



# MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

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JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

## The 38th Annual MTA Competition & Convention

The 2018 MTA convention is set for August 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5th at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO. This year's room rates are \$125.00 + \$6.00 resort fee per night.

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**More information about the upcoming convention is on the website.**

**\*Note: Two Officer positions, as well as two board member positions will be up for election at the 2018 show.**

President-Cole Cruickshank James Graham – Board Member  
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### **MTA June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Business Meeting Minutes**

#### **Old Business:**

- \* Cole is working on a letter to the MDC regarding concerns discussed at the Jan. meeting.
- \* Audit committee to be assembled to audit Treasurers books. Audit is open for any member to view.
- \* Accepting nominations for Hall of Fame until July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be inducting 2 members this year, one active and one inactive member. You may nominate as many members as you wish, but in order to appear on the ballot in August a member must receive a minimum of 2 nominations.

#### **Current Members of the Hall of Fame:**

Randy Pike	H.A. Nixon	Garland Lessley
Devin Amelunke	Bill Zimmerman	Don Frank
Lee Smith	Larry Schumaker	Randy Cooper
Doug Pettig	Cindy Cunningham	Cole Cruickshank
Marcus Detring		

#### **2018 Nominations so far:**

James Graham-2	Curt Shahan-2	Vic Heineker-2
Roger Vogel-2	Barb Borschert-2	Gary Sharp-2
Dave Bartlett-2	Jimmy Lawrence-1	

#### **New Business:**

- \* Greg Cuvelier, Greg Brumfield, Korey Alleman and Brett Wingfield will be judging this year.
- \* Mark Huser, Craig Sloan updated us on seminars and vendors for the show.
- \* Discussion was had about changing show schedule to allow judges to start at 10am.
- \* Instead of Pizza, Friday night will be a live mounting competition/calcutta, and auction.
- \* Orientation for new show attendees will be conducted on Friday Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
- \* There was a submission for a bylaw change tabled until the August meeting. Article 4, Sect. C, #1. Remove the phrase "in even numbered years" to allow officer elections to be staggered, instead of all in the same year.
- \* Taking Tee Shirt orders until July 1<sup>st</sup>, so get with Cole to order, and pick up at the show.
- \* Discussion was had about leaving Campana Hall once your mounts are placed. No reason to remain in the building, hoping this frees up some of the congestion we had last year.

#### **General discussions:**

- \* The Lodge of Four Seasons 2019 show rate - \$129.00 + \$6.00 resort fee per night.
- \* Mo Dept. of Conservation has asked for MTA's input on possible change to purchasing wild turkey parts and skins. We provided our input and are awaiting decision from MDC.
- \* Art Rocks Award will no longer be given. Old Barn will be giving mentorship award and the Conservation Federation of Mo. will be giving an award. Details for awards are in the show packets.
- \* Show registration will begin Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm for those who arrive early.
- \* Meeting was adjourned. 6 board members and 14 members were present.

**SPRING WORKSHOP SEMINAR  
Held Saturday June 2nd, 2018**



Kristie Sloan and Cole Cruickshank held a 2 part seminar on tips for running a successful business.

Kristie gave a power point presentation to share her prior corporate accounting and private business operating experiences with members on topics covering the importance of inventory tracking, insurance, federal and state taxes, bank accounts, contracts, record keeping and more. Kristie also discussed different computer programs that can assist business owners in various aspects of daily, monthly and annual operations.

Cole discussed how and why of proper pricing to grow your business. Cole showed members how to obtain item pricing by including items such as: equipment, leases, inventory, supplies insurance, field research, training and much more. Cole also discussed new ways to grow your business using social media outlets. It was clear to anyone in attendance, why Kristie Sloan and Cole Cruickshank have obtained their level of business success.

