

UNITED TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2018

Call to Order 1:00 MST - Terry Bennett

Roll Call - Gail Tout

PRESENT

ABSENT

GUEST

Terry Bennett Chairman

None

Jeff Whitlock Vice-Chairman

Gail Tout Secretary

John Jennings Treasurer

Bob Prewitt

Garland Lessley

Shawn Hackworth

Tim Stidham

Craig Lewis

Approve Agenda - Terry

MOTION: Garland

SECONDED: Bob

MOTION PASSED

Approve OCTOBER 17, 2018 BOD Meeting Minutes - Terry

MOTION: Garland

SECONDED: John

MOTION PASSED

Chairperson's Comments - Terry

Terry stated that no one called him regarding the Committee Assignments. Please do so.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - John Jennings

John reports that the main costs this month were for shipping the secretary items to Gail. There was discussion as to how to handle credit card payments for Membership. Gail is to post those payments on the UTA website Membership link.

Ratify Checks from Treasurer's Report - John

MOTION: Garland

SECONDED: Gail

MOTION PASSED

Web site - John

John is working on updating all info.

Marketing Committee - John

Discussion regarding the 3 Marvel UTA hunt packages. Suggestions are to put them up for auction on the UTA Website, Taxi.net and e-mails.

Membership Committee - GAIL

The Mail Chimp service was tried out with the Thanksgiving message. Will be using it and other means to get the 2019 Membership Drive up and running ASAP.

It was suggested that the Regional Directors reach out to the members and past members in their regions.

ACTION: Gail is to send region specific lists of past and present members to each Regional Director.

There was discussion regarding the "embossing stamp" for Membership Certificates. Craig was not aware that he was to order one.

DIRECTIVE: Craig is to order a new embossing stamp.

Artisan Award Committee - Garland Lessley

Garland states that he does not have a complete list of 2019 shows and the contacts for each state.

DIRECTIVE: All Directors are to contact the states in their region for information on the show dates and contact information and forward it to Garland.

Be Bear Aware Committee - Terry

No change.

CWD Committee - Terry

Discussion regarding the status of CWD policies. It appears that there is nothing going on nationally. Most activity seems to be in the states.

DIRECTIVE: Shawn is appointed to work on the CWD Committee.

Discussion regarding some of the new laws that are appearing in the states. Consensus is that the UTA should be active regarding participating in the discussion.

DIRECTIVE: Garland will draft a letter regarding the situation in MO.

RFP Committee - Terry

DIRECTIVE: Gail is to update the RFP DRAFT.

DIRECTIVE: Send out the RFPs to the UMW, NE and OHIO.

2019 Business Meeting - BOD

Show Schedules needed. Discussion regarding hosting a Hospitality Room at that meeting. Location yet to be determined.

2020 Expo - BOD

Discussion regarding location and dates. Waiting on RFP draft.

Competition Rules and Guidelines for Expo - Garland/John

The Competition Rules have been reverted to before the last Expo.

Discussion regarding the Competitor's Award based on 20 points. Problems exist with the tracking, etc.

MOTION: A motion to drop the Competitor's Award from the Competition Rules was made by Garland.

SECONDED: Jeff

MOTION PASSED

Member Survey - Gail

The 2018 Survey sent out via Survey Monkey, a free service, was sent to previous and present members. There was a 10% response. Discussion regarding the responses. Response suggestions included having the UTA hold Regional Workshops, using media like Skype to broadcast seminars to a wide audience from a central location, more educational seminars, more publications regarding continuing education and more general communication.

NEW BUSINESS

UTA Secretary of State Filing - Terry

Terry was concerned that there were some annual filings that needed to be made on behalf of the UTA. Craig assured him that they were not necessary.

State Hospitality Checks - BOD

Discussion regarding reinstating the distribution of "Hospitality" checks to the state associations. Some were not being used for the intended purpose. Funding for the checks is not available at this time. At this time, the UTA will not be giving them.

World Show and State Shows Promo Booths - BOD

Promo booths are extremely important for getting info out on the UTA.

DIRECTIVE: All Directors are to send a list of any shows they are attending to Gail. Work to make sure the state shows in your region are covered with a booth.

Promotional Items - BOD

A MOTION was made by Garland to budget \$1000 for Promotional items and assign Craig to purchase them.

SECONDED by Jeff.

MOTION PASSED

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - Terry

Craig suggested that we all write articles for the Women in Taxidermy space on the UTA website.

Craig suggested that we all be concerned about our fellow taxidermists that are affected by the weather and fire disasters. We need to reach out and help.

Gail reminded the BOD that we all actively promote the UTA in a positive manner.

The next BOD Conference call is Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 1:00PM MST

MOTION TO ADJOURN (AT 2:35 PM MST) BY: Gail Seconded by: Jeff

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Garland and seconded by Bob .

MOTION PASSED

A motion to approve the October 17, 2018 BOD Meeting Minutes was made by Garland and seconded by John.

MOTION PASSED

A motion to ratify the checks from the Treasurer's Report was made by Garland and seconded by Gail.

MOTION PASSED

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MOTION A motion to adjourn (2:35 PM MST) was made by Gail and seconded by Jeff.

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SUMMARY OF DIRECTIVES

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