

GENERAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM ON JANUARY 15TH 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

In 2015, the speaker costs were approximately \$2,500.00.

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

Swap: Net gain of \$1,350.00

Membership Chair Report: Lisa Ours

Total membership = 18 that have renewed, as of today.

Secretary Report: Brian Torreano

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

Splash Editor report: Connie Smith

A *Splash* will be coming out in January.

Vice President Report: Andy Hudson

BAP:

The BAP spreadsheets are up-to-date. Andy has to order the plaques for awards. Eric Niffenegger won in 2015 in the 20+ tanks category, Rock Smith won in the under 20 tanks category.

Andy also wanted to note that the species point list needs to be updated. We need a committee of four or five people to update the list. Please contact Andy if interested.

Anyone with BAP points pending and articles, please get the articles to Connie.

Fish Bowl:

The MAS Fish Bowl will be October 22nd and 23rd, 2016. The theme will be nano-tanks. We are looking for four nano-species speakers. A nano-tank is considered to be anything under 10 gallons.

President's Report: Rock Smith

Rock's letter to the club is on the forums.

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PAP Report: Ken King

Christmas party went well. Ken also wanted to remind people to bring in donations to get PAP points. Please write down what you have brought in at the general meetings on the sign-in sheet. Please also note if you brought in stuff for HAP or BAP. Those items give you more PAP points.

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Old business:

Nothing new

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New Business:

Sodas are available for purchase. Proceeds go to the club.

Running River Rainbowfish Project:

The Australians requested some money for research on the Running River Rainbowfish. The Running River Rainbowfish are a species in Australia that is thought to be a valid species that is threatened with extinction due to the introduction of other rainbowfishes from downriver of where the Running River population is found. The money requested is to be used to test the DNA of some captured specimens to determine if they are purebred Running River fishes. The individuals that are found to be purebred are to be used to create captive populations of the fish, to preserve it as a species. Some of the fishes will remain in Australia, while others will be provided to hobbyists to insure the specie's survival within the hobby. The board voted to donate \$200.00 of club funds for the project and to accept individual donations for a few months. Then, one check for the total accumulated will be sent.

Speaker:

Today's speaker is Amy Kretlow of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. She will be speaking on aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin and how this pertains to aquatic hobbyists.

Meeting finished @ 9:10 pm.