

SDTA meeting was held Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the heritage theatre located in Watertown Event Center. Those in attendance were: Dalton McNutt, Hollie Jisa, Sam Cahoy, Derek Kaup, Tim Cooley, Daryl Keyes, Mark Woledge, Mark Satre, Larry Whirledge, Devin Hursman, Jason Smith, Kyle Schlessler, Kyle Monteith, Nick Genereux, Wes Koehler, Zach Johnson, Lance Burns, Doug Dexter, Jeff Piatt, Eric Newman, Dale Houser, Aaron Reiling, Shane Augeson, Bob Christiansen, Adam Zwick, Brian Gebeke, Marty Wiley, Derick Wenck, Jamie McNutt, Glenda McNutt, Lance Johnson, John Willer, Tom Hansen.

We discussed different people for Derick to contact for 2018 judges.

Discussion was made about giving extra points on the score sheets if you do casting, molding, etc on your pieces (head, feet, own habitat). Daryl Keyes is going to get Glenda the Nebraska info so she can add that to next year's registration.

Seminars were discussed – large lifesize and turkeys were brought up. The members would like to see something other than pheasants and standing mounts.

Some members expressed they would like the commercial division open to just professional division taxidermists. A vote was made to leave commercial open to all divisions.

Members would like critiquing times posted clearly and have signup sheets again. Please have them available again early Sunday morning. Judges need to write more on the score sheets.

There was discussion on habitat – you cannot use the same habitat or entry once it's been entered in the SDTA competition. Does not matter if there is a different animal on the habitat.

John Willer has opened up the Avian Challenge to anyone in the professional division. There will be a \$5 fee; next year's challenge is a starling.

Best All Around taxidermist will now be sponsored by Lance Johnson and there will be \$100 cash award to the winner.

Combined artist is up to 3 people – we are clarifying the entry fee is \$20/person not per entry.

Species challenge for 2018 is any sheep.

There was a discussion to have a few table and chairs set up at the banquet for those not eating. Next year we WILL BE COLLECTING meal tickets.

We are going to try and open registration up Thursday night from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and hold a seminar Thursday night and Friday morning.

No further business was brought forth to discuss.

Election was held. Derick Wenck was nominated as President again, Jamie McNutt Vice President, Glenda McNutt Secretary/Treasurer, 2 year term board members – nominated were: Lance Johnson, John Willer, Justin Bach, Jason Smith, Derek Kaup (declined), Dalton McNutt (declined), Sam Cahoy and

Eric Newman. Lance and John were nominated. Eric Newman was nominated for one year term to take over Ronn McDaniels spot.

No other business

Meeting Adjourned.