

Kansas Association of Taxidermist
Brian Sigman's shop, Wichita KS
June 8, 2019

The meeting was started at 10:05am by President Wes Becker with 13 members present.

Treasurer Brian Sigman passed out copies of the March to June 2019 report for review. The report showed a balance of \$23,045.36. The report showed a profit of \$1,020 from the live auction; \$1,804 from the silent auction and \$3,500 from the African Safari, less the 40 % to be paid to the provider. KAT made \$4,924 from the auctions. Tom Bowman stated he thought the percentage was 30% for the safari. There were no other questions on the treasurer's report.

Minutes of the March 23, 2019 meeting have been posted on the website, so were not read. Hearing no corrections, the group consensus approved the minutes.

President Wes thanked Brian for hosting the meeting.

Old Business:

President Wes spoke about paying for seminars. At the June meeting the decision was to decide on a case by case basis. Kelly Ward giving the seminar for this meeting will be paid for his form.

New Business:

Clint Bowman has related to Wes that he will not be taking picture at convention for 2020. Tim Stidham has volunteered to take that job.

Wes is looking for someone to take over Awards Chair. Interested, call Wes, he has the information of who to contact.

Tom and Kathleen Bowman have the ribbons left from last year. Tom turned in the inventory. Wes has a computer file to up with what is needed for the next convention.

Secretary Sue Penn stated

- all judges are coming back for 2020;
- the Early Bird Drawing won by Emmett Burton is good \$115 registration and \$35 dues. No banquet ticket is included;
- the President's Challenge announced at the March banquet is Red Fox for 2020;
- no one had information on how we are coming with the IRS, now that KAT is updated with State;
- nothing has been done on the Money Market account reported by Brian Sigman
- that the By-Laws and competition rules have been updated as voted on at the March 2019 meeting.

There was discussion on the change made in rule #22. Clint Bowman had communicated to Wes - would having better awards for master's encourage members to move up from professional. No decision was made.

The group agreed to have a snow goose mounting hands on seminar October 12th. Pat Reed said Matuska Taxidermy will give 40% off the cost of supplies for the seminar. Grant Doyle has geese to use for the seminar. Those signing up will pay for supplies. This needs to be advertised early and have a deadline to sign up and pay fee.

Wes talked about posting, once a week, 1-minute videos on Facebook on tips. If you make one send to Wes. Grant Doyle has a video ready to go. This will be a way to keep give KAT a media presence. Questions on how to make a video call Wes or Grant Doyle.

Tim Stidham sent word through Wes asking if UTA could use our backboard for their show May 2020 in Wichita. OK'd by the group. Wes has the trailer, so it will probably be his job to get it to the hotel for UTA.

Bryan Glasser reported the contract for 2021-22 with Four Points Sheraton in Manhattan has been signed. Free breakfast and room rate of \$91 and space as we used before.

Gary Penn spoke for the Competition Room committee. Last year mounts were moved in on Thursday night and then had to moved out on Friday morning, making more work for the committee as members didn't move pieces out until they had paperwork. Also, there was grooming happening which the rule says is to be done outside the competition room. Discussion was heard and the group agreed that no mounts be placed in the competition room until registration opens. The group agreed to the enforcement of rule 24, and the suggestion of moving the start time of the first seminar back to 10am to help. This enforcement of rule 24 needs to be publicized before convention 2020.

Next meeting will be Sunday, October 13th, 10am, at Sigman's shop. The goose seminar will be Saturday 12th at 9am at Sigman's also. Thank you Brian for offering the space for both events.

Meeting closed and Kelly Ward mounted a Wart Hog.

Sue Penn, Secretary

Members present Wes Becker, President and Wyatt; Sue Penn, Secretary; Brian Sigman, Treasurer; Bryan Glaser, Director; Kelly Ward and Janet Haynes, Director; Jeff Rush, Director; Jerry Kissinger, Director; Gary Penn, Grant Doyle, Tom Bowman, Larry Kerschner, Pat Reed, Brand Anderson.