

March 20, 2014

Met at Minervas Board Room in Watertown, SD; those in attendance were: Shane and Stacey Augeson, Tyler and Rachel Erickson, Glenda and Jamie McNutt, Dalton McNutt, Wes Koehler, Devin Hursman, Kyle Schlessler, Jeff Mikel, Derick Wenck and Tom Hansen.

We went over items that need to be discussed at the welcome meeting on Friday.

It was decided as a group to take the limit off the collective artist class for 2015. It can be open to as many people as you'd like to work on that entry.

We discussed in depth the combined artist and commercial classes. If you enter these classes you're only judged for the one award, you cannot be in habitat challenge, Walnut Creek etc. You are not able to win any other awards. Remember that commercial class you are judged from 10 feet back, no flash lights will be used.

For 2015 we would like to start a competitor's award. This will be for the professional and masters classes. You must have 4 entries to enter and the winner goes to the highest scoring taxidermist in each of the classes. We will have to find someone to sponsor these two awards.

For 2014 the board has decided to give \$100, to be used on supplies, to a novice taxidermist. This will be taxidermist choice on the winner.

Shane brought up an idea that he has seen at other shows, the association provides a keg and pizza for the auction on Friday night. Kyle will check into this and see if we can do it for this year.

We talked about different judges for 2015 and will discuss this more on Sunday at the general board meeting.

Thank you to everyone that was here tonight to help setup, we appreciate everyone's input and making this group such a friendly organization.