

# GVAC Agenda and Minutes 1/20/24

**Meeting Date:** 1/20/24

**Attending:** Tim Boelema, Kapil Mandrekar (video), Joel Rohne, Natalie Kolean, Craig Forist, Todd Hudson, Don Youngkin, Kevin Hightower, Rachel Hightower, Kristin Timmer, Thom Post, Joe Forton, Julie Utu

**Treasurer:** Joel Rohne new Treasurer, APPROVED BY BOARD THROUGH EMAIL, will present the vote to the general membership at our February monthly meeting.

Bank cards currently in Sam Peterson's, Andrew Kalafut's, and Natalie Kolean's names. Natalie will keep her card to make the changeover easier with LMCU and continue to pay for meeting space, need to get Tim, Kapil and Joel their own cards. **REQUIRES MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER ELECTION!** Joel and Natalie will coordinate to get this accomplished

Treasurer laptop that was handed over isn't working, **Natalie will bring the VP one to the February meeting for Joel, or earlier as they coordinate bank cards.**

Last year's budget will be used this year for now, Joel will work out specifics after he is settled into the position.

**Corresponding Secretary:** **Tim will pass on the raffle stuff and the email form letter/sponsors to Craig, and Kevin will email the list to him as well.** We will update the website with acknowledgements for sponsors once we have reached out to them. Kapil also has connections he can pass on as needed!

**Upcoming Programs, events etc:** **Kapil is still going to present for the February meeting!** Pruess Pets offered to half sponsor a big name speaker. **Kapil has a large list of options for future programs and will compile that asap**

General program schedule will be a National Speaker once per quarter, with more local speakers in between. No speakers needed for July (picnic), November (Rare Fish Auction), or December (Holiday party). Current budget allows \$4,000 for speaker fees, travel, and lodging.

**Natalie will update the calendar as far as possible with GVAC events as well as other local club's swaps/auctions/meetings.** COMPLETED 1/23/24 - Meetings are scheduled as "monthly meetings" if no details are published yet about speakers. Time and location is on there, will update with speaker details as they come available!

**Breeder Award Program (BAP):** Sam Nichols approved as new chairperson! Jacob Todd is confirmed as Sam's backup! We want to get these records published on the website for reference.

**Horticultural Award Program (HAP):** Need to get records digitized so Brian isn't overloaded and we can publish the information on the website for reference. Kristin volunteered to help get the backlog into a Google Sheet and will start recording new entries into it at the February meeting.

**Raffle:** Tim will hand off raffle stuff to Craig before or at the next meeting.

**Membership:** 127 total memberships for 180 members in 2023. Did not have a January meeting due to weather, but 31 memberships were purchased at the swap on 1/20 for 2024! Swap attendance was 154 people.

**Old Business:**

Email list for meeting reminders need to be restarted, many members don't use Facebook. Kevin will share SWMAS contact list so we can rebuild/add to what we have if we can find it. Fellows list also needs to be updated so we don't charge them for memberships!

Update meeting location on the website!! NATALIE COMPLETED 1/23/24

New auction software: Joel has also been looking into it and already has 3 inquiries out!

Website maintenance: Todd would be interested in upkeep but needs the login information. Tim spoke with Justin about getting it and Todd would be willing to connect with Justin as well. NATALIE FOUND IT AND PASSED IT TO TIM AND TODD 1/23/24

Rewrite Bylaws: tabled for March board meeting

**New Business:**

Identify backup people for each position that will fill in when needed.

Use the Google Suite instead of Microsoft Office to make sure all information is easily accessible for reference and for future board members.

Mailbox keys: Natalie will give Joe her copy since he lives closer, Natalie will also attempt to get a second copy and renew the box when needed.

Print a PayPal QR code to have out at auctions and get Square reader hooked up to laptop to make check out faster.

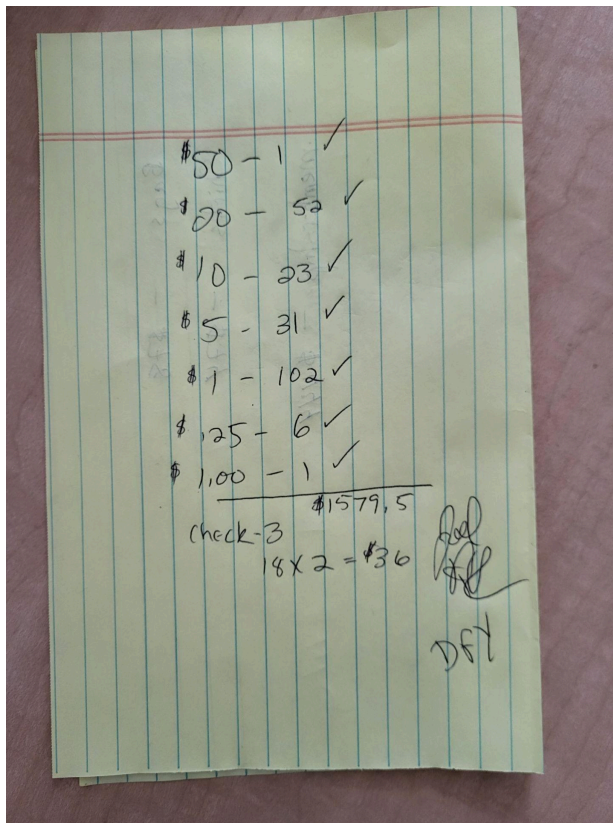
Club Sales: Use an online store like Tee Spring (spelling?) to cut down on physical inventory and burden? New design to boost sales? Kevin will review online store options and present

them at the next board meeting. **MOTION: Liquidate current inventory for \$5 and then only bring it to events, not every meeting. Proposed by Kevin, 2nd by Todd, Unanimous yes vote**

Posting plan/public Facebook page in addition to current group, Kapil would be able to help manage it, will discuss at next meeting once we have ironed out other details.

**MOTION: Keep dry goods as Buy it Now items for the big auctions, get that clearly published on the website as well as all promotional posts. Proposed by Rachel, 2nd by many, Unanimous yes vote**

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING: MARCH 9TH AT 4PM BEFORE THE MONTHLY MEETING AT ADVENTURE POINT**



Cash box totals at the end of the swap, verified by Joel and Don