

Greater Kansas City AAZK

2/13/2018
Lakeside Nature Center

Attendance: Jacque Blessington, Dawn Falls, Veronica Tarnowski, Jessica Murphy, Shirley Williams

Treasurer Report:

- \$2,045.04 balance
- (-) \$107.85 BFR balance

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:

Bowling for Rhinos:

- Rhino Oscars theme
 - Raffle bags will be popcorn bags
 - Red carpet will be laid out for attendees
 - Top bowlers will receive “Best Roscar Actors” awards
- Registrations so far are 13 online and 2 mail-in
- Advertising
 - Dawn will boost a facebook post
 - Jessica will add the event to Next Door
 - Sam was able to get the event listed in Coffee News
 - Jacque submitted the event to the City and to Parks & Rec newsletters
 - We need to decide the size of the lane sponsor banners—lanes are 42” wide
- Shirts
 - Jessica will add shirt pictures to the website and Eventbrite

Conservation:

- Dawn is unable to find a non-profit ID number for the Sun Bear project—she motioned to not send the 2017 donation to the project but instead apply the \$250 to 2018 conservation projects
 - Veronica seconded, and the motion passed
- We spent \$20 to boost the TRAFFIC post on Facebook—it didn’t bring any attendees in but it got us more views
 - We gained \$18 in donations at the talk
 - Dawn motioned that we donate the \$18 to BFR; Shirley seconded and the motion passed
- Conservation project suggestions for 2018:
 - Product: tree kangaroo coffee, chopsticks for salamanders; Stow It program, Saola poaching snare crafts
 - Projects: TRAFFIC, Kestrel Feather Sampling, Mounted Police enrichment
 - Offsite: Mounted Police tour, Ernie Miller, KC Pet Project, SeaLife, Lawrence Rescue Center
- Speaker suggestions for 2018:
 - Lawrence Rescue Center—ferret program
 - Shirley’s friend who rehomes prairie dogs from the wild→possibly paired with a meeting?

- Bats—last 2 weekends in April
- Long Lips Butterfly Farm in Kansas
- Missouri Master Naturalists→possibly partner with them to apply for a Trees for You and Me grant?
- KC Pet Project—exotic animal intake
- Share speakers with Topeka Zoo’s Conservation Connection series

Fundraising:

- Fundraising suggestions for 2018:
 - Hamburger Mary’s Bingo
 - Farmraiser seeds & MO products—first part of November
 - First Fridays
 - Second Saturdays
 - Woofstock
 - Fundraiser in St Joseph
 - Art hanging at One More Cup & Waldo Pizza
 - Independence Uncorked
- We need to solidify the calendar at our next meeting—please email ideas and suggestions to Jacque.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 27, 5:15pm, location to be announced