

Kansas Association of Taxidermists
Larry Kerschner Shop, Hutchinson, KS
Business Meeting
June 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am by President Tim Stidham with 11 members present. Tim thanked everyone for coming and Larry for inviting us to his new shop.

The March 2017 Convention minutes were reviewed. Mike Beckman moved to accept the minutes as printed. Bryan Glaser seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Brian Sigman passed out copies of the Treasurer report. The ending balance as of June 23, 2017, is \$16,399.97. Bryan Glaser moved to accept the report; seconded by Mike Beckman; motion passed.

Reports:

Wes Becker reported the status of judges for the 2019-20 convention. The following individuals have been contacted. Contracts will be sent soon. Clint Rieke-whitetail; Rick Krane-fish; Brian Hendricks-game heads; Frank Newmeyer-birds.

Sue Penn ask about newsletters being snail mailed or emailed. The response from the group was good to snail mail.

She also asked about sending postcards to other state members rather than sending a convention packet. Sue indicated Missouri and Nebraska did it last year. Tim indicated other states are willing to put our card in the packets they send, as we did for Missouri in our 2017 packets. Tim and Sue will check into the cost of postcards and a decision can be decided at the October meeting.

Bryan Glaser reported the hotel contract is signed with the Dury Inn for the 2019-2020 conventions.

Old Business: None

New Business:

President Tim reported most comments on the surveys returned were favorable. We will need more room for vendors, a different auctioneer, and look into breakfast tickets for everyone.

Vice President Wes spoke about changing the term length for president to 4 years. The By-Laws now state a 1 year term, with no limit on reelection. It has been a tradition for the president to serve 2 years. Discussion leaned to not changing term length. No action was taken.

Secretary Sue handed out Convention Rules with proposed changes in wording. Members were asked to look over the changes and offer comments before the next meeting. Wes will work on wording of rule 19 and forward to Tim and Sue. No action was taken.

Tim started discussion on splitting All Around and Competitor's Award into Masters and Professional. The consensus was All Around entries would be judged as Masters. Competitor's Award would be entered as Masters or Professional. The Convention Rules will be updated to reflect these changes, then can be considered with the other changes.

Sponsorships for 2018 Convention. Tim is working with Academy Sports and Shields. Wes thinks we can again get a sponsor for awards. Cindy is willing to work on sponsorship money for Competitor's Award.

Discussion was heard on having a 2nd scholarship again if we can get a sponsor for the \$750. Sue moved to have a 2nd scholarship again if there is a sponsor. Clint seconded. Motion passed.

Sue requested Chris Hinshaw be appointed registration chair for the 2018 convention. He has expressed interest in being secretary. Approved.

Tim presented the idea of officer rotation to create some continuity on the Board. President and treasurer elected at the same year, then vice president and secretary next year. There was favorable discussion. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Articles are needed for the newsletter. Send to Tim.

A memento was sent to the Kershner family.

Ideas for the 2018 convention were discussed. Have a Power Point slide of each major award winner. Clint thought he could put it together and Bryan will check the cost of a projector with the hotel. Change the time judging start, this would change the time competitors could place their pieces. Decide if we want taxidermist name tags to put with mounts again; number tags were good. As the schedule is put together we need to watch start time of registration and seminars. Judges were discussed. It was agreed because of money and the low number of fish entered for Tim to talk to Kent Reedy about not coming. If need be \$250 could be offered to release him from his contract. Wes will check with Mike Orthober to be sure he would judge fish and birds. Wes asked about having a President's Challenge. The president would name the animal, the award could be a plaque and \$100. The consensus was it would be a good idea. Tim appointed, Mike Beckman, Gary Penn and Jerry Kissinger again to work the competition room.

The next meeting was set for October 15, 10am at Cindy Cunningham's shop in Kansas City, with a pot luck lunch.

The January meeting will be at the Four Point hotel in Manhattan, the 7th or as weather back up date of the 18th.

The UTA is combing with state associations for their shows. Tim said he would find out details from Garland Lessley to see if they would want to join with us. 2018 they are working with the Oklahoma Association; their next convention would be 2020.

Wes Becker moved for adjournment.

The group enjoyed a potluck lunch, and again thank you Cindy and Larry Kerschner for hosting the meeting.

Sue Penn, Secretary

Members signed in: Tim Stidham President, Wes Becker Vice President, Brain Sigman Treasurer, Sue Penn Secretary, Clint Bowman Past President, Bryan Glaser Director, Gary Penn, Tom Bowman, Mel Kincheloe, Larry Kerschner.