

The SDTA held a board meeting at Minerva's in Watertown on Thursday, March 15, 2018. Those present were: Jason Smith, Eric Newman, Derick Wenck, Glenda and Jamie McNutt, Tom Hansen, Jeff Mikel, John Willer, Kyle Schlessler and Lance Johnson.

Saturday afternoon Derick, Lance and John will move the awards to the stage.

The Minerva's Bar has asked if they could move their mounts from the bar area and do a silent auction open to the public. We did not see an issue with this.

Rapid City and Spearfish both contacted us about moving the show. We went over the contract with them and the new one given to us from Watertown Event Center. A motion was made by Lance, seconded by Tom to stay in Watertown for the next three years. Contract was signed and given to Michelle at the Event Center.

The new mount ID Cards were discussed. A motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Lance to go back to the old way. If the taxidermist would like more points for the extra work they did (casting, molding, etc) they can provide pictures to the judges.

Sean Simpson has a mountain lion that a wounded warrior shot, he was wondering if we could get the time and supplies donated to do this mount for this gentleman. We all agreed, would like to have it done for next year's award banquet, we will supply his meal ticket as well.

It was discussed about moving back and forth in divisions. A motion was made by Tom, seconded by Kyle to leave it as is. All aye.

There was discussion on the combined artist class and the awards it can win. A motion was made by Jamie, seconded by Kyle to keep it as stated in the rules. It can be open for People's Choice Award. All Aye.

Scholarship entries were looked over, both will be awarded \$500 each – Eric Newman and Logan Hammer.

A motion was made by Lance, seconded by Kyle to adjourn the meeting.