

Kansas Association of Taxidermists  
Four Points Hotel, Manhattan, KS  
Business Meeting  
January 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. by President Tim Stidham with 19 members present. Tim thanked everyone for coming and the weather stayed good.

The October 2017 minutes were reviewed. Gary Penn moved to accept the minutes as printed. Wes Becker seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Brian Sigman reported a balance \$14,551.20 as of January 7, 2018. Wes Becker moved to accept the report; seconded by Bryan Glaser; motion passed.

Reports:

Bryan Glaser had information from the hotel. He had a listing of possibilities for the Saturday banquet. Sue Penn moved to have the Western buffet. Don Rush seconded, motion passed. The Four Points has a web link for convention registration. There will be more room for suppliers.

Secretary Sue Penn reported the postcards have been received and are ready to be mailed when all details for 2018 are on the web.

Cindy Cunningham reported on vendors for 2018 Old Barn/OTS are coming. They need 4 tables and 2 banquet tickets. McKenize will set up 2 tables; needs 1 ticket. Kelly Ward, Wes Becker, Microtan, and Michele Stidham will be inside, with Mohler Driftwood outside. There are some other companies who have not committed.

Wes Becker reported on awards. He may have a sponsor for awards. Will use the company from 2 years ago for this year's awards. The group agreed a sponsor should get a plaque and be recognized at the banquet. Ribbons do need to be ordered too. Cindy moved to have a \$2200 budget for awards. Brian Sigman seconded; motion passed.

Wes also reported judges are set for 2018. Mike Orthober, Lance VanDusen, and Brian Olson.

President Tim reported Garland Lessley had donated 25 cast alligators for the kid's program.

Brian Sigman reported most items being a silent auction this year. Bidding will start at 9am Friday and close 1pm Saturday. The group agreed payment must be made from 1-2pm Saturday. We may have a few live auction things. Mike Beckman and Cindy Cunningham put their names in to be auctioned for a shop session.

President Tim asked for help for the newsletter. Send info on products, shop tips, photos of personal trips, completed work, ads, etc. He wants the next newsletter to be out in two weeks.

Tim said the meeting with the judges will be with the President and the showroom crew. Commercial mount entries are to be judged by our Master level members. It will be the showroom's crew responsibility to find these members to judge.

Tim has made an adult and child T-shirt logo. He will make an order sheet to be with registration form. Pre-orders only. Cindy said she had left over shirts from last year that can be sold at this convention.

Old Business:

Brian Sigman said the Dury contract is signed for 2019 and 2020. Room rate 2019 is \$107 and 2020 is \$112.

Chris Hinshaw had the projector he purchased. Cost was \$221.05 including a four year protection plan.

New Business:

Sue Penn gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the proposed By-Law changes. The complete listing of changes is printed in 2017 Holiday Newsletter.

Wes listed judges contacted for 2019-20. No contracts are signed but he has verbal yeses.

Rick Krane – fish                      Gene Smith – whitetail      Brandon Zahn – birds                      Brian Hendricks - life-size

Cindy asked about a judges committee. There was consensus that there could be a committee, but the Vice President picks the committee and makes the calls to the judge. All members are encouraged to give the Vice President suggestions.

Brian Sigman talked about always having convention at the Dury in Wichita. The hotel is excited about the prospect. Brian will continue dialog to see what perks we could be guaranteed.

Tim requested a \$200 budget for the kid's program for painting supplies, educational program and prize money. Avery Rush has agreed to head this program. Wes moved to allow a \$200 budget; motion seconded by Gary Penn and passed.

The Friday night meal will be pizza, with members bringing sides and desserts. Chris Rickard will oversee the Scramble.

Bryan Glasser said use the special registration web site to book rooms so KAT gets credit for the room count the hotel uses for comp rooms.

The schedule and seminars were lined out. Judges to give a seminar and Tom Bowman, Jeff and Don Rush, and Mike Beckman. Major changes to look for:

Registration starts at 8am.  
Judging starts at Friday noon.  
Business meeting is Saturday 3:30.  
Close show Sunday at noon.

The Hall of Fame 2018 nominations go to President Tim. Complete information will be in the next newsletter. Two members will be inducted this year and any member will be able to nominate candidates.

Cindy will check on getting 75 aprons with pocket again to go with registration.

Left over aprons from 2017 will be sold at cost \$13.

Early bird deadline will be March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Sue suggested that the early bird and scholarship winners be drawn at the business meeting, so the winners are listed in the minutes. It was also agreed that the early bird could be transferred by the winner.

There was a question about UTA working with state associations. Tim had talked to UTA President Garland. UTA will hold conventions in each of their regions. Oklahoma is combining with UTA in 2018, so it will be years before it comes back to our region.

Gary moved for adjournment, motion seconded by Cindy.

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, Jeff Rush Director, Chris Rickard Director, Kelly Ward Director, Mike Beckman Director, Gary Penn, Tom Bowman, Mel Kincheloe, Cindy Cunningham, Don Rush, Chris Hinshaw, Carol Beckman, Michele Stidham, Janet Haynes.