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KAT TRACKS

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Now that another show is in the books, I'm sure that most of you are busy trying to catch up on your customer work. For those of you that were not able to attend the convention, you missed another good one! Judges did a great job, outstanding work displayed in the showroom, and a chance to catch up with old friends. Financially, we broke even on the show, and I am quite happy with that, as we knew the facilities for this one were the highest we have had. Thanks to all that contributed to the auction! It was a bigger success than I had hoped for.

We had a very productive business meeting, and had many great ideas for improvements were discussed...some have already been implemented, and some need further discussion. One of the main things we will finalize at the next meeting is the addition of a "Commercial Division" for next year's show, and the rules for competition in this division (judges, ribbons, score sheets, etc.). The meeting date has changed from what we discussed at the last meeting, due to a conflict with the Nebraska show. It is now scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd, at Tom Bowman's shop. Hope to see you all there!

Dennis

Spicy Hamburger Soup

6 cups water
2 cans corn, drained
2 cans green beans, drained
1 can tomato soup
1 can Rotel
1 can green chili's (use jalapenos from your garden)
Red and green chili peppers to taste
Soy sauce to taste
Heinz 57 to taste
Worcester sauce to taste
Hamburger, deer or elk meat, boiled and rinsed
I think that's about it. Unfortunately I'm one of those cooks who doesn't write things down. I'm kind of like my mom and just start throwing it in until it tastes they way I want it to.

K.A.T. 2008 Winners List

26th Annual Competition and Convention

March 28th – 30th, Junction City, KS

AMATEUR BEST OF CATEGORY

Gamehead	Jordan Bell	Mule deer
Whitetail	Trace Goodwin	
Bird	Jordan Bell	Pheasant
Life-size	Trace Goodwin	Bobcat

PROFESSIONAL BEST OF CATEGORY

Fish	Bob Helm	Crappie
Gamehead	Steve Morris	Elk
Whitetail	Ron Huber	
Bird	B.J. Simon	Bufflehead
Life-size	Clint Bowman	Wallaby
Reptile	Jeannie Bell	Rattlesnake

MASTER BEST OF CATEGORY

Fish	Cory Foth	Brown Bullhead
Gamehead	Bob Schnettgoecke	Zebra
Whitetail	Mike Goodman	Bird
	Rick Starostki	
Turkey		
Life-size	Bob Schnettgoecke	Bear
Reptile	Mike Beckman	Rattlesnake

KANSAS AWARD WINNERS

Fish	Cory Foth	Brown Bullhead
Gamehead	Bob Schnettgoecke	Zebra
Whitetail	Mike Goodman	
Bird	Rick Starostki	Turkey
Life-size	Bob Schnettgoecke	Bear
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SPECIALTY AWARDS

Habitat	Rick Starostki	Bobcat
Poly-Transpar Star-Fish	Cory Foth Cory Foth	Brown Bullhead Brown Bullhead
McKenzie Bird McKenzie Whitetail McKenzie Life-size McKenzie Fish	Dennis Schumacher Mike Beckman Bob Schnettgoecke Cory Foth	Pheasant Bobcat Brown Bullhead
Ducks Unlimited Kansas Bowhunters	Jeff Mitchell B.J. Simon	Widgeon Whitetail
Pheasants Forever Kansas Wild Turkey Federation	Jeff Mitchell Rick Starostki	Rooster Pheasant Tom Turkey
Safari Club International Out Of State Van Dyke's	Tom Bowman Don Ball Rick Starostki	 Whitetail Bobcat
Competitors Award CHAMPION 1 st Place 2 nd Place	Rick Starostki Bob Schnettgoecke Jim Keller	
Horizon Adult Horizon Youth All Around Breakthrough` WASCO Award Peoples Choice	Trace Goodwin Jordan Bell Mike Beckman Cory Foth Rick Starostki Cindy Cunningham	 352 points Brown Bullhead Turkey Wolverines
Richard H. Schmidt Award (Highest Scoring KS Mount) Cory Foth, Brown Bullhead		
McKenzie Distinguished Award Clint Bowman		

KAT Meeting Minutes
March 29th, 2008 (Convention)
Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Junction City, KS

Meeting called to order @ 3:20 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting read by Cory.

Motion to approve: Jim Keller, 2nd by Cindy Cunningham. Pass unanimously.

Discussed 2010 show proposal from Old Town Hotel in Wichita. Room rates are somewhat high, but we pay have no minimum food budget, no convention space rental, and all rooms come with 2 free breakfasts at hotel.

Cindy C. motion to accept proposal for 2010 show at Old Town. Jim Keller, 2nd. Pass by majority.

Dennis reviewed contract proposal for 2011 at Grand Prairie in Hutchinson, room rates are \$79.00 per night.

Cory motioned to approve 2011 contract. Dan Snowbarger, 2nd. Pass by majority.

Show dates for 2009-2011 are as follows:

2009 – March 20-22, Grand Prairie in Hutchinson.

2010 – March 26-28, Old Town Hotel in Wichita

2011 – March 18-20, Grand Prairie in Hutchinson

Cindy Cunningham opened discussion on registrations, membership renewals, RSVP's and Scholarship Fund application.

Discussion held at length about this subject.

Jeff Mitchell motioned that we provide a box to check for application for the scholarship fund on the membership renewal form. If you check this box, and have your dues in on time, you will be entered in the scholarship fund drawing.

Scott Schwinn, 2nd. Pass unanimously.

Scott Schwinn brought up the idea of having a swap meet on Friday evening at the next convention. Agreed to try it next year.

Need to check on room availability for this (supplier room?) at the hotel. Scott will have more details in the newsletter.

Cindy C. brought up job responsibilities for various positions, and how we will spit up to accomplish tasks. The following individuals are responsible for duties as follows:

B.J. Simon will be in charge of show suppliers, with Jeff Mitchell helping with donations/auction.

Scott Schwinn will be responsible for the Newsletter (3 times per year).

Cindy Cunningham will be in charge of website updates and convention brochure.

Discussion held about mounts worked on in a school/training environment. Rule to be added per discussion and wording in place at this show. These mounts are eligible for ribbons, but no "BOC" or other major awards.

Scott Schwinn motioned to accept, Cindy C., 2nd. Pass by majority.

Scott Schwinn proposed adding a commercial division for next year's competition. After discussion about rules, ribbons, and judges, Cindy Cunningham 2nd. We will have commercial division next year; ribbons and rules will be finalized at the next meeting.

Tom Bowman motioned that we provide the Meat Packers Association with a copy of caping CD. Cory 2nd. Pass unanimously.

Tom to check on getting it copied or getting additional copies to them.

After some discussion, Cory motioned to accept Suzie Rulo as Secretary, and Karen Davis as Treasurer. Pass unanimously.

Motion to retain current board members for another year. Pass unanimously.

Next meeting: June 22nd at Tom Bowman's shop. NOTE: This is a change from the date discussed at the meeting, due to conflicts with Nebraska and Oklahoma shows and Father's Day.

Adjourn: 5:15 PM

Editorial

Greetings to all the K.A.T. members who will be reading this newsletter. My name is Frank Baldwin. Some of you who attended the convention might remember me as the old fat guy with the white beard, the feathered walking stick, the Vietnam Veterans cap, and the big silly grin on his face. That grin was just an expression of the marvelous time I was having at my first ever taxidermists' convention, and a reflection of some beautiful and impressive works of wild-life art that I was privileged enough to see there. I believe that many of you truly are talented and gifted artisans, and I hope one day be one of you. Most of you, no doubt, know my instructor, Cindy Cunningham, of Second Creation Taxidermy. The one entry I took to the convention, the shoulder mount of a rather unusual non-typical whitetail I harvested three years ago, was my first and, so far, only shoulder mount, and is a direct reflection of the skill Cindy so generously passes on to her students.

I am grateful that the board members have decided to allow students to enter their class projects in the amateur class. I am not so much interested in collecting ribbons, and I certainly do not wish to take credit where credit is not due, but I am proud of my mount, and I enjoy seeing others appreciate the beauty of the animal that taxidermy has permitted me to preserve. I would think that a reasonable solution to the question of whether or not to allow students to show class projects would perhaps be to make it a rule that if a student enters a class project in a show he/she openly states that it is a class project, and was done under the direct supervision of _____ of _____ Taxidermy School. That way, the student does not take undue credit, and the instructor is recognized as well. The registration form could easily be modified to express that stipulation. I do think, assuming that the aim of the association is to encourage the new taxidermist, and to also encourage new membership to the association, that some sort of rule along those lines would accomplish those aims while at the same time, insuring that credit is given where credit is due, and not taken where it is not due.

Once again, I have to say that I am hugely impressed by much of the art I saw at Junction City, and by the artists who produced it. Right now, my head is filled with thoughts of what I can produce in the years to come, and show to y'all at the conventions to come. I hope to see y'all at the next convention, and I hope that in the meantime I can produce something worthy of a place alongside yours.

Thank You & Be Well,

Frank Baldwin

Stories and tips

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Nebraska State Taxidermists Association

June 6-8, 2008 Grand Island Nebraska

Oklahoma Taxidermists Association

June 26-28, 2008 Oklahoma City, OK

Missouri Taxidermists Association

August 1-3, 2008 Columbia MO

