**COUNCIL MEETING**

**8/3/23**

Mike Huber called the meeting to order at 7:31. Present were Steve Coxon, Charles Harrison, Ian Eggert, Andrej Spec, Melanie Holmes, Mike Hellweg, Mitch Wendell Chuck Bremer and Bob and Lora Watson, Micah Issit, David Steele, Jeremy Bozarth and Matthew Montoya Rush - Chuck Bremer Charles were guest

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Council meeting is Aug 31, Oct 4, Nov. 1

The deadline for Darter submissions is Sep 1.

Next swap is Sep 9. Next auction is Nov 4

**SECRETARY**

David Steele read the Minutes from the June 29, 2023 meeting. A motion to approve was made by Mike Hellweg and was seconded by Ian Eggert. The motion passed.

**TREASURER**

Discussion to terminate previous treasurer’s access to MASI account is in the works; Mike and Ian will address that issue. Discussion of paying for the post office box for MASI mail was brought up to discern whether payment is on auto-pay. Audit for (not random 2-3 months) entire past year is needed. Mike Huber volunteered to reach out to the previous treasurer to coordinate a smooth financial transition to Ian.

A motion to waive the July Treasurer’s report was made by Mike Hellweg and was seconded by Micah Issit. The motion passed.

**DARTER**

Micah reported that he is conducting outreach for advertisers, to new potential advertising clients.

**LIBRARY/ POINT TABULATION/BAP/HAP/SOCIAL EVENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ADVERTISEMENT/ REFRESHMENTS**

No news to report

**MEMBERS/WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

Bob and Chuck – no news to report aside from an accidental double payment by new member, rectified by extending to a 2nd year membership. Exploration of new membership cards was brought up. Ian volunteered to check with a few different vendors, local and online, to find best value. A new digital copy of the MASI Membership cards (with graphic) will be created by Micah and Matthew, with the goal of streamlining all MASI logos.

**SWAPS**

Mitch needs the list/details for payment. Mike and Ian will assist.

**AUCTION**

Mike shared it will be on Nov 4th, currently no news

**EXCHANGE**

Mike advised for Matthew to coordinate with David Farel, in case there is anything he needs as Exchange Editor

**LISTMASTER**

Micah and Chuck have discussed distribution, Chuck is handling it currently, as Micah does not have access yet. Transition is ongoing.

**SPEAKERS**

Will come back to Steven. Mike re-iterated that Speakers are filled for rest of year

**YOUTUBE**

Matthew Montoya Rush stated he will not be at meeting but will be covered for live stream. Will change the way YT videos will show up on the page, to increase algorithm and viewing.

**CONVENTION/SHOW**

Bob Watson suggested that the 2024 Fishy Weekend be scheduled earlier in the year (Apr-May).

**WEBMASTER**

In the past Chuck has provided graphics, a new graphics liaison is needed, Micah and Matthew will provide graphics to Charles. 650 pixels wide, how long is not important.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bob shared the Lora is emailing and coordinating the Springfield trip. Average is about $100/pp to collect before we order the ticket.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Huber shared that a date is needed for Picnic Day in May. Mike Hellweg shared that it may be better to wait to see when ALA/AKA event is, to not have it during the same time frame

Mike Huber brought up for discussion when Fishy Days in April will be, and whether it will be a 1 or 2 day. Mitch and Mike Hellweg shared that it will be a 2-day event. April 20-21. Tentative details were shared by Bob; goal is to wrap up early on Saturday, with Speakers/Classes in the morning, and Swap in afternoon with mini-talks. Sunday will be the auction. Food will be the same vendor that provided the delicious smoked meats and BBQ. Bob will secure 2 speakers for Fishy Days; one speaker will be local.

Tentative 2024 Swap/Auction dates were discussed; Mike Hellweg will confirm. Mitch emphasized that locking down the dates will help with marketing and sharing with the community.

Micah shared an idea where the MASI website or other social media platforms will have an updated list for MASI events, for each reminder access.

A Convention Show Chair is needed, interest is being solicited by general body. Mike Hellweg suggested we rename Convention show Chairman back to by-law name to Show Chair, to minimize confusion of the titles and roles. Lora Watson volunteered to take on the role of Show Chair. Nominated by Bob, seconded by Mitch. Motion passes.

Mike Huber brought up the idea of purchasing a Sail Sign to have a bigger signage so people can be guided to the right location on Jost’s property. We cannot put the current sail signs on rock road due to municipal code. We currently have signs, will seek to place signs in more noticeable areas

Matthew brought up discussions on the spacing out of time between general meetings and council meetings. The idea of the week prior vs. 2-weeks prior.

Matthew Montoya Rush expressed a concern about access for non-council members’ to join council session meetings. Emphasis of access for members was highlighted by Matthew. Concern of being derailed by a high volume of members issues. Mitch emphasized the need for a standing zoom link for members. The discussion centered around ensuring the lowest barrier of access for interested members and ensuring the security and integrity of the meetings.

A motion to adjourn at 8:54 was made by Mike Hellweg and was seconded by Lora Watson. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned.