

Kansas Association of Taxidermists

Four Points Hotel, Manhattan KS

Convention Business Meeting

March 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by President Tim Stidham with 25 members signing in.

The meeting agenda and the minutes of the January 22, 2017 meeting were in registration packets. Wes Becker moved to accept the minutes as printed. Jerry Kissinger seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Brian Sigman passed out copies of the Treasurer report. The ending balance as of March 19, 2017, is \$23,669.14. The treasurer did say there are still bills to pay from convention. Wes Becker moved to accept the report; seconded by Kent Allard; motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Bryan Glaser reported this hotel had been good to work with in getting this convention arranged.

President Tim thanked Wes Becker for finding a \$750 sponsorship for awards from Buckley Roofing in Wichita.

The president also thanked Cindy Cunningham for finding sponsorship for a 2<sup>nd</sup> scholarship for our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year from Todd Lowe of Wildlife Interiors.

Sue Penn report on Midwest Hunt Fest booth in Wichita. We saw thousands of people who came through the show, and heard many compliments on the quality of the 25 mounts on display. It was a good way to reach the public with what we do. President Tim added thanks to those who worked and lent mounts to the show.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Election of officers:

President –Tim Stidham was nominated. No other nominations were heard.

Vice President: Wes Becker was nominated. No other nominations were heard.

Secretary: Sue Penn was nominated. No other nominations were heard.

Treasurer: Brian Sigman was nominated. No other nominations were heard.

Eastern Director 2017-2019: Chris Rickard was nominated. No other nominations were heard.

Western Director 2017-2019: Mike Beckman was nominated. No other nominations were heard.

Director at Large 2017-2019: Bryan Glaser was nominated. No other nominations were heard.

The slate of nominations was declared elected by acclamation.

The 2017-18 Board members are officers Tim Stidham, Wes Becker, Sue Penn, Brain Sigman, past president Clint Bowman and the 6 directors – Eastern: Chris Richard and Kelly Ward; Western: Mike Beckman and Jerry Kissinger; At Large: Bryan Glaser and Jeff Rush.

President Tim thanks the board for making this a great year.

Bryan Glaser is appointed Show Chairman by President Tim to work with convention hotels for future convention. He passed out a sheet listing eight hotels with bids for our 2019-2020 conventions. There was discussion on the bids listed and other places were suggested. A decision on the hotel for the 2019-2020 conventions must be made or fees and dates will not necessarily be held by the hotels. There was much discussion heard. Bryan took note of other hotels and town suggested for conventions after 2020.

Kent Allard moved to book the Dury Inn in Wichita for the 2019 and 2020 conventions. Motion seconded by Chuck Johnston. Motion passed.

President Tim stated it is the Vice President's job to secure the judges. He recommends the Vice President be chair of a committee of three. They will be responsible for evaluating the judge pool and recommend their choices to the board who will ultimately vote on the findings of the committee.

A guest at the meeting was introduced by Tim. Joining us is Garland Lessley, President of the UTA organization. He had a booth in the vendor room.

The rule #19 about moving to the Masters Division was questioned. The rule as printed on the rules in the registration packet is "Two blue ribbons in a single category in the last four years from any state competition OR one blue ribbon and best of Kansas professional plaque will automatically move you to the next highest competition level in the category of which the plaque and blue ribbon was won."

There was very lengthy discussion. There were several motions made, some died for the lack of a second, some were superseded by later motions. The final motion was made by Kent Allard. The motion was that a competitor will compete at the level they are in, in their home state. Motion seconded by Mark Huser. The motion carried by vote of 17 for, 2 opposed.

**The amended Rule #19** Two blue ribbons in a single category in the last four years from any state competition OR one blue ribbon and Best of Kansas professional plaque will automatically move you to the next highest competition level in the category of which the plaque and blue ribbon was won. Competitors will compete at the level they in, in their home state.

There was discussion on the fees offered to judges so the new committee can move forward quickly. Kent Allard moved to offer \$1000 plus motel room to judges. Motion seconded by Jim Keller. Motion passed.

The 2018 convention will be 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of March.

Dennis Schumacher asked about the age of a child to compete under the family membership. It is currently stated on the registration form as 16. After some discussion, Dave Selenke moved that the age go from 16 to 18 years old. Wes Becker seconded, the motion passed.

Date for the next meeting Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Larry Kerschner shop in Hutchinson.

Dave Selenke moved for adjournment.

Sue Penn, Secretary

Members signed in:

Tim Stidham President    Dave Selenke Vice President    Brain Sigman Treasurer    Sue Penn Secretary    Clint Bowman Past President

Bryan Glaser Director, Jeff Rush Director, Kelly Ward Director, Jerry Kissinger Director, Gary Penn, Tom Bowman, Cindy Cunningham, Wes Becker, Cody Bosenitz, Bob Helm, Mark Huser, Ron Kershner, Jim Keller, Don Rush, Patrick Murphy, Mike Allemang, Alec Wold, Chuck Johnston, Chad Smith, Dennis Schumacher