

The SDTA held the general board meeting on Sunday, March 18th at the Heritage Theatre inside the Watertown Event Center. Those present were: Larry Whirlledge, Travis Roberts, Rob McAlpine, Ron Stoppeworth, Jason Smith, Sam Cahoy, Justin Bach, Kyle Monteith, Dale Houser, Larry Wold, Kerry Gusso, Marty Wiley, Bob and Nick Christianson, Ashley Friendshuh, Adam Zwick, Kyle Schlessler, Lance Johnson, John Willer, Eric Newman, Tom Hansen, Glenda and Jamie McNutt and Derick Wenck.

There were a few slides/awards missed at the award banquet. Justin Bach won commercial gamehead, Larry Whirlledge won commercial large lifesize mammal and Dale Houser won best all around taxidermist award. Sorry for missing those.

John Willer would like to try and promote more people to apply for the scholarship, in doing so he has changed the criteria you must be a SDTA member for 2 years in order to apply.

The new mount ID Cards were discussed; we will be going 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. Over the weekend Derick has talked to a few people about donations on this. Daniel Meng will donate his time to do a seminar for people to watch, he will be mounting this for the SDTA. We will get a date together and email the info out when and where that seminar will be held. Old Barn Tannery will donate the tanning of this.

Suggestions for next year's seminars were brought up – antler repair, habitat and bird skin prep.

Judges were discussed – Todd Kranau, Dale Manning, Randy Holler, Brenda Duval, Jim Kimball were mentioned. We are in need of a gamehead judge for next year.

It was suggested that we open the vendor room to the public, but they do not get the discounts. There are pros and cons to this.

We will again do a seminar and registration Thursday night as it helped cut down the congestion on Friday morning.

We voted for new board members. Jamie McNutt has asked to step down from Vice President due to having a new full time job.

Nominations:

President – Derick Wenck; Vice President – Lance Johnson; Secretary/Treasurer – Glenda McNutt.

1 year board member to take over Lances spot – nominated was Justin Bach, Jason Smith, Eric Newman and Tom Hansen. Jason Smith was voted in. 2 year board members Tom Hansen and Eric Newman were voted in.

Dale Houser was the winner of this year's species challenge – he chose lifesize badger for 2019 challenge.

Avian Challenge was won by Sam Cahoy, Sam chose the Bufflehead for 2019 challenge.

With nothing further to discuss, meeting was adjourned. Remember, we cannot start tearing down until 12:30, all help would be appreciated.