd Ekstrom
 - Board- Kandi Nichols
 - Board- Doug Aven
 - Board-Mike Lagorio
 - Board-Kody Godwin
 - Board-Lexi Vaugh

- Board-Carissa Kennedy
- Board-Kyle McClure

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

ACTION: Jeff Agren motioned to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Pat Walker

ALL IN FAVOR MTA Board meeting was adjourned at 12:24pm.

Respectively Submitted; Kelly Agren, Secretary