



WATA NEWS LETTER

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OUR MISSION

The Wyoming Association of Taxidermy Artists, a non-profit organization, will help to increase public awareness of quality taxidermy, raise the standards of taxidermy through its annual competition, increase the knowledge of its members through educational seminars and form a camaraderie between taxidermists statewide.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello from the Wyoming Association of Taxidermy Artists. We just finished up another excellent year of competition. Sheridan, WY did a first-rate job of hosting some of the best taxidermists in the region. I would like to send out my sincere thanks to those who were instrumental in getting that show put together. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to organize and your efforts do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. There are too many to list at this time, but I am again reminded why I live and work in Wyoming. We are home to some terrific people. Thank you as well to all the competitors. You continually set the bar high, and I always look forward to watching you all improve and outdo yourselves each year.

Plans are underway for the coming year. Next years show is in Bar Nunn (Casper), Wyoming (April 27-29) which will be held at the Hangar. This year our Wyoming challenge is Deer (Whitetail, Mule, Coues), and we're also introducing a bird challenge which will be a Mallard, a reptile challenge (any), and a fish challenge (brook trout). We have some great judges lined up for next years show. All seminars are still under discussion and will be finalized by the pre-convention newsletter. WATA would greatly appreciate any advice or suggestions for upcoming conventions and any area of concerns that members may have. This organization has done a lot for the taxidermists of Wyoming, and the region. I hope to continue that tradition. Good luck in the months to come, I look forward to our conversations.

Thank You,
Justin Frick

**Wyoming Association of Taxidermy
Artists
Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurers report is not available
this year.

Secretary's Report

04/08/2022

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY KYNDELL AND SUSAN SECONDED.

TREASURERS REPORT

19316.28 BALANCE TO START

13664.54 CURRENT BALANCE.

STILL SOME BILL OUT THERE ARE SOME CHECK WE STILL NEED TO DEPOSIT.

WE BE BELOW THE \$10000. MARK AFTER EXPENSES

THERE WILL BE NO RIBBON OR WEBSITE EXPENSES NEXT YEAR.

THIS IS IF WE HAVE NO OTHER INCOME. WE WILL STILL HAVE MONEY AT THE DOOR OR SILENT AUCTION AND GUN RAFFLE.

SUSAN BROUGHT UP JOBS OF THE OFFICERS AND THOSE JOBS NEED TO BE REVISITED AND MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHAT THOSE JOBS ARE. EVERYONE NEEDS TO DO THEIR JOB AND THINGS WILL COME TOGETHER MUCH EASIER. REACH OUT TO DIRECTORS FOR HELP DURING SHOWS.

NEED TO START HAVING OUTSIDE VENDORS LOOK AT YOUR LOCAL PEOPLE IT WOULD HELP BRING OUT MORE PEOPLE

LOOK AT SPORTS SHOWS. THEY LIKE TO HAVE EXTRA EVENTS GOING ON. WE NEED TO START WORKING ON THIS STUFF NOW. LOOK FOR PLACES WHERE WE WON'T HAVE TO PAY ALL THE EXPENSES.

MAYBE START INVOLVING GAME AND FISH WITH EVENTS. MAYBE START WITH CASPER WE ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED AND START NOW. IF WE CAN HAVE LITTLE CLASSES FOR TAXIDERMISTRY FOR KIDS. GET OTHER COMPANIES TO SPONSOR YOU TO DO THESE ACTIVITIES. WE NEED TO MORE CONSERVATION AND WILL BE ABLE TO GET COMMISSIONER TAGS TO HELP RAISE MONEY. WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD MONEY ON THAT.

CALL WYOMING WILDLIFE FOUNDATION TO SELL THE TAG KYNDELL WILL APPLY FOR THE COMMISSIONER TAG, LYNN SAYS YOU APPLY BY SEPT TO THE COMMISSIONER. YOU HAVE TO DO EDUCATION THINGS FOR KIDS. LIKE A KIDS SEMINAR.

CONTACT ROCKY MTN CLAY AND HAVE LITTLE PROJECT WITH CLAY ON HEADS TO SCULPT ON EYES. THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS.

KYNDELL WILL SEE ABOUT PERSON ABOUT WYOMING EXPO SHOW AND SEE IF WE CAN GET INTO THAT IN CASPER.

KYNDELL WE NEED TO HAVE A KID EVENT DURING THE SHOW TO GET INTO THOSE EVENTS. MAYBE HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR ANIMAL BEFORE GOING TO TAXIDERMIST. HOW TO CARE OR FIELD CARE ETC. MORE PUBLIC EDUCATION. MINI SEMINARS.

LARRY BAUGHMAN WILL CONTACT CHEYENNE GAME AND FISH FOR HELP ON SHOW.

JEREMY WORKS GOOD WITH US ON AWARDS AND WOULD LIKE TO STICK WITH HIM ON AWARDS.

RE ELECTION JUSTIN AND SUSAN.

JUSTIN FIRST. JUSTIN WILL STAY AS PRESIDENT KYNDELL MADE MOTION TO KEEP JUSTIN ALL AGREED

SUSAN NATE NOMINATED ETHAN FOR SECRETARY ALL SECOND ETHAN WILLEY FOR SECRETARY.

DUANE IS A DIRECTOR NOW.

TATE AND WADE JEREMY ARE DIRECTORS.

NEED TO TRY AND GET MEMBERSHIP UP. TRY TO OFFER SOMETHING TO PEOPLE WHO SIGN UP. NEED TO START THINKING OF WAYS TO SUPPLIES FOR PEOPLE TO PICK UP. MAYBE START USING THE TRANSPORT COMPANIES.

NEED TO GET JUDGES.

BIRD SAM CAHOY?

GAMEHEADS. JOSH O'BRIEN

FISH KIMMY LAWERCE.

TOM MATUSKA FISH??

BEST OF SHOW NEED TO BE A BLUE FOR WINNER. THAT IS OUR RULE.

MEETING ADJOURNED ALL SECOND.

2022 Award Winners

CONSERVATION AND SPECIALLY AWARDS

MAYORS AWARD – LARRY BAUGHMAN – RED FOX
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION – NATE WINTERLAND – ELK
MOST OUTSTANDING UPLAND BIRD – SUSAN ORCUTT – TOM TURKEY
MOST OUTSTANDING UPLAND GROUP – KYNDELL FLINT – TURKEYS
MOST OUTSTANDING MIGRATORY BIRD – FALON HIBLER – WIDGEON
MOST OUTSTANDING MIGRATORY GROUP – TIM STARKS - SCAUP & WIDGEON
DUBOIS ANGLERS AND WILDLIFE GROUP – MATHEW MOCK – BROWN TROUT
WYOMING WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION – DAVID LONG – BIGHORN SHEEP
MOST OUTSTANDING PERDITOR (LITTLE GOOSE RANCH) – JACK PURCELL – COYOTE
OUTSTANDING WYO SPECIES (WG&F COMMISSION) – LARRY BAUGHMAN – RED FOX
OUTSTANDING GAMEHEAD (WYOGA) – JUSTIN FRICK – BIGHORN SHEEP
MOST ADMIRABLE NOVICE (BEAR N WOOD) – LAINEY KONETZKI – MULE DEER
SCI AWARD JACKSON HOLE – JUSTIN FRICK – Aoudad
MOST OUTSTANDING TURKEY (TURKEY FEDERATION) – KYNDELL FLINT - FLYING
TURKEY
MOST OUTSTANDING MULE DEER (MULEY FANATICS) – NATE WINTERLAND – MULE
DEER

MAJOR AWARDS

WYOMING CHALLENGE (TURKEY TOM OR HEN) – KYNDELL FLINT – HEN TURKEY
POLYTRANSPAR AWARD – DUANE MITTLEIDER – BROOK TROUT
COMPETITORS AWARDS MASTERS (BEAR N WOOD) – RYAN COOK
COMPETITORS AWARD PROFESSIONAL (BEAR N WOOD) – NATE WINTERLAND
MCKENZIE DISTINGUISHED TAXIDERMIST – KYNDELL FLINT
RILEY WEBER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD – ETHAN WILLEY
BEST OF DIVISION MASTERS – DAVID LONG – MOUNTAIN LION
BEST OF DIVISION PROFESSIONAL – JACK PURCELL – COYOTE
ARTISIAN AWARD TAXIDERMIST BEST OF SHOW – DEAN SCHULTE – AFRICAN LION
WASCO AWARD – TIM STARKS – DUCK GROUP
VANDYKES AWARD – JACK PURCELL – PRONGHORN & COYOTE
BREAKTHROUGH AWARD – DAVID LONG – MOUNTAIN LION
WOODY AWARD (TAXIDERMY TODAY MAGAZINE) – DEAN SCHULTE
PRO1 AWARD – DAVID LONG – MOUNTAIN LION

BEST OF CATEGORY AWARDS

GAME HEAD

PROFESSIONAL – NATE WINTERLAND MASTERS – DAVID LONG

PRONGHORN

PROFESSIONAL – JACK PURCELL MASTERS – JUSTIN FRICK

MULE DEER

PROFESSIONAL – RACHEL JAMES MASTERS – DONNY PAUL

SMALL LIFESIZE

MASTERS – LARRY BAUGHMAN

LARGE LIFESIZE

PROFESSIONAL – JUSTIN FRICK MASTERS – DEAN SCHULTE

BIRDS

TIM STARKS – WIDEON

FISH

PROFESSIONAL – MATHEW MOCK

REPRODUCTION FISH

MASTERS – DUANE MITTLEIDER

SCULPTING AND ORIGINAL ART

1ST – BEN SIMMONS 2ND MATHEW MOCK

TAXIDERMIST CHOICE

BEST GAMEHEAD – JUSTIN FRICK – PRONGHORN

BEST LIFESIZE - DEAN SCHULTE – AFRICAN LION

BEST BIRD – KYNDELL FLINT – STRUTTING TURKEY

BEST FISH – DUANE MITTLEIDER – BROOK TROUT

PEOPLES CHOICE – JUSTIN FRICK – AOUDAD

AWARDS

MOST OUTSTANDING DEER – JERAMY LUCAS - WHITETAIL

HIGHEST SCORING WHITETAIL MASTERS (TAJADA WHITETAILS) – RYAN COOK

HIGHEST SCORING WHITETAIL PROFESSIONAL (TAJADA WHITETAILS) – NATE
WINTERLAND

OUTSTANDING HABITAT & COMPOSITION (SHADOW M ARTWORK & DESIGN) –
RYAN COOK

COMPETITORS CUSTOM BASE (SHADOW M ARTWORK & DESIGN) – JACK PUR-
CELL

BLACK BEAR CONST PICK OF THE SHOW (BLACK BEAR CONSTRUCTION) – JACK
PURCELL – COYOTE & PRONGHORN

FAVORITE PICK OF 2022 (WHISKEY RIVER ANTLERS) – JUSTIN FRICK – PRONG-
HORN

OUTSTANDING SPECIES (BIGHORN BEVERAGE CO) – LARRY BAUGHMAN –
MOUNTAIN LION

102 BEST GROUP ENTRY (THE BIG SHOW LLC) – KYNDELL FLINT – TURKEYS
EXCELLENT CUSTOM WOOD BASE (BEAR N WOOD) – JUSTIN FRICK



2022



2023 Show Info

The 2023 show will be held at the Hanger in Bar Nunn, just north of Casper Wyoming



JUDGES

Gameheads - Josh Bryan

Lifesize - Dean Schulte

Birds - Jordan Hackl

Fish - Jimmy Lawrence

WYOMING CHALLENGE

This years challenge will be Deer (Mule, Whitetail, Coues)





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