

MEETING MINUTES



DATE: Sunday, January 8, 2017

TIME: 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Water Colors

Call to Order

- **Grand Valley Aquarium Club Board Meeting**
- **Meeting to Discuss**
 - 2017 Budget, Meeting locations and Meeting times, New Laptop, Shop Hop, Bowl Show, Social Events, Meeting locations of 2018, 2017 Christmas Party, Roger Miller Friendship Award, Newsletter honoring Roger, Chair Positions and Youth Program
- **Attendees Not Present**
 - Ken

Previous Business

- **Swap Meet**
 - Need chair for Swap
 - Eric Maxon to co-chair with Mike Monje
- **Laptops and Phone WiFi for HBS**
 - Shea will set up for her phone on WiFi at HSB for credit card reader
 - We have one laptop. Would like a second for use at meetings, auction and swap
 - Budget: \$700 (laptop, USB hard drive and Office)
 - Voted: Approved Unanimous

New Business

- **Approval of budget for 2017**
 - Voted: Approved Unanimous
- **2017 Board Meetings and Locations**
 - Unanimous vote for Bi Monthly

| Meeting Date | Time | Location |
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| January 8 th | 2:00PM | Water Colors |
| March 5 th | 2:00 PM | Justin's |
| May 13 th | 5:00 PM | GVAC Meeting |
| July 8 th | | Picnic |
| September 17 th | 2:00 PM | Water Colors |
| November 5 th | 2:00 PM | Justin's |

- **Recording Speakers**
 - Declined by unanimous decision
- **Shop Hop for 2017**
 - Local fish room tour
 - Steve nominated to organize
- **Bowl Show**
 - Change to one time per year

- More of a competition
- Incorporate into Rare Fish Night
- Chris nominated to Bowl share
- **Social events (ie bowling night, collecting trip, etc.)**
 - Collecting trip in June with Lawrence Kent (June speaker)
 - Bowling Night: Mike to set up. Will bring figures to next meeting
- **Meeting locations for 2018**
 - HSB: works and consistent.
 - Deb will book through 2018
 - Picnic: on hold, looking for new venue
 - Christmas Party: on hold, looking for new venue
- **Christmas Party 2017 location**
 - Possibly looking into changing venue
 - Checking cancelation policy with HSB
 - Possibility of looking into creating a committee to make this a more social event
 - Tabled till March 5th board meeting
- **Picnic 2017**
 - Check to see about refund
 - Voted to change location to Tim's cottage
- **Roger Miller Friendship Award**
 - Plaque Award would be chosen from the membership annually by the fellows to be presented at the Christmas Party
 - Award is to reflect someone in the club who is warm and open to all members and is willing to help those who need it, and is also a friend to all
 - Out of club budget
 - Voted unanimous
- **Donations from Roger Miller Memorial**
 - Funds: \$327
 - Make a sustainable endowment "Roger Miller Fund"
 - Ben, Tim and Mike to put together a plan for the next meeting on March 5th
- **Special newsletter honoring Roger**
 - Individual special edition
 - Deadline for submission: February 1st
 - Printing March 1st
 - Budget \$40.00
 - Voted unanimous
 - Shea putting together and printing
- **Chair Positions**
 - BAP
 - Co-chaired by Tom and Kevin
 - CARES
 - Chaired By Cindy
 - Kevin and Tim are going to look into creating a new GVAC specific conservation program

- Membership
 - John Yost
- **Youth Program**
 - Continue program
 - Contact Samantha Lutz (Motor City)
 - Ways to grow the program
 - Possibly separate youth meetings
 - Table with youth program info at Swap meets and auctions
 - Table at meetings to engage youth (ie. Coloring books or games)
 - Free kids raffle

Other Business

- **Business Cards to hand out to potential members**
- **Auction changes (dry goods)**
- **Auctions Software – Should we upgrade?**
- **Speakers at meetings**
 - Receive free t-shirt and year membership to GVAC
 - Voted: Approved unanimous
- **White List Update (invasive species)**
 - Over 20,000 species on list
 - Would like each hobbyist to sign an agreement that states we will not release our fish into the wild.
Showing that we are responsible hobbyists
- **\$25 in auction bucks to Chase for speaking at November meeting**
 - Voted: Approved unanimous
- **Scrolling pictures/bio of club members to build comradery**
- **Check with Ken for new member packets**