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Meetings and Activities From the Detroit Chapter AAZK People

Meetings:

First off, welcome to a bunch of new members and to our new animal care staff

At our **January 17, 2007 General Membership** meeting we proposed to amend the chapter constitution so that a voting quorum will exist with only 50% of chapter members at the Professional level present (as defined by the National Association, Professional level members are active animal care staff members). Therefore, the absence of docent and or volunteer members at our monthly meetings will not preclude us from conducting business or holding votes. This proposal was approved by the chapter executive board at our January 14th Executive Board meeting.

We voted to donate any funds remaining from our A. Figlioli fund, which are the funds set aside for National Conference representative travel, to be donated to a charity in the name of Albert Figlioli, to be selected by his daughter, Amy.

A few budget items were discussed and the 2007 budget was presented. We discussed ideas about our obligation to provide financial support to the National organization. Certain levels of support are recognized as Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, etc. We voted not to increase our optional support to the Silver level mostly because we require our members to remain active with the National organization and, since we have a large membership, we feel that is a sufficient level of support. The proposed budget was modified and finally approved by the Board of Directors at our March 12 Executive Board meeting:

- A. Figlioli Fund - \$2500 – National Conf. + Charity
- B. Recharter Fee \$250 + National Support \$350 (bronze level) - \$600
- C. Chapter Computer - \$1250
- D. Bowling For Rhinos Event - \$4000

A re-vote at our December 2006 meeting resulted in the selection of Gretchen Friedmann as our Chapter Liaison.

Our Executive Board for 2007 was confirmed:

- Kelly Wilson, Chapter President
- Molly Miller, Vice President
- Cindy Colling, Treasurer
- Marilynn Crowley, Secretary
- Gretchen Friedmann, Chapter Liaison

At our **February 27, 2007** General Membership meeting we discussed the idea of a Pot Luck dinner to be held at Admin and followed up with a bar night. This turned out to be our March 31st outing to Old Shilleleigh's. Thanks to everyone who participated.

We also discussed the options of a chapter fundraiser involving the purchase and re-sale of Tiger baseball tickets. Details need to be worked out but members present agreed to participate.

Members were reminded that dues are due March 1st. Chapter dues remain \$10. Per the Chapter Constitution, National AAZK membership (\$40) and chapter dues paid no later than March 31st are required to remain a chapter member in good standing. Quite a few members have elected to have dues deducted from their paychecks. Forms are always available for this option.

Barbie Wilson has announced that this will be her last year as Bowling For Rhino's Coordinator. This is a big effort and Barbie has always done a fantastic job handling the event. We have been enormously successful raising funds for BFR because of her contribution. Thanks Barbie! This is huge opportunity for anyone interested to step up and fill Barbie's shoes. The sooner the better because the opportunity exists to work with Barbie on committee this year and gain from the wealth of knowledge and experience she has in handling the event.

At our **March 21st General Membership meeting** Kelly recapped the idea of selling Tiger Tickets to raise chapter funds. Some details were discussed and Kelly has since finalized this plan with the suggestion to purchase a higher-profit (chapter makes \$9/ticket sold) ticket option. Game dates still need to be finalized.

We discussed options for a bowling for Rhino's kick-off event. The chapter OK'd the printing of some special pre-event Kick-Off shirts to be sold at the Kick-Off party. Kelly presented this design.

Events:

Old Shilleleigh's members night out March 31, 9:00 p.m.

BFR Kick-Off, Buffalo Wild Wings, Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.