**GENERAL MEETING**

**11/16/23**

Steve Coxon called the meeting to order at 7:32

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raffle item is an internal heater filter from Oase BioFilter 350 a good fit for a 10-20 gallon tank. The next General meeting is the Christmas party on December 21st

Eric needs details for what food items members will bring to the Christmas event

Mike Hellweg shared to also bring non-perishable items for donation to Operation Food search

Lora shared details of MASI Trip to Branson, and was met with thunderous applause on how well the trip went.

TREASURER

Ian shared our current balance and shared that we cleared out our outstanding 2022 checks needing to be sent out. It was also shared that our financial details have been sorted. The state of our financials are strong and stable. Robby Simmons made motion to approve report, Micah 2nd, motion approved.

SECRETARY

In the interest of time to ensure Greg Sage had sufficient time to present, a motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Micah, 2nd by Matthew Montoya Rush, Lora Watson opposed the motion and was booed, loudly.The motion passed.

The MASI Secretary did not adequately save the past month’s meeting and was slowly dying inside as the revelation was announced. A motion to waive the reading was made by Mike Huber and graciously 2nd by Steven Coxon. Motion passed.

DARTER

Next deadline is January 1st, recommended people to keep an on social media for more details. Greg Sage Part 1 article is in the Darter now.

AUCTION

Mike Hellweg reported on the positive results of the last Auction, it was one of the top turnout and sales to support MASI

HAP/BAP

Mike Hellweg announced the various items submitted by members, where Mike very likely utilized the entire alphabet to name the various plants and fishes submitted for points.

Steven Coxon introduced this month’s special speaker, Banana Jones, which is allegedly his legal name given at birth. He is also a MASI member and goes by the name of Micah the Darter Editor. Micah shared and phenomenal presentation about Turtles and how shrimp are amazing companions for Turtles.

A motion to adjourn at 9:42 was made by Mitch Wendell 2nd by Robbie. Motion passed.