

Kansas Association of Taxidermists
Drury Inn, Wichita, KS
Business Meeting
23 March 2019

The meeting was called to order at 2:34 P.M. by President Tim Stidham with 25 Members Present. 3 Members showed up later in the meeting.

The meeting agenda and minutes of the 6 Jan 2019 were passed out, Wes Becker motioned to accept them, Bryan Glaser seconds, both approved

Brian Sigman passed out copies of the Treasures Report. Jim Keller motioned to accept, Wes Becker seconds, Approved

Reports:

Secretary Chris Hinshaw reported that we had 65 Members sign up at the Convention, there were 128 mounts, 10 Habitats, 14 Competitors, and 3 All Arounds signed up.

Wes Becker reported that he had figured up the highest counts of ribbons given out at shows, added 25% and that's what he ordered. Award prices are going up.

President Tim Stidham brought up the issues with State of Kansas for taxes. We are now a legal 501C-6 in KS. It cost the KAT \$660 to get back in the green. It needs to be kept up to date annually, which will fall to the Treasurer. Tim is now working with the IRS, to get us good with them.

Bryan Glaser reported that the Drury had been very accommodating. They let us in the night before for set up, was not in contract. They also let us raise our meal count by 6, couple days prior to showing up.

Old Business:

President Tim Stidham talked about the Money Market Passbook. It allows the KAT to collect interest on our money. We can move money without any penalties. Jim Keller made a motion to move everything but \$2,000 over to a Money Market Passbook, Bryan Glaser seconds, motion passed.

New Business:

Discussion was held on paying people to do seminars at meetings and the show. It was brought up that we have already voted to allow the KAT to spend \$500 on the summer seminar. It will be looked at during future meetings and voted on, case by case basis, if we want more seminars or want to spend more.

Chris Hinshaw proposed a new registration form, to help with ease of registration. It is broken down by Required and Additional. We will be splitting out the columns, you do not have to become a member of KAT to compete, but must show proof of membership with your home state. Will not be eligible for the Richard H. Schmidt award, if you are not a member of KAT.

Discussion was held on if we want to continue to stay in Wichita after the 2020 show. Bryan Glaser reported that the 4 point Sheraton in Manhattan is offering a room rate of \$91 for 2021 and 2022. They are also giving free breakfast, a free hospitality room, 1 comp suite and 1 comp room per 30 rooms booked. It was voted on to have the show move around. Jeff Rush motioned to have the show be held at the 4 point Sheraton in Manhattan for 2021 and 2022. Kent Allard seconds, motion passed.

The proposed by law amendments were discussed. 1.) Code of Conducts Passed 2.) Disciplinary Process Passed

The drawing for the Early bird registration and scholarship was done. It was announced at the show that Emmet Burton won the early bird and Tim Stidham won the scholarship.

Information about the donation safari from Van Wijk Safaris was presented to those present. 30% of the winning bid goes to Van Wijk Safaris and the KAT will get the remaining 70%. Tom Bowman made a motion to give 10% back to the member who wins the safari, up to \$800, to assist with travel expenses. Wes Becker seconds, discussion was held and motion passed.

Elections

President Tim Stidham thanked everyone for their work during his time as president, greatly enjoyed his time but has decided to step down. Cindy Cunningham motioned to elect Wes Becker, Cory Foth seconds, Wes Becker was elected as the new President, 2 year term. Tim Stidham replaced Clint Bowman on the board as Past President.

With Wes Becker moving up to President, a new Vice President needed to be elected. Wes Becker motioned to elect Chris Hinshaw as the new Vice President. Bryan Glaser seconds, Chris Hinshaw was elected as the new Vice President, 1 year term.

With Chris Hinshaw moving up to Vice President, a new Secretary needed to be elected. Chris Hinshaw nominated Sue Penn. Chris Rickard seconds, Sue Penn was elected as the new Secretary, 1 year term.

The Treasurer position was up for election. Tim Stidham motioned to keep Brian Sigman as the Treasurer. Jim Keller seconds, Brian Sigman was reelected as the Treasurer, 2 year term.

Eastern Director position was open, Tim Stidham motioned to retain Chris Rickard. Wes Becker seconds, Chris Rickard was reelected as an Eastern Director, 2 year term.

Western Director position was open. Jeff Rush motioned to retain Mike Beckman. Wes Becker seconds, Mike Beckman was reelected as an Western Director, 2 year term.

At Large Director position was open. Cory Foth motioned to retain Bryan Glaser. Jim Keller seconds. Bryan Glaser was reelected as an At Large Director, 2 year term.

Other Business

Discussion was held on current process of having individuals move up to Masters Division after winning just 2 blue ribbons in professional division. Cory Foth motioned to remove the last sentence of Rule #22, which said that after winning 2 blue ribbons in 4 years, you must move up to Masters Division. But to leave the 1st part of the rule intact. Which says that you must compete in Kansas at the same level your home state requires you to compete. Kent Allard seconds, motion passed with 4 opposed.

Wes Becker Motioned to Adjourn the Meeting, Brian Sigman seconds, motion passed.
Adjourned at 4:30 PM.

After the meeting, it was determined that the next meeting will be held at Brian Sigman's shop in Wichita. June 8th 2019 at 10 A.M. After the meeting, Kelly Ward will do a seminar on mounting African Game.

Chris Hinshaw, Secretary

Members signed in:

Tim Stidham, Jeff Rush, Clint Bowman, Bryan Glaser, Chris Hinshaw, Brian Sigman, Gary Penn, Sue Penn, Tom Bowman, Don Rush, Kelly Ward, Mel Kincheloe, Grant Doyle, Bob Helm, Andrew Smith, Larry Kerschner, Jim Keller, Jeff Goecker, Wes Becker, Chris Rickard, Cindy Cunningham, Jason Radar, Garland Lessley, Josh Francis, Cory Foth, Kent Allard, Dave Selenke, Brad Anderson, Jerry Kissinger
Clint Bowman, Gary Penn, and Jerry Kissinger show up to late to vote on some items.