



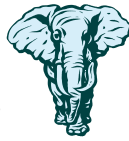
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Meetings and Activities From the Detroit Chapter AAZK People

Meetings:

At our **August 23 General Membership** meeting we watched a presentation on a potential new fundraising product, called CDSJUST4ME. The promotional sheet is attached explaining what this product is and the potential revenue we can generate for the chapter. We need members to start thinking about possible customers for the product. It is also possible that we will link to the CDSJUST4ME web site from our chapter site to make ordering easier.

Kelly reviewed his plans for attending the National Conference in Chicago. Places were still open for others to attend.

Kelly discussed the possibility of getting uniform pants from Joe's Army & Navy Surplus. Unfortunately there was a snag with setting this up since the zoo would not allow an off-site vendor to do business on site. Joe's will still offer a discount to Zoo employees with ID.

Our Web-Site is under construction. We will found at www.aazkdetroit.org once we are up and running.

Zoo Boo dates will be October 19 – 22 and October 26 – 31. Events staff has reserved our tent and will take care of getting it set up in the same location as last year.

2 gift certificates for Buca di Peppo restaurant were donated to the chapter for potential auction or fund raising but we agreed to award them to our tally point leaders for last year (Gretchen) and this coming year.

Congratulations to Rose for winning a jug of 220 pieces of candy by coming up with the closest guess (and thanks for sharing!)

At our **September 27 General Membership meeting** we watched a very interesting presentation by Tom Snider about the endangered bird conservation programs that the Zoo participates in. Thanks Tom!

Kelly reviewed his trip to the National AAZK conference in Chicago. There was some discussion about BFR funds allocations and our hopes for legitimizing individual vs. chapter donations.

In the meantime, with our current policy, our chapter total of \$18,477.58 put us in second place (behind Oklahoma City) and won Kelly a trip to Lewa Wildlife Sanctuary in Kenya. Congratulations Kelly!

Kelly discussed the CDJUST4ME fundraiser and will hopefully get that kicked off by our next meeting.

An informal poll was taken on members' interest in having a White Elephant party again this year. All present were in favor but there were not enough in attendance to actually vote. Most were interested in an off-site event, again, as well.

Our www.aazkdetroit.org website is up and running but is still "under construction". You can log on and look at the site, though.

At the Chapter Executive Board meeting August 15, 2006 the board discussed Kelly's trip to the AAZK conference. Kelly's trip is to be fully funded by the chapter and will be covered under Society time. Others can attend on their own time but will be able to stay at the hotel at the chapter's expense.

Kelly reviewed the status of the basement keeper area improvements. Kelly met with John Anderson to discuss the possibility of AAZK contributing to the improvements or maintenance of the basement rooms. John assures us that the Society will take the responsibility for improving this area but repairs are extensive and we need to have patience about getting things fixed up.

Kelly is working on getting the Coke machines up and running to start generating more funds.

Kelly would like board members to submit profiles for the chapter web site. We are getting links set up so that the site will link to the National site and BFR site.

Kelly discussed the idea of making up a Zookeeper Tales book for the chapter. This would be an educational/entertaining book of anecdotes submitted by chapter members and current staff. If we could compile and publish it, it could be offered as a fundraising tool at chapter events.

Events:

Zoo Boo: Oct. 19 – 22, Oct. 26 - 31