



WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF TAXIDERMY ARTIST

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## 2025 Show Meeting

Kelsey Reece (President) called meeting to order, Susan Orcutt (Vice President) seconds the motion.

Susan Orcutt vacates position of Vice President.

Discussing the website, we received feedback from members beforehand and during the show and they think it is hard to navigate. Rachel Paul volunteered to work with officers to revamp the website using wix.com, which will make registration easier as there will be links to download the registration and mail or email it in. Wix.com's average cost is \$23 a month. Since we are a non-profit organization, we could be able to get a discount. Vote passed to revamp website and remove Eventbrite.

Meal numbers were way off, and Kelsey Reece discussed pre-registration like other organizations are doing. This would mean if people do not register beforehand, they may not get a meal.

Susan Orcutt stated she mailed off Thank You cards to all donors. She also stated that emails for past members are not current or reliable to contact people. This needs to be revised during registrations.

Rena Parsons stated as soon as we have a venue, and dates locked in we should advertise as this would help the show attendance in 2026.

Treasurers Report - Rachel Paul went through bank account expenses and deposits for 2024 through 2025. The current balance as of May 13, 2025, is \$13,667.60 for expenses and \$23,561.54 in deposits.

Kelsey Reece discussed whether we should have a category for commercial mounts? Three places only (1,2,3 place ribbons). Plaque? Donny Paul stated having a gun raffle for the commercial mounts might be a profit maker for the show. Kelsey Reece made a motion to vote for commercial mounts. The motion passed.

Rachel Paul states using QuickBooks for the quarterly treasurer's report. Monthly fee is \$13.00. Although we should keep an accountant to file for the Secretary of State and normal accounting. Rachel could calculate receipts and invoices. We currently pay \$160 per quarter for the accountant to provide a quarterly report totaling \$640 per year. Kelsey Reece made a motion to vote for using QuickBooks and keeping accountant. Motion passed.

The current recovery email is going to Susan Orcutt's email account. We need that to go to all officers, not just one person as this has caused issues in the past. Kelsey Reece states we should create a Gmail account that all officers can access as a recovery email.

We need to rewrite the by-laws as they are outdated from 2013. The Competition rules need revisited as well this year. Kelsey Reece stated these protect the organization, members, and competitors. We need to file an amendment to the Secretary of State after this action item is completed. Bi-laws, Competition rules, and Secretary of State Certificate will then need to be added to the website after amended.

Wade Stoll made a motion to start voting for new Directors. Nominations for Chad Parsons, Shaylee Martin, and Brad Otte. Motion passed.

Kelsey Reece made a motion to start voting for a new Vice President. Rachel Paul nominated Donny Paul. Everyone voted and motion passed, Donny Paul is the new Vice President. The treasurer was unopposed. Voting was witnessed by Jeramy Lucas, Tom Weickum, Lynn Stewart, Wade Stoll, Melanie Hughes, Shaylee Martin, Rena Parsons, Chad Parsons, Duane Mittlieder, Kelsey Reece, and others in attendance.

Where to have next year's show? Shaylee Martin discussed a bid for a location in Saratoga. Concerns were made about the location not being more central in Wyoming. Three locations to vote on are Saratoga, Sheridan, and Casper. Kelsey made a motion to vote. Casper was voted as 2026 show location. Dates are either April 16, 17, and 18, or April 23, 24, and 25.

Donny Paul stated we need at least one big name judge for the 2026 show to help pull in competitors. At least one mammal judge that is well known. We would like to get at least 4 judges. Judges for 2026 will be Dean and Stephen Schulte (Gameheads and Mammals), Daniel Davis (Birds), and Duan Mittlieder (Fish).

Youth categories need to be revised to two categories.

Children up to 12 - Free

Youth – Ages 12 to 17

Kelsey Reece moved to Adjourn Meeting, Rachel second the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 May 16, 2025.

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