

Kansas Association of Taxidermists  
Cindy Cunningham's Shop, Kansas City, KS  
Business Meeting  
October 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:50a.m. by President Tim Stidham with 14 members present. Tim thanked everyone for coming at this busy time of year.

The June 2017 minutes were reviewed. Jerry Kessinger moved to accept the minutes as printed. Bryan Sigman seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer Brian Sigman reported a balance \$15,564.87 of September 30, 2017. Bryan Glaser moved to accept the report; seconded by Cindy Cunningham; motion passed.

Reports:

Bryan Glaser reported the hotel contract is signed with the Dury Inn for the 2019-2020 conventions. The Four Points has a web link for convention registration. Breakfast is not included. If we were interested in including breakfast it would cost \$10 per person. There will be more room for suppliers.

Wes Becker sent a report on awards and judges via email to Tim. There is not a sponsor for awards in 2018. A ribbon supply will need to be ordered. Discussion was heard on using the same company as last year or go back to one used before. Also, is there a way to change the year on ones not given out.

Judge Mike Orthober is flying into Wichita and is asking for more money to judge fish and birds. Tim agreed to talk to him and see what can be worked out, and if necessary offer \$200 more than the contract he signed says.

Cindy reported on vendors for 2018. James; Payer eyes; OTS; Ben Mears, not confirmed. Possibly Kelly Ward, Dennis Schumacher, Ozark Wood.

Tim reported the MO-KAN Show was good.

Old Business:

Sue reported on cost of printing postcard to be sent to other states rather than sending a convention packet. Tim had a proposed card to be used. Prices ranged from .12 to .18. Brian Glaser moved to use cards. Cindy seconded; motion passed. Tim suggested using the local company for 500 cards.

Sue had copies of Competition Rules that were passed out and discussed. Wording changes were presented at the last meeting and more changes were made in several rules. Cindy moved to accept all changes to the Competition Rules. Seconded by Chris Hinshaw. Passed unanimous.

Tim explained more about a President's Challenge. An entry fee of \$15 would be charged. The winner would be chosen in People's Choice voting. The award would be a plaque and \$100. This year the president will choose the mount. Clint moved to have the challenge. Cindy seconded; motion passed. Tim said the mount for 2018 will be a life size bobcat.

Cindy reported at this point there is not a sponsor for a second scholarship. It was decided that only one scholarship will be advertised, but if a sponsor is found for a second one, it will be given at convention.

Tim talked about the starting time of mount judging on Friday. After discussion it was agreed to start judging at noon. The schedule will reflect the change.

Gary asked that signs be put in the grooming area and on doors that grooming is not allowed in the Competition Room.

Tim had copies of the K.A.T. By-Laws with proposed changes highlighted. Change Article III, Section 2. *Beginning in 2018, the President and the Treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term, with these offices being up for election in 2019 for the new two-year term. The Vice President and the Secretary will be elected for the two-year term beginning in 2018. This will have two officers being elected each year and allow the organization to maintain a level of continuity within the board.* Change Article IV, Section 3. Past President ... *until the current President becomes the past president.* Change Article VIII, ... *notified at least two times of the proposed change, whether in writing, at a meeting or via the website.*

#### New Business:

The Hall of Fame 2018 inductee was brought up by President Tim. After the 2017 class we had agreed to have one person inducted each year. There was discussion on having a legacy (members more than 15 years) and a member with less than 15 years of membership inducted. After discussion, Cindy made a motion to have two members inducted. Seconded by Brian Sigman; motion passed. Any member will be able to nominate candidates.

Tim discussed having a Nominating Committee for a slate of officers. The group felt this may not be a good idea.

Cindy raised a question about compensating members for presenting a seminar. Cindy moved an in-state member should be compensated in some fashion for giving a seminar. Motion seconded by Chris Hinshaw. Motion failed. Tim suggested this could be revisited in January.

#### Convention Planning:

There was discussion about the Best of Category Plaque be given to the best score no matter the score. The group feeling was leave as it is, to get a plaque the score must be 80 or better.

After discussing the rental cost of a LCD projector for convention, the group feeling was to buy our own. Chris Hinshaw moved to purchase our own. Seconded by Cindy; motion passed. Chris was given a budget of \$300.

Sue moved to give a registration fee and dues for next year in place of \$200 early bird registration prize. Jerry seconded, motion passed.

Left over aprons from 2017 will be used as door prizes.

The group wanted to have an apron again with each registration.

T-shirts were also wanted again. Tim will be in charge of preorders.

Food for Friday night will be pizza. Members can still bring salads and desserts and drinks. Tim reported there is no food dollar requirement from the hotel.

We will offer a Day Pass again.

No name tags will be made for mounts. Members can put out their business card with mounts after the banquet.

Tom Bowman suggested having the whole auction as a silent auction, unless there are few special items to live auction. No auctioneer will be hired. The group agreed to try for a year and see how it goes. Tom volunteered to help with auction.

President Tim asked Tom and Don to count the Hall of Fame ballots and announce the 2018 inductees at the banquet. They agreed to help.

Tim passed out a list of job assignments for the Manhattan Convention.

Other Business:

Brian Sigman said the Dury hotel in Wichita wants us to come there all the time. The group made suggestions of things to ask the hotel about, like comping the judges' rooms, table cloth fees, etc. He is to report back at the January meeting.

The January meeting will be at the Four Point hotel in Manhattan, the 7th or as weather back up date of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

The group enjoyed a chili potluck lunch. Thank you Michelle Stidham for the chili.

Thanks Cindy for hosting the meeting.

Bryan Glaser gave a presentation on duck mounting. He used his scholarship for study time with Jeff and Don Rush.

Sue Penn, Secretary

Members signed in: Tim Stidham President, Brain Sigman Treasurer, Sue Penn Secretary, Clint Bowman Past President, Bryan Glaser Director, Jeff Rush Director, Jerry Kissinger Director, Gary Penn, Tom Bowman, Mel Kincheloe, Cindy Cunningham, Don Rush, Chris Hinshaw, Patrick Murphy.