

Board meeting called to order @ 7:12 pm on March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Pilat

End of February: \$10,550

This is after a \$500 Running River Rainbowfish contribution.

Mini-auction: 69 bags garnered us \$527.00

Speaker expenses for the year are low, so far.

Even after the donation, the club is up \$850.00 for the year.

Challenge is to remain above \$10,000 after Fish Bowl.

Discussion of advertising on the forum, via message or mass-PM to let people know about the upcoming events.

Swap: Net gain of \$1,350.00

Auctions: Net gain of \$940.00

Dues last year was \$600.00.

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Membership Chair Report: Tim Pilat in place of Lisa Ours

31 paid memberships currently.

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Secretary Report: Brian Torreano

Nothing new.

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Splash Editor report: Rock for Connie Smith

Next issue will be \$330.00 to print. Pretty much the same cost between different printers. Connie will also put stickers on mailed issues indicating if your membership is due for renewal.

Tim thinks that we should have advertising to show that stores support MAS. Andy thought we could give certificates to stores that support MAS. Andy will print something out.

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Vice President Report: Andy Hudson

BAP rules discussion.

Discussion about Master and Grand Master level plaques. This was a historic situation. We are wondering if Master or Grand Master should get a plaque. There is concern that if other people who transfer from other clubs should get a plaque if most of their points come from other clubs. Some board members think that at least 50% of the points should come from MAS, if they are to get a plaque.

Tim thinks that we should update the rules. Others agree.

Motion to institute the rule that 50% of Master points to get a plaque must come from MAS. Motion seconded and passed.

Fish Bowl: October 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Actual speaker expenses last year were \$1,314.00.

Bags and t-shirts were \$1,000 last year.

50/50 raffle made \$45.00.

Spent \$1,000.00 for room rental last year.

Andy needs to talk to Roy Ours so that we can have the Fish Bowl website ready by July 1.

Andy called and email Roy Lupton (the shrimp guy) to see if he wanted to speak, but hasn't heard back from him yet.

Tim would like a speaker about what would be needed to establish a stable nano-tank. Aaron suggested Balin Shaw from Illinois (Chicago Aquatic Plant Society).

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President's Report: Rock Smith

Nothing to report.

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Old business:

Swap is April 10<sup>th</sup> and Auction is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Another auction September 18<sup>th</sup>? Another swap in on the Sunday of Fish Bowl.

Mailing of post cards is about \$275.00 for 500 cards.

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New Business:

Brian brought up that America Aquaria has offered up a meeting space if we ever need to have an alternate location. They said that they have a facility that can accommodate 50 people. It was brought up that we would probably like to remain store-neutral, but we may want to do a shop hop there. There was discussion of putting together a shop hop.

Fishroom tour week of June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. First stop will be Eric Niffenegger's, then Steve Sohan?, then Ted Judy.

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Motion to close @ 8:00 pm. Meeting closed.