



MISSOURI TAXIDERMIST ASSOCIATION

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The 37th Annual MTA Competition & Convention

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The 2017 MTA convention is set for August 3rd, 4th & 5th at The Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO.



315 Four Seasons Drive
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Judges for 2017 are:

- 1) Mike Orthober – Birds/Fish
- 2) Gene Smith – Whitetails
- 3) Bill Neuman – Mammals/Game Heads
- 4) Garland Lessley – Amateur

More information about the upcoming convention is on the website.

Note: Two board member positions will be up for election at the 2017 show.

Board Member - Jeff Gibson

Board Member - Patrick Carletti

MTA January 28th, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes

(items highlighted in red are motions voted on and passed by attending members.)

Old Business

*Jeff Gibson Awards – Open Art Children’s award. Ages 3-10, 11-15 All kids entries.

(Jeff will donate these awards which are to be selected by the judges)

*MTA will add an RSVP for the kid’s seminar on the registration form.

New Business

*Judges for 2017 are as follows:

- Mike Orthober – Birds/Fish
- Gene Smith – Whitetails
- Bill Neuman – Mammals/Game Heads
- Garland Lessley – Amateur

*Dawne has distributed invitations to our show to bordering state associations.

*Cole will be mailing invitations to all of the licensed taxidermists in the state as we get closer to the convention date.

***Contract Changes for 2017:**

- a) We have guaranteed 150 room nights. (Last year we guaranteed 90, and ran out very early) This means we must use 30 rooms Thursday night, 60 rooms Friday night, and 60 rooms Saturday night, or the MTA will be responsible for the difference. Once these rooms have been reserved, the Hotel cannot guarantee our group rate.
- b) The cost of a single or double bed sleeping room is \$119, plus \$6 resort fee making the total \$125.00 plus tax.
- c) Reservations will be accepted no later than July 4th
- d) There will be a \$500 rental fee for the exhibit hall.
- e) Vendor tables (8' ea.) will be \$25 each (Estimated fee for vendors \$1750.00)
A motion was made and passed to charge \$25/table and \$40/table w/ electric

***Expenses coming off of the books this year, that we paid last year:**

- 1) \$539.87 vendor area (assuming we charge vendors for this space)
- 2) \$1066.54 resort fees (last year paid by the MTA)

***Banquet costs.** Last year it cost us \$32.31 per person. This year expect a small increase. The MTA lost just over \$1000 last year on the banquet alone. **A motion was made and passed to raise cost of banquet tickets to \$35 for adults**

***Friday night** there will be a live auction in the back of the exhibit hall. There will be pizza, and a cash bar. We are not allowed to bring in food or drink.

***Should the MTA consider accepting credit cards?** **A motion was made and passed to begin accepting credit cards through Square. Dawne will set up an account at the bank, and Square reader.**

***Would everyone like a new T-Shirt designed for this year's show.** If so, we could begin taking orders at the May meeting. **We will use the same design as last year, change the date, and change the shirt color.**

***We got good feedback from members regarding the board members wearing polo shirts all weekend, especially newer members that did not know by our faces who the board members were.** **A motion was made and passed that the MTA would purchase a polo shirt for the board members. Any additional shirts would be the responsibility of the member.**

***Pat and Annie Carletti have ideas about a pet or "shop dog" contest.** **A motion was made and passed to have a "Shop Dog" pet contest. Anyone that wishes to participate will bring a photo of their pet. The entry fee is \$5. The winner receives a pet gift pack and the money generated will be donated to a local no-kill animal shelter.**

***Looking for input on ways to keep the show as family friendly as possible.**

***Some have suggested the Amateur division be split into two divisions. 16 and under, and adult.** **The motion was made and passed to split the amateur division into 16/under and adult.**

***Cole requested a copy of the Approved Master Taxidermist list.**

***Everyone please be aware of the increasing number of scams targeting taxidermists.**

***Accepting nominations for Hall of Fame.** 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	

Active Members

Dave Bartlett x 2
Curt Shanhan x 2
Blake Reiminger x 2
Cole Cruickshank x2
Roger Vogel x2
James Graham x2

Inactive Members

Marcus Detring x 2
Gary Sharp x 2
Barb Boschert x 2

(Names in red were nominated at the meeting. You can still nominate anyone by sending your nomination via email to Cole at cole@timberlandtaxidermy.net, by sending a Facebook instant message, or texting him at (816) 724-0271.

Open Discussion

Move approx. \$5000 from the Savings account to a CD

A motion was made and passed to move an additional \$5000 into a CD.

There was discussion about increasing the number of scholarships awarded to four this year.

Meeting was adjourned. 6 board members and 31 members were present.

UPCOMING EVENTS
WORKSHOP SEMINAR

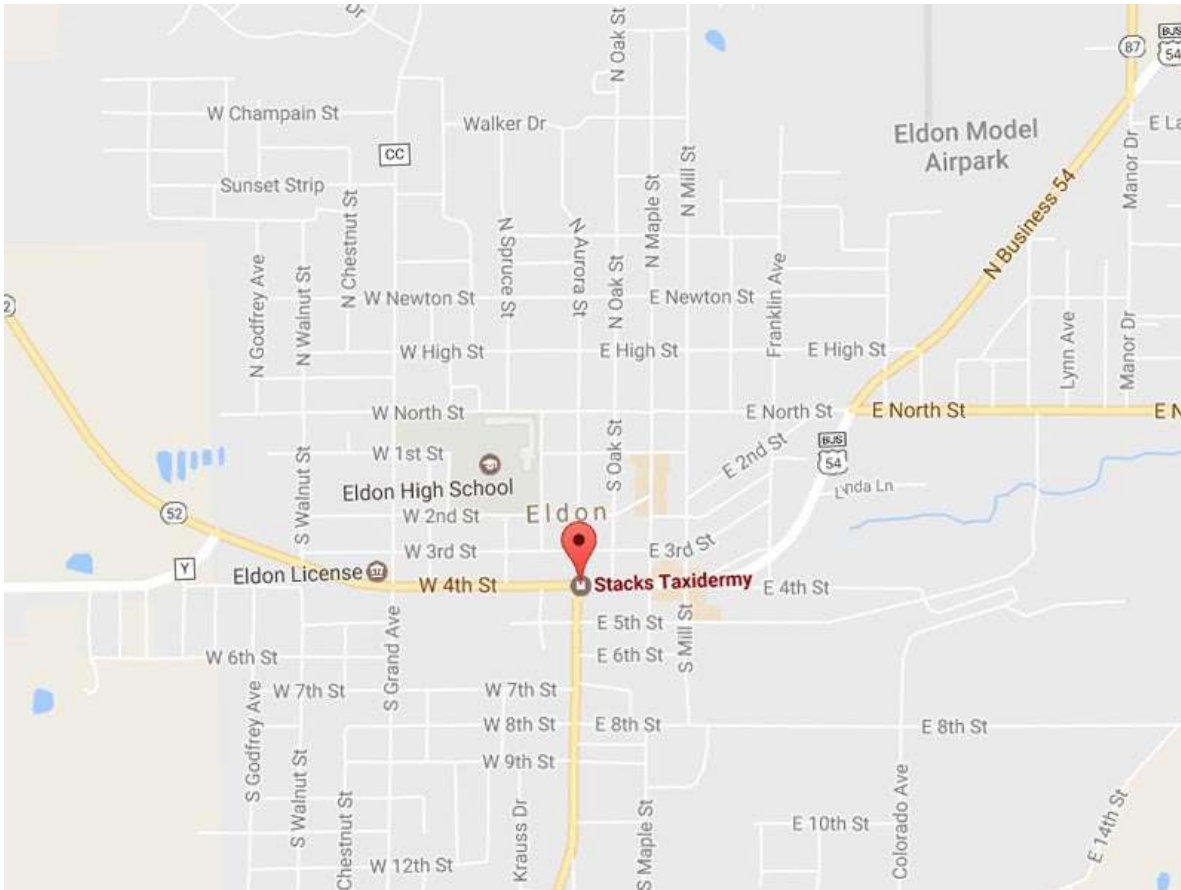
SPRING SEMINAR

PAINTING A REPRODUCTION LARGEMOUTH BASS – by: JIMMY LAWRENCE
Saturday May 13th, 2017 9:00 am

Join us on May 13th, 2017 at 9am for a great seminar with Jimmy Lawrence. Jimmy owns and operates Lawrence Taxidermy Studio in Bedford, IA. Jimmy is best known for his incredible paint jobs on fish in his studio. Jimmy has agreed to spend the morning with us at Dawne and Eric's shop Stacks Taxidermy in Eldon, MO, demonstrating for us his methods of painting a largemouth bass reproduction. Tips and techniques from this seminar will not only be beneficial in fish taxidermy, but any aspect of taxidermy that involves coloring with an airbrush or hand brushes. Immediately following the seminar we will have a business meeting. Please bring a chair.



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