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MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

The 37th Annual MTA Competition & Convention

The 2017 MTA convention is set for August 4th, 5th & 6th at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO.

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Judges for 2017 are:

- 1) Mike Orthober – Birds/Fish/Reptiles
- 2) Gene Smith – Whitetails
- 3) Bill Neuman – Mammals/Game Heads
- 4) Garland Lessley – Amateur

More information about the upcoming convention is on the website.

Note: Two board member positions will be up for election at the 2017 show.

Board Member - Jeff Gibson

Board Member - Patrick Carletti

MTA May 13th, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes

(Items highlighted in red are motions voted on and passed by attending members.)

Old Business

* Do we give another scholarship or pay an outside instructor to come to teach a hands-on class. Class would possibly be end of March or beginning of April.

Motion was made & passed to pay up to \$600.00 to an instructor for a limited participant hands on class.

New Business

***Motion was passed to continue to provide personalized pens and pads for shows as long as funds are available.**

*Secretary reported the 2017 IRS E-File has been completed.

*MO-KAN date is set for September 16th, 2017. Contact Cole Cruickshank or Cindy Cunningham if you'd like to compete.

*Accepting nominations for Hall of Fame until July 15th. We will be inducting 2 members this year, one active and one inactive member. You may nominate as many members as you wish, but in order to appear on the ballot in August a member must receive a minimum of 2 nominations.

Current Members of the Hall of Fame

Randy Pike
Garland Lessley
Bill Zimmerman
Lee Smith
Randy Cooper
Cindy Cunningham

H.A. Nixon
Devin Amelunke
Don Frank
Larry Schumaker
Doug Pettig

Active Members that have received nominations

Dave Bartlett x 2
Curt Shanhan x 2
Blake Reiminger x 2
Cole Cruickshank x2
Roger Vogel x2
James Graham x2

Inactive Members that have received nominations

Marcus Detring x 2
Gary Sharp x 2
Barb Boschert x 2

(Names in red were nominated at the meeting in January. You can still nominate anyone by sending your nomination via email to Cole at cole@timberlandtaxidermy.net, by sending a Facebook instant message or texting him at (816) 724-0271.

Open Discussion

*Discussion was had that competitors are to be accompanied by a board member while placing their mount on the floor. Competitors are to exit the show floor area immediately after. James Graham agreed to be in charge of the 2017 show room floor traffic.

*2017 show time to place your own mount will be changed from 1pm to 12pm to allow judges a little more time.

* Add to our judges contract that judges are required to stay at the show until a specified time on Sunday.

*2017 Show set up time will be Thursday August 3rd at 2pm.

* Discussion was had about what the MTA could possibly do in reference to Conservation Agents being inconsistent with what the state rules are for taxidermy shops. Several members were reporting conflicting reports from agents.

Meeting was adjourned. 5 board members and 21 members were present.

SPRING SEMINAR
PAINTING A REPRODUCTION LARGEMOUTH BASS – by: JIMMY LAWRENCE
May 13th, 2017

Jimmy conducted an incredible seminar for 26 MTA members. Jimmy demonstrated tips and techniques that would benefit any taxidermy specimen. During the seminar Mark Huser was kind enough to donate several items and handed them out as door prizes. This is not the first time Mark has given back to the MTA in this manner. After Jimmy finished painting a largemouth bass, everyone in attendance was fed lunch, and the business meeting followed.



If you are not currently following the MTA on Facebook you could be missing out on the most up to date information. Not only is the MTA Facebook page a great place to keep current with MTA business, it's also a great place to network with other taxidermists, ask questions, etc. Don't miss out on anything, Find us on Facebook today.