

Board meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Pilat

2015 EOY balance = \$9,328.00

Started 2015 with \$8,632.00

Net change = an increase of \$696.00, = \$1,068.00 if pre-paid expenses are added back in

Tim would like to keep our \$\$ above \$10,000.00 to keep the club alive in the event that a tough time comes around.

In 2014, the speaker costs were \$2,700.00. In 2015, it was \$2,300.00, in large part to Andy Hudson giving two talks.

Last year, mini-auction sales completely paid for speakers. = \$2,650.00

Swap: Net gain of \$1,350.00

Auctions: Net gain of \$940.00

Dues last year was \$600.00.

In summary, we are in sound financial state and Tim expects us to continue to do well. We need to continue to encourage people to bring stuff to the mini-auctions.

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Membership Chair Report: Connie Smith

Not a lot to report. A couple of renewals for this year. Connie expects that to happen in Jan and Feb. Connie will turn membership chair over to Lisa Ours in January.

Total membership = 12 that have renewed, as of today.

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Secretary Report: Brian Torreano

Nothing new. Brian Torreano took over secretary's role as of January 1, 2016.

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Splash Editor report: Connie Smith

Connie is working on a new layout for the Splash. She thinks that the new issue should be ready at end of month.

Last issue printing cost \$380.16. The issue was 36 pages. Tim thinks that the cost is \$2.75 per copy. I need to send Connie the info for my printer so that we can send them a quote.

We expect to publish quarterly.

Brian suggested sending issues to everyone who paid last year and have a sticker on the Splash indicating that they needed to renew their membership.

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Vice President Report: Andy Hudson

BAP updated. Andy has to order the plaques for awards.

Fish Bowl updates: Andy is trying to get four speakers. Andy is trying to get this guy who was talking about aquaponics. Randy and Ted are trying to get speakers. Andy would like to get Mark Denaro to come to speak about nano planted tanks.

Fish Bowl meeting was supposed to happen on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January, but didn't happen.

Aqueon is going to donate some Aqua Springs tanks to the Fish Bowl.

Tim is interested in knowing how the Fish Bowl is going to be an outreach to the community.

Rare Fish Auction is not going to purchase fishes this year. We are going to encourage people to bring in BAP bags of rare fishes. We are hoping to get some fishes from Best Fish or Aquatics Unlimited, if possible.

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President's Report: Rock Smith

January speaker, Amy Kretlow from DNR. March is covered, April covered. August is covered. We need a February speaker.

Tim thinks that the speakers are a real draw for the meetings. He would like to see them advertised more.

We may try to get Joe Olenik to speak.

Rock put the President's message on the forum.

Andy mentioned that there be a better auction split for members than non-members. Tim thinks that we should promote the benefits of membership.

What can we do to increase the benefits of membership?

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Old business:

Warren Berg was wondering if we could do the soda and bakery sale at the meetings to raise funds for the club? Andy said that we could probably do that. Tim said that refreshments at the meeting would

promote the social atmosphere. Refreshments will be counted as donations to the club.

Tim was wondering if we could show videos during downtime at the club meetings.

Aaron Glass mentioned that the post card printout count was 530. Cards are \$0.55 each. Aaron said that he can order large cards, if necessary, to add more information.

Tony Snell would like to maintain an email list for the club. Andy suggested sending post card information to the list. List will be for anyone that wants to join.

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New Business:

Do we want to have board meetings on Tuesday nights @ 6:30 pm? Tuesday prior to meetings would be good. Dates are:

February 16<sup>th</sup> - Tim Pilat  
March 15<sup>th</sup> - Andy Hudson  
April 12<sup>th</sup> - Tim Pilat  
May 17<sup>th</sup> - Smiths  
June 14<sup>th</sup> - Brian Torreano  
None in July  
August 16<sup>th</sup> - Smiths  
September 13<sup>th</sup> - Aaron Glass  
October 18<sup>th</sup> - Andy Hudson  
November 15<sup>th</sup> - Tim Pilat  
None in December  
January 17<sup>th, 2017</sup> - ??

Motion to close @ 8:10 pm. Meeting closed.