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### TAWGS Minutes February 1, 2017

President Craig Dannenberg called the meeting to order.

Corrections to the November minutes were the spellings of "Cathey" and "Brunner".

Treasurer's report was submitted by Jim Mowder.

Discussion was held about the 2017 Garden Show. Our space is #136, which is a 20 by 10-foot space. Craig and Brad picked up some items at our new storage facility which is the newly formed pond supply facility of Don & Tom's.

It was decided to start setting up the booth for the garden show on Tuesday, February, 7 at 10:00. Water's Edge in Lawrence has graciously agreed to loan us a bubbler for the booth. Also, Skinner's will loan us plants for the show. We are very grateful to these businesses.

Don and Tom's will carry Aquascape products at their facility and offer TAWGS members 20% discounts. They also fix pump motors.

## March 1, 2017

Monthly Meeting  
7:00 PM March 15, 2017  
Preston Hale Room  
Ward Meade Park Botanical Gardens  
124 N. Fillmore  
Topeka, Kansas 66606  
*Getting Ready for Spring – Waters Edge*

Our mission for the garden show is to find ponds for the tour, promote membership and to explain how the water features in the booth work.

Our next discussion concerned the 2017 Pond Tour scheduled for June 24 and 25.

Signs and flags were not stored at Don & Tom's, but Don Taliaferro has most of them except for the one Chris Newell has at his home.

Craig would like to scale back the size of the tickets this year, which should help with cost of printing, etc.

Jim Mowder has the paperwork to renew our annual sponsorship on a flowerbed at Ward-Meade. It is \$100 and allows us to have TAWGS name on it. Don Taliaferro made a motion to approve the renewal and Don Reiger seconded the motion. Motion Craig had met with Phil Thompson regarding

upgrades that need to be done to the website. Phil was hoping to get approval for \$100 to buy a Yoo Theme Pro subscription which would give us access to themes, their widget kit and support. His goals are to:



- Upgrade the code behind our website to the newest version for greater security
- Focus it to feature member ponds
- Make it more visual, highlighting photos and videos
- Make it mobile-friendly-(We looked at statistics for the website, and 60% of people view it from a mobile device.
- And to update the look.

The directions and descriptions of the ponds on the tour could also be put on the website.

Chris Newell made a motion to approve this purchase, Sandy Reiger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Craig offered the idea of doing a tour together this year. We could do some of the KC tour in July or tour 4-5 ponds in Lawrence.

As other business, Bob Sathhoff asked for volunteers for Tulip Time at Ward-Meade Park. There will be two weekends in April

where Ward-Meade will host a luminary of the gardens. There is much work to do in preparing and setting up the displays.

Sherry Reed; Secretary

## From the President;

Thank you to everyone for your participation at the Topeka Garden Show! We had five people offer to be hosts for the pond tour, got a few more leads, three let us know they were preparing to put in ponds and countless people stopped to



discuss water features. The garden show



committee and their experience in having done this a few times made preparing for it easy and put my worries over the show to rest early on. Water's Edge provided a beautiful bubbler and Skinner's graciously loaned us plants- none of which were harmed in the making of the booth. We got it all assembled in a couple days, and had the entire thing packed up and out of the Expo centre in ninety minutes. It was an excellent start to our year! Thank you to everyone who helped in preparing for



or manning it during the show. From members, I heard that they were very happy with the ease it went in and came out and that the smaller format seemed to cause people to stop and talk which was very helpful in connecting with show-goers. If you have any thoughts on the show you'd like to share or have suggestions to make next year even better, please let me know. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year's activities with you (and especially Spring!) ....and I promise to get the key before the next meeting- see you there!

-Craig



## TIPS

Goldfish and koi normally spawn in the warming water of spring. If you want to help ensure survival of some of the baby fish, provide a place for the eggs as well as fry (baby fish) to hide from the larger fish. This can be the roots of plants like Water Hyacinth, or a soft filter material. Caution: too many fish can lead to poor water quality.

## Check Your Water

Many of us have had a very dry winter this year. That means that we have had a great deal of evaporation and have been topping off our ponds more. This warrants mention of the importance of dechlorinating tap water. You should always add dechlorinator ([Dry](#) or [Liquid](#)) when topping off the water level of a pond. Any amount of chlorine (such as that found in treated water) can be harmful to your fish. Even if it is not enough chlorine to mean immediate death of the fish, this chlorine can still cause harm to proper gill function.

Topeka Area Water Garden Society  
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March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Fish Fry</b>
June 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>POND TOUR</b>
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Meeting
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>POT LUCK DINNER</b>

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Each month at Old Prairie Town (Ward Meade Park)  
Unless otherwise publicized. Dues are \$15 per single  
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