

**Board Meeting via Teleconference
United Taxidermist Association
February 20, 2019**

Chairman Terry Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm M.S.T.

Roll Call

Present

John Jennings
Bob Prewitt
Terry Bennett
Garland Lessley
Tim Stidham
Shawn Hackworth
Jeff Whitlock (came in late due to phone issues)
Craig Lewis

Absent

Gail Tout (excused)

Guest

Gloria Bennett

Agenda from the last meeting was used.

Chairman's comments

Terry said he didn't have any specific comments, but everyone is busy so let's get the meeting started.

Reports

Treasurers report – John Jennings

All BOD members received a copy of the treasures report via email.

John stated that there was a lot more activity this month, with a little over \$14700 in the account.

A motion was made by Garland and seconded John to ratify the transactions in the treasurer's report.

Motion passed unanimously.

Website committee - John Jennings

Nothing new. John is still going over photos from the last expo.

Bob requested that Allis's information be removed as the sponsorship contact.

Discussion on who might take over this position. Jeff Whitlock's name came up .

Marketing committee - John Jennings

John worked on additions to the logo for the seal we plan to order.

Craig asked how much it would cost to create a new logo.

After discussion John agreed to look at outside design of a logo to fit the seal and possibly other items.

John will email the logo out for all to see. (action Item)

Tim suggested that he could possibly sell the Marvel African hunt at the Kansas state show.

He wondered if it could be extended to 2020.

John said that he would contact Marvel as well as the others who have donated hunts to see if they could be extended to 2020.

Membership committee - Gail Tout

Gail was absent, but emailed her report to the Bod before the meeting

Gail Tout Report

For Feb 20, 2019 BOD Meeting

I am unable to attend this meeting due to a much needed vacation in Mexico. Please find my abbreviated reports enclosed.

Membership Committee Report

I have been working diligently to get the renewal cards and new member certificates up to date. Renewals are coming in slowly.

I am counting on the Regional Directors to get updated info for the members in their regions.

I truly believe that a call is great for introducing ourselves and encouraging renewal. A couple of calls a day will get it done!

I will send out another e-mail when I return to the list, hopefully updated by you!

RFP Committee

As I have told you, I have sent out about 10 RFPS. I am getting a lot of response asking for clarification, etc.

Hope to find a bunch in my inbox upon my return!

For the Good of the order:

We cannot let the UTA die on the vine for lack of enthusiasm and work! People need to be reminded that we are alive and well. When we "man" the booths at the state shows we have to be bright and shiny. Our booths should be attractive and colorful to attract people. I will be attending the New Mexico show and the World Show.

Artisan committee - Garland Lessley

Garland has sent out several artisan awards recently.

He spoke to the vendor who produces the busts and she is having trouble keeping up due to the weather in her area.

Bob ordered 50 wood bases from Walnut creek that will be shipped to Garland and the bill will be sent to Susan.

Gail has found an old ballot sheet for the artisan award that will be put on the website so that states have access to the ballot and are choosing winners correctly.

Be Bear aware - Terry Bennett

Nothing new to report.

CWD committee - Terry Bennett

Terry said that he has seen a lot of info lately about CWD in the Main Stream news.

Not much else to report currently.

2020 Expo RFP

Gail has sent the RFP out to many locations and is receiving responses back.

The board discussed sending them to additional locations. Garland suggested Rapid city SD.

The board also discussed requesting the use of backboards for the region where the expo is located.

2019 world show/ 2019 business meeting.

Garland, John, Tim, Jeff, Craig, and Gail will be at the world show.

Garland, Connie, Jeff, Tim, and Craig will be manning the UTA booth.

The board discussed the distribution of the badges that are included with the booth as well as purchasing additional badges.

Garland stated that he would pay for Connie's badge.

New business

Discussion on location and condition of Banners and table cloths.

Garland said that he would look at the banners to get a company name so we can order some more.

Garland made a motion to pay for the artisan bases that were ordered from walnut creek.

The amount came in just over \$500 motion was seconded by John.

Motion passed.

For the good of the order.

See Gail's statement above.

Tim has included a UTA write up in the Kansas newsletter as well as a ¼ page add.

Bob is going to check on pricing for T shirts and reorder if we can do it for less than \$500.

(Action item)

Meeting adjourned at 2:05