**COUNCIL MEETING**

**5/2/24 @ 7:35 PM**

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

Council members**:** Matthew Montoya Rush,Melanie Holmes

Appointees: Auction Mike Hellweg, Bob and Lora Watson

Guest: Charles Harrison, and Chuck Bremer

Next council meetings: May 30, June 27 (1 week early due to July 4th)

Announcements: Steve shared a paraphrased message from our Challenge recipient in Papa New Guinea: “Without your great support we would feel like we’re walking alone, you made a great positive impact on our work”

**SECRETARY**

Secretary David Steele read last month’s minutes with zest and precision. Mike made motion to approve minutes, Mitch 2nd. Motion approved

**TREASURER**

April not yet processed. March 2024 financial statement shared. Continued positive feedback about paypal payout method. Closing one old account and shifting funds to new account. Mike motioned. Steve seconded.

Ian shared the financial activity for March. Steve made motion. Mitch 2nd. Approved.

**EDITOR**

Excused absence, no news to report.

**CORRESPONDING**

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**ADVERTISING, SOCIAL MEDIA**

Mitch shared he need to get with Andrej to get update on the Google Ads for nonprofits.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Bob/Lora shared fantastic feedback on our new Membership co-chairs, as they did a fantastic job during Hobby Days

**SWAP**

Lora shared that all vendors were doing fine during her walk arounds. But Mitch shared a couple of vendor complaints of the swap opening too soon, but it was later revealed that the vendors showed up late. Feedback had few people saying that we should’ve ran everything together – swap and speaker at same time. A lot of people showed up early wrongly thinking that the swap started at 11, possibly because of confusion because food sale starting at 11 was listed.

Jerry asked that we don’t create kids specific areas anymore, due concerns and liability

**AUCTION**

Mike reviewed the auction report sent to council earlier in the week. The final per item price was higher than average, but lowest auction since Covid. Mike brought up last months tabled topic of moving the last few auction items to the silent auction in order to strengthen seller’s opportunities and to end the auction on a higher note. A vote was taken to approve the measure for the next auction in November. Ian made the motion. David 2nd. Motion approved.

**HAP/BAP**

BAP is coming along, but slowly. We have 7000+ entries from 350 members over the past 50+ year. Mike H is getting through the database to make it more searchable and user-friendly, building upon the foundations Steve Edie laid. Bob and Mike will get together to go over the rules and put a survey together for the membership. Charles ask if Mike was still using excel, to which Mike answered affirmative.

HAP – no one turned in anything this month.

**EXCHANGE**

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**POINTS TABULATOR – REFRESHMENTS**

Points need to be submitted to the tabulator. Refreshments person was not there, due to some type of miscommunication.

**LIBRARY**

NN2R, but did bring up the idea of having the books stamped with MASI’s logo to deter unauthorized ownership and incurring the wrath of MASI’s ready-for-battle membership. Mike Huber asked about the PAR meter, Steve reminded us that at a previous meeting it was decided that Andre would be the one to keep it.

**WEBMASTER**

Charles asked what this month’s topic is, which was HAP/BAP and member of the year awards. David brought up the idea of normalizing recognition of all nominees for member of the year.

A follow-on conversation at this juncture was had regarding award plaques, whether using paper awards or wood plaques.

Charles stated that the exchange email is rejecting emails due to inbox being full. Charles further shared ideas for webhosting he will let Micah know about.

Hobbyist/Writer/Novice of the year was discussed as well. Bob asked Mike H about recognition and identification of the submitters, Mike has something in the works.

**LISTMASTER**

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**SPEAKERS**

Rit Forcier, Andrej Spec, Sam Needs a Last name (Gobi and Hillstream Loach expert), Alexander Williamson of Youtube fame (Secret History) Tai Streitman, Don Taphorn. For 2025, Banana Jones.

**YouTube**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Darter URL was purchase, according to Ian. We have it for 4 years for about $170. Mike Hellweg shared will not be present for Rare Fish auction and needs assistance bringing the fish, to which Mike Huber offered to transport for him.

Mike Hellweg asked May 11th 6pm is the FORC at Tairama

**NEW BUSINESS**

David asked the Band moderator to keep an eye out on people making duplicate posts in the different pages.

Mike Hellweg brought up the topic of election, with VP/Treasurer being up for election, along with 3 rotating council positions.

Huber solicited ideas for our next Challenge. Mike Hellweg shared a few opportunities related to fisheries. Coxon shared the idea of Amazon research center.

Motion to close made by Charles, 2nd by Ian, meeting adjourned 9:30pm