**COUNCIL MEETING**

**11/7/24 @ 7:33 PM**

Officers: President Mike Huber, VP Steve Coxon, Treasurer Ian Eggert**,** Secretary David Steele

Council members**:** Lora Watson, Jeremy Stellhorn

Appointees: Membership Chair Bob Watson, BAP/HAP Chair Mike Hellweg

Next council meetings: Dec 9st Jan 2nd

**SECRETARY**

Secretary David Steele read last month’s minutes with lyrical sensuality. Mike Hellweg motioned to approve, 2nd from Bob. Motion approved

**TREASURER**

Ian began with the financial statements for October, followed by statement of activities. Ian bought manila envelopes. Mike Hellweg made motion to approve, Lora 2nd.

**EDITOR**

NN2R

**CORRESPONDING, ADVERTISING, SOCIAL MEDIA**

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**SWAP**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

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**AUCTION**

Hellweg shared the results of last weekend’s auction. Silent auction expansion resulted in a “home run” of hitting all the intended goals. 2nd highest grossing ever fall auction, primarily due to more money per item.

**HAP/BAP**

25% BAP progress. NN2R HAP. Hellweg will get Micah the reports in the next day or two.

**EXCHANGE**

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**POINTS TABULATOR**

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**REFRESHMENTS**

Still need someone to permanently sell the stuff at Auctions. We increased the price on pizza for reasons.

Reminder to sign up with Laura on dishes to bring, and to not duplicate. An excessive amount of time was spent talking about what to spend the food budget on for the 2 final special events.

**WEBMASTER**

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**LISTMASTER**

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**LIBRARY**

95% Complete. David will send QR code to Micah for Good Read Library list as it stands

**SPEAKERS**

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**YouTube**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Hellweg event dates for next year were discussed.

* Fish bucks auction is Jan 4
* 1st Auction dates is Feb 1
* 1st Swap is March 8
* Spring Auction April 26
* Spring Swap May 17
* Fall Swap September 27
* Fall Auction November 7

Leaves June, July, August for Hobby Day

Bob Watson brought up for membership; 2 people on family membership can vote. Confirmed.

David updated council on partnering with SLPL on an educational/outreach component with a fish tank setup at the Kingshighway Branch Library. David and Micah will meet at SLPL tomorrow to confirm specifics/logistics.

Steve Coxon brought up the bid/idea for AGA 2026, Summer or Fall, Andrej shared they alternate. Details of cost and feasibility was discussed. Coxon, Hellweg, Spec will work together to submit the proposal to have AGA in STL.

John Hittler shared with Mike Huber about a potential Catfish convention in October 2025. David mentioned, so that it is enshrined in the record, that should we assist with bringing a catfish convention to STL, there needs to be catfish nuggets served to guests.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Micah brought up the new MASI emails. If anyone wants anything advertised at all, to send it to Marketing@missouriaquariumsociety.com, as that will forward to the team. If anyone is writing a HAP/BAP article it goes to the respective addresses. Micah will help members at the next meeting set things up

David brought up the aspect of people signing up for auction but not following through and suggested a type of enforcement mechanism, Hellweg and Huber shared that if it occurs, typically the next event, the seller will be waitlisted in a matter of speaking.

David brought up an issue of a member selling items on Band at the same time as the Auction with the meeting place being at the Auction site. Coxon already had a discussion with the member and it was done without realizing the negative impact, and won’t happen again.

Mike Hellweg made a motion to adjourn, David Steele 2nd

Adjourned at 9:03pm