

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Sioux Falls City Centre on September 10, 2011. Those attending were Kyle Schlessler, Glenda and Jamie McNutt, Shane Augeson, Brandon Seitz and Kerry Gusso.

First all the attendants met with Chad Pederson of the Holiday Inn City Centre and were given a tour of the Hotel and then went over the contract for the 2012 convention. All agreed to proposed arrangements and contract was signed.

Old Business was read.

Treasurer's report was given, as of 9-10-11 we have a balance of \$7277.75 in our checking. All bills have been paid except for the new apparel order that we had for the NTA. I went through our funds that we collected this weekend and this is how it broke down. We brought in \$1245.50.

\$405.50 was our ½ of door fees collected  
\$570.00 raffle tickets sold  
\$200.00 apparel sold  
\$70 membership fees collected

We looked over and approved the two judge's contracts that have been sent back in already. It was decided that the judge's contract need to be changed to a two year agreement instead of a one year.

Other issues discussed at meeting:

\* 2012 Raffle – We have a Ruger M77 .308 Stainless Steel with Black Synthetic Stock Gun (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Joshua Spies "Autumn Glow" Framed 10 ½ x 15 Print (2<sup>nd</sup> place) that we have made tickets and are selling. Tickets are \$1 each or 3 for \$20. Each SDTA member will receive a book of tickets with their newsletter, to try and sell before the convention. If they would like additional books, they can contact Glenda. \$840.00 was what the cost was on both items. This is a great way to help raise some money for our organization.

\* Advertising for 2012 newsletters will be the following \$100-full page color, \$50-1/2 page color, \$35-1/4 page color and \$25 for business card size in color.

\* Vendor space will remain the same price as last year, one booth \$50, two booths \$75 and three booths \$100.

\* Awards/Plaques will run \$60 each this year. We have 5 spaces to fill for sure this year with moving the convention to Sioux Falls. So if you can find a new sponsor for the awards please let a board member know. Ribbons were inventoried and will be ordered.

\* We all voted to format a new category for "original art" – this is for acrylic, fiberglass, bronze, woodcarving, etc. It will be judged by the people and we will make a framed paper certificated for the winner.

\* After lengthy discussion we decided to open the commercial division up to fish, bird, mammals and game heads (including deer). Highest score in each category will be given a ribbon and the highest score throughout the commercial division will be awarded a plaque.

\* Lifetime membership was decided on, Single, \$500 for membership and two-person membership is \$750.00. This covers the cost of your annual memberships and a jacket from the organization as well as a framed certificate showing that they are a lifetime member. It was voted to raise our annual membership to \$40 single and \$50 family. We want to clarify that the annual membership pays for your newsletter costs, email updates, and website for the organization and you can also come to the convention and go into the vendor space. You CANNOT go to any seminars etc, without paying the convention registration.

\* There has been some interest in adding a "Habitat" – Composition and Design Category. We as a board decided to add the category and charge a \$5 entry fee. The winner of the "Habitat" award will receive the "Woody Award." You are being judge on your habitat and flow, not necessary your actual mount.

\* The Board sketched out the convention agenda which will be finalized and posted in the newsletter. It was requested by our new members and we decided on adding a "Welcome" meeting before the first seminar starts. This meeting will outline the rooms we are going to be using for the weekend, introduce the board members, answer any questions etc.

\* Newsletter was discussed and we had lots of nice compliments on the "colored" newsletter, so we decided to again have it printed in color. Glenda did get NTA membership lists for all of the surrounding states so we will make sure and send out an informational postcard to all those members and then if they would like more info they can either be directed to our website or call and we will send out a full newsletter. The newsletter will be sent out to all our current members by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. We did also fill out paperwork and send in \$100 to SD Game, Fish and Parks to get an updated state list of registered taxidermists. We will also be contacting the surrounding state association presidents and get their updated mailing lists again as well.

\* Kyle will set up a committee to start calling vendors about booth space, advertising, auction donations and awards. Glenda will update the vendor letter and get it sent out in the next few weeks. After the letter gets sent out, the committee can then make follow up calls to these vendors.

\* Glenda will be in charge of a set up committee for ribbons.

\* Awards banquet was discussed- sports coat or dress shirt was suggested for camera-friendly purpose. **NO T-SHIRTS please.**

\* Raffles for 2013 were brought up and will be discussed at the general meeting held at the convention. Also an enclosed trailer was discussed and also needs to be discussed further with our complete organization.

Seeing no other business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.