



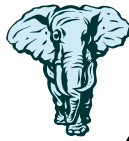
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## Meetings and Activities From the Detroit Chapter AAZK People

### Meetings:

Several meetings were held in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2007. There were two general membership meetings in October and an extra meeting in December to tabulate ballots for executive board.

The main purpose of our **October 17<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting** was to see a presentation on the Animals Asia foundation, given by Betsie Meister. The foundation focuses on the plight of Asia's "bile factory" bears and has rescued hundreds of bears that have become living bile producers for the traditional medicine market in Asia. Betsie's presentation was informative and compelling (and paid off when it came time to distribute Zoo Boo \$)!

Membership discussed allocation of Zoo Boo profits and voted for a 50% (to the chapter)-50% (to charities) allocation.

President Kelly Wilson also advised that there will be an intern working with the DZS Registrar who will be organizing our library which will add much value to this resource.

Kelly also announced the intention to make board nominations at the next General Membership meeting.

He also informed us that the National AAZK organization has changed their "associate" membership title to "student".

Lastly, the white elephant party date was discussed. We decided we could hold the party in December this year since it will be on Zoo grounds.

At our **October 24<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting** Kelly proposed the idea of having a Big Screen TV raffle to raise funds for the chapter. The over all cost of a n appropriate TV would be approximately \$1,300.00, meaning over 130 tickets would have to be sold @ \$10 to profit. The membership discussed this and inevitably felt it was too obligatory and a bit risky.

Kelly announced that our chapter was invited to visit Binder Park Zoo by former DZS Vet Tech Angel Mitchell. Angel informed us that BPZ was trying to organize a bowling for Rhinos event and wanted some tips on how we managed our event as well as general chapter organization. Kelly attempted to cover the trip with

paid time from DZS but that request was denied with a counter offer to host BPZ individuals here. Inevitably, Kelly, Barbie and Tammy did the trip to BPZ after hours. Barbie gave a BFR presentation that was greatly appreciated and well received at BPZ.

Final date and details for the chapter outing to the Organization for Bat Conservation were settled.

Kelly solicited ideas for national committee participation to try to generate more chapter interest and participation at the national level.

At our **November 21<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting** Kelly discussed the payroll deduction option for paying national and local chapter dues. Kelly also solicited designs for a chapter T-shirt which we could raise funds with. He would like to have a design contest for the shirt and award the design winner extra chapter participation points to the winning member. Kelly said that BPZ zookeepers sell calendars to raise money for the western Mich. Chapter and would like our chapter to think about a T-Shirt design for ourselves.

Zoo Boo proceeds were tabulated at \$6591. Membership voted for a 50% of this (\$3296.00) to be allocated to charitable organizations. Organizations that were proposed were: The Animals Asia Foundation, highlighted by Betsie in a presentation the previous month; Capital Area Humane Society, which Kelly would like to match funds for a donation by the BPZ chapter; WWF adopt an animal programs; The Turtle Survival Alliance, and PAWS. We declined to consider the Wildlife Rescue in Texas and the Elephant Rescue in Tennessee. Other potential uses for the funds were discussed, including donation of wood wool to the DZS, funds to update our chapter library, and funds to provide graphics to explain the relocation of Winky and Wanda

Membership discussed not allocating any Zoo Boo funds at all to support Bowling for Rhinos and agreed to pursue an additional fundraising event (Tigers Game?) exclusively for BFR funds instead. The above allocation was virtually unanimously voted by those present.

The Docent appreciation plaque was previewed to membership to be presented at the Docent Chili lunch the following day.



