

Kansas Association of Taxidermists

Brian Sigman Shop, Wichita KS

January 5, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:11am by President Wes Becker with 15 members present.

Minutes of the October 12, 2019 meeting were passed out. Jerry Kissinger moved to accept the minutes as printed. Tim Stidham seconded; motion passed. There was discussion on several items in the minutes. Gary Penn spoke about belt buckles for Master awards decision being made by such a small group at the October meeting. Clarification that all member names will be submitted for the \$10 UTA membership, as the word active was in the minutes.

Treasurer Brian Sigman passed out copies of the Treasurer report. The January 2020 ending balance \$10,328.74. Tim moved to accept the report as printed; seconded by Gary; motion passed. Brian explained the money market account has been opened and making 4%+ interest.

Old Business:

Tim asked the status of IRS and state of KS filings. He and Treasurer Brian will get together and finish up with both groups.

Banquet Menu- Bryan reported prices and options. The group agreed on brisket, grilled chicken, roasted new potatoes and dessert. People not eating will have chairs and come in as the awards presentation starts.

Competition Room Setup- There had been discussion of opening up the center of the room. In order to hang mounts from the back side of the back boards, there is not much way to change room arrangement.

Wes had a print of the belt buckle design, after discussion some changes were suggested and not to have a year on them. The cost of each buckle would be \$100, would need 10, which increases the awards expenses by \$500.

There was discussion on the scholarship. Chris Hinshaw moved that a member cannot apply for the scholarship the year following a win. Seconded by Gary, motion carried.

Bryan Glaser reported we can use the vendor room for mounts that are brought in on Thursday night. Discussion was mounts will be put in room, then the taxidermist must leave, the door will be monitored and locked for the night.

New Business:

Chris reported on judges for 2021-22 that he has verbal agreements with Cory Caruthers - birds; Jeff Morning - fish, Wes Mote - whitetail, Dave Ferguson - lifesize.

Bryan is checking with a hotel in Salina and would like any suggestions of places to look at for future conventions.

Vendors— Brian is contacting businesses.

Awards— Ribbons will be ordered. With Matuska offering the Professional Competitors award, it was agreed that mounts entered must be all professional or all master level. No mixing of levels as in the past.

The President Challenge is red fox and will only get a plaque.

Banquet tickets - The hard-fast deadline to turn in ticket count is March 10th.

Auction— Wes asked for any live auction donations by taxidermists. Tom Bowman will donate a day of blue cat fishing on Lake Milford for two fishermen.

Treasurer Brian will order aprons to be given at registration.

Scholarship and Hall of Fame nomination will be due to President Wes by March 1.

The early bird award will be registration and dues.

Jeff Rush reported Avery is willing to do the Kid's program again this year. Tim is casting turtles for the painting contest.

Michele Stidham and Sue Penn are coordinating the ladies' lunch.

Tim is taking mount pictures.

People's Choice— No change to the ballot. Discussion was heard on how to mark pieces with more than one mount. The best idea presented was a colored tag to go up with the mount number tag with completely new number, and an explanation be given to voters.

Schedule and seminars – Judges will be contacted to get the title of their presentation. Tim volunteered to do a seminar about his trip to Krane's. He also said he would contact Mark Huser about giving a seminar.

Public Viewing— will be open 9- noon on Sunday as in the past.

Tim discussed lowering the registration fee. Discussion did not think we could do that with costs of hotels continuing to go up.

Please send articles, photos about hunts, or helpful hints to Tim for the newsletter. Help is needed to fill the pages. Also, if anyone is interested in taking over the KAT facebook page, he will give it over to them.

President Wes adjourned the meeting at 11:51.

Sue Penn, Secretary

Members present:

Wes Becker President

Chris Hinshaw Vice President

Brain Sigman Treasurer

Sue Penn Secretary

Jerry Kissinger Director

Bryan Glaser Director

Jeff Rush Director

Kelly Ward Director

Tim Stidham Immediate Past President

Gary Penn, Tom Bowman, Clint Bowman, Brad Anderson, Michele Stidham, Janet Haynes