**COUNCIL MEETING**

**5/1/25 @ 7:34 PM**

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

Council members**:** David Farel, Ben Cook (late), Lora Watson (unfashionably late)

Appointees: Membership Chair Bob Watson. Swap Chair Jeremy Stellhorn

Next Council meetings: June 5, and June 26

Next General Meeting May 22nd, new June date due to scheduling efficiency for speaker.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Meeting called to order 7:34pm

**TREASURER**

Ian updated the Square account issue and shared the better rates offered by Regions, with minor backend support needed from tech support. Ian will proceed with account closure for Square, and will offer to sell the device to a club member or another aquatic club.

Eggert then shared our financial statement and activities. Motion to approve made by David, 2nd by Bob.

**SECRETARY**

David read the minutes quite succinctly and clearly. Hellweg motioned to approve. Bob 2nd.

**EDITOR/CORRESPONDING**

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**ADVERTISING, SOCIAL MEDIA, YOUTUBE, LISTMASTER**

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**SWAP**

Jeremy working on getting people. At 9 now.

**MEMBERSHIP**

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**AUCTION**

Hellweg updated results of the auction, with special shoutout to Larry Albright for being a 1 man PR machine at the Arnold Petsmart.

Discussions shifted towards advertising progress on PR’ing our meetings rather than swap/auction events.

Hellweg brought the conversation back to Auction topics. Bob brought up an increase of late/no show for silent auction winners and remedies were offered to include siccing the secretary on the winners.

**HAP/BAP**

NN2R HAP, BAP almost cleaned up, figuring out different way of addressing specific point awarding for a few species.

**EXCHANGE**

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**POINTS TABULATOR**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**LIBRARY**

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**SPEAKERS**

Steve provided an updated list of names, and reminded Hellweg of covering for November.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Huber brought up the topic of advertising methods and the new spaces Megan has utilized has brought in new foot traffic to the club. Hellweg commended Megan for her contributions and responsiveness.

Huber brought up the idea of emphasizing the importance of highlighting MASI the club in the front of the Darter as opposed to MASI newsletter being in the back. Healthy discussion was had, and the next Darter will elevate MASI events and speakers towards the front of the issue.

Huber brought up CARES discussion, with folks wanting to start a nationwide CARES program database, council agreed this was a great program to be a part of, and will provide the fish actively being cared for within the MASI community. David Steele will coordinate and facilitate this collaboration.

Micah brought up last months discussion of book purchases and its value to the club and the hobby generally. David added context of his concern regarding the lack of the current framework of making members aware of our current library or there being a current demand for aquatic books to justify the cost of the recently purchased books.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Tropical Fish Hobbyist provided offer for $19.99 for magazine instead of $28.99

Huber brought up 2 books Andrej brought up and Tai Streetman’s book, tabled until FORC or next meeting.

Huber brought up discussion to lock down a Challenge fish, Micah shared a Topeka Shiner conservation program to support. Council unanimously voted to have the Topeka Shiner as the Challenge Fish

Huber brought up a woman in Florida with an overabundance of Apple Snail shells, selling $5 for 15 of them because she will be coming up in June, Huber will also share that info at next months meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Hellweg 2nd by Steve Meeting adjourned at 9:53pm