

IFGA INFORMATION REPORT

October 17, 2020

As we were unable to conduct an annual meeting this year, the following reports have been prepared and submitted by the IFGA officers and committee chairpersons.

President's Report – Bob Lewis

New memberships remained strong this year with a noted decrease in renewals for newer members, especially in locations not near established clubs.

The Pennsylvania club did not submit a roster and no longer is an active IFGA club.

Bob Crouse continues to make improvements and upgrades to the website. In the near future we will consider a change to the website provider as needed. Our current provider's customer service responses on service issues have been poor, difficult, and slow.

Our show schedule has been completed and will be officially posted. Hopefully, conditions will allow us to hold out shows as scheduled.

Dan Proctor has taken over as Publicity Director

The treasury remains in a very positive position.

The executive committee was convened for discussions on show cancelations and waiver of fees/penalties, awards, judging requirements and other show related topics.

No motions for the constitution or by-laws were received.

All existing officers agreed to extend the term for an additional year until elections can be held.

Hoping you and everyone you know is healthy.

Bob Lewis

Vice President's Report – Tom Allen

Not a great deal to report from my perspective. However, I do hope that everyone has been able to stay safe and well during this unwelcome pandemic. It has been a really difficult time for our organization and the local clubs, and I hope that we can get back to normal during 2021. Please support the clubs hosting shows with entries since all of them missed out on the 2020 income they would have pocketed had their show not been cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Allen

IFGA 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

By Stephen Neil Kwartler

EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

	This Year 2020	Last Year 2019
EXPENSES		
SHOW ALLOWANCE (Stipends)	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
GIFTS (Stan's Memorial)	0.00	\$ 0.00
COMPUTER (Software & Website)	\$ 404.00	\$ 203.88

BUSINESS OPERATING EXPENSES

(Reimbursements-office supplies etc) \$ 326.89 \$
416.30

INSURANCE \$ 820.00 \$
777.00

ANNUAL TROPHIES \$2,197.13
\$2,469.34

BOS TROPHIES \$ 0.00 \$
563.66
(added in with Annual Trophies this year)

REFUNDS \$ 49.27 \$
0.00

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TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,797.29
\$6,430.18

IFGA 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

By Stephen Neil Kwartler

INCOME BREAKDOWN

	Checks	Paypal	Total
CLUB DUES - 18 @ \$35.00 = \$630.00			
		<u>11 @ \$35.00</u>	<u>7 @ \$35.00</u>
			\$385.00
\$245.00	\$630.00		
TROPHY SPONSORSHIP – Paid in 2020 for the 2021 Show Season			
	7 @ \$50.00 =		\$350.00
		<u>4 @ \$50.00</u>	<u>3 @</u>
<u>\$50.00</u>			
			\$200.00
\$150.00	\$350.00		
MEMBERSHIPS			
Individual's –			
	153 @ \$25.00=	<u>15 @ \$25.00</u>	<u>138 @ \$25.00</u>
	\$3,825.00		
			\$375.00
\$3,450.00	\$3,825.00		
Lifetime-	18 @ \$150.00=	<u>3 @ \$150.00</u>	<u>15 @ \$150.00</u>
	\$2,700.00_		
			\$450.00
\$2,250.00	\$2,700.00		
IFGA GUPPY STORE - = \$0.00			

INTEREST

Earned From Bank CD = \$158.84 - \$158.84

TOTAL INCOME = \$7,663.84
(Last Year Total Income = \$9,806.36)

IFGA 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSETS

As of August 31, 2020

		This Year Aug 31, 2020	Last Year Aug 31,
	2019		
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE = \$20,631.59		\$23,024.15	
PAYPAL BALANCE	=	\$ 57.21	\$ 329.35
BANK CD BALANCE \$10,572.31	=	\$10,731.15	

IFGA Secretary Report

No report required

Publicity Report – Dan Proctor

I took over as Publicity Director for the IFGA in 2020. We currently pass show information to these outlets: Amazonas, TFH Magazine, Reef Hobbyist Magazine, and Pet Product News.

Earlier this year I updated these outlets and the IFGA Facebook page that our 2020 shows had been cancelled due to corona virus concerns.

I am currently delaying notifying them about our 2021 show schedule because corona virus infections continue to rise across the country, which to my mind leaves our 2021 schedule highly tentative. I am very open to feedback on this decision and can adjust my activities accordingly.

All the best,

Dan Proctor

IFGA Publicity Director

Membership Report – Rusty Strader

This has been a very unique year that we will remember for a long time. Most of the regional clubs did not meet early in the year due to Covid-19. Some clubs have recently started to meet in person or at least have virtual meetings.

There were 19 clubs that have submitted rosters. In some cases, clubs had to submit 2019 roster information due to not being able to meet. The Pennsylvania Guppy Club did not submit a roster or respond when contacted.

There were no inquiries about forming a new IFGA club.

Because most people can easily get information about joining the IFGA through the website, I received no inquiries about becoming individual IFGA members. When there are inquiries, the IFGA president is usually contacted.

As a reminder, our constitution requires that club rosters include the name, address, phone number, & email address of members. Some clubs still have names of members without additional information. Unless the address and contact information are included with the club roster, these club members cannot be counted towards the five-core member or three IFGA dues paying member requirement.

Rusty Strader, Membership Chairman

Judging Board Report – Jim Alderson

Judging Board Report

Due to the pandemic, all requirements to maintain your judging status have been suspended. The only requirement that remains in effect is that you must remain an IFGA member to maintain your judging status. If shows go on as scheduled next year, remember that the HB White class has been added to the required classes for an IFGA show. HB Whites entered in the HB Pastel class will be disqualified. If an entry in the HB pastels class has some degree of a secondary pastel color, it will remain in the HB pastel class. The judging Board's goal is to make this transition with a minimal number of disqualifications. Conversely, If A HB White fish has in its caudal fin a secondary pastel, color it will be disqualified. The Judging Board may address these standards after we have had a year of showing these fish with the new class in effect. It is difficult to change a class that has been in effect for over 50 years without some adjustment on the part of exhibitors, but the Judging Board will work to the change as smoothly as possible. As the judging Board Chairperson, I am going through my records to try and get the current email address of all the judges on one list so that the Board may communicate with the Judges directly. Many of the email addresses I have on record are not active. If you are a judging board member, please send your current email address to guppychampion@aol.com. Depending upon the trajectory of the pandemic and the execution of the show season, there may be other judging related virtual educational events planned by the Board to keep the Judges up-to-date and engaged. There are some judging topics in which the Board has expressed a need for further clarification and education of the judges. These include HB White, HB Pastel. HB body-color, body-color in general and how these points are allocated, and the minimum requirements for the snakeskin, gold, and bronze classes. Let's hope for a full show season next year.

Stay healthy everyone, we can't afford to lose you,

Jim

Correspondence Report – Bob Lewis

We received approximately 80 inquiries this past year through the IFGA website which is up from last year.

All inquiries received a response.

The majority of the contacts dealt with purchasing fish, finding breeders and questions about shows and show locations.

A large number of communications deal with logging into the website.

We did receive more inquiries from international locations about individual membership and also experienced several inquiries with language barrier problems. We did receive a few US based questions that were indiscernible.

No new club inquiries were received this year.

Two internet scam emails were received.

Website Report – Bob Crouse

2020 IFGA INTERIM Webmaster Report

The year 2020 was spent getting acquainted with the website in areas that I have not used before. Then I tackled the suggestions for issues and changes sent to me from members.

For 2021, I will do the same and devote more time to make sure all the pages are able to be viewed on mobile devices. With such a large task, if anyone sees something that needs to be addressed, please let me know. Do not be shy, my goal is to repair problems and move forward to improve the overall website for everyone's enjoyment.

My involvement is meant to be interim only. If you think you would like to explore being the webmaster, please contact Bob Lewis. The requirement is that you have a medium knowledge of live editing and pc's. This is not a job for a beginner.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crouse - IFGA INTERIM Webmaster

Parliamentarian Report – E.T. Mellor IFGA

No new motions were received.

Awards Report-Greg Billings

The 2020 IFGA Point Show season is historical. For the first time that I know of, multiple shows were cancelled due to concerns outside the control of the IFGA or the hosting clubs. The Covid 19 pandemic is also a concern for the up-coming 2021point season. We can't compare total season entries as I have in the past because of the 2020 season's single show but we can compare each season's annual. Unfortunately, the 2020 IFGA points show season started with an annual with only 534 entries. In the last four years entries to the annual show entries have dropped from 706 entries in 2016 to 534 entries in October 2019 (706→680→573→534). As we all know there was no annual in October 2020, but let's all work towards an increase in entries during the next show season and especially at the October 2021 annual. The annual is the one place we all have to meet the largest number of IFGA members in one place.

Please remember that at the last annual, the judging board explained their logical decision to promote the provisional "Half Black White" class to official IFGA class status while the provisional "All Color Wide" class was not. With the cancellation of all the rest of the 2020 shows we never had a chance to see growth in the entry participation of this new formal class but with this extra time to breed, let's hope the Half Black White class sees a dramatic increase in entries. Knowing that your HB Whites will be "Disqualified" (DQ) in the HB Pastel class, why not work on a true separate strain.

While the "All Color Wide" is not an official IFGA class, any hosting club can offer a class such as "Roundtail", "Any Other Shape" or whatever has interest in your club. Should your club elect to do so, please let Roy or me know well ahead of your show so we can alter the registration software to tally your unique club sponsored class. Note however, that the hosting club is responsible for that class' plaques; it should be mentioned in your show posting; and points will be tallied for your show but not included in the IFGA's point totals.

The points of all the season's entries are now being tabulated by myself AND Roy O'Doherty. Join me in thanking Roy for volunteering to ensure the validity of all the posted data of the 2019 and 2020 show seasons and to learn the duties of the Awards Committee Chair. Roy has worked hard to understand the scripting code that guides the intricate excel software to tabulate all the rankings.

As you must know by now, the single 2020 show (October 2019 Annual) will be combined with the future shows of the 2021 show season to form a 2020-2021 show season. Roy and I will be working on the code or a strategy to combine the two years of shows into one tally.

Stay safe,

Greg Billings - Awards Committee Chairperson

IFGA Facebook Page- Jim Alderson

No report provided.

Publications Report – Bob Crouse

I desperately need NEW Articles. All types of articles; technical, instructional, funny, mishaps and triumphs. You may think you do not have something to offer. Why not give it a try? I am available to help if you need it.

A total of 15 new articles were submitted in 2020.

(2015=14, 2016=10, 2017=20, 2018=21, 7=2019)

Thanks to all (Alphabetical):

Tom Allen, The Judging Board, Bob Larsen, Michael Marcotrigiano, Gary Mousseau, Albert Ricci, Bob Strube, and Glenn Wachter

The 2021 eBulletin will have:

More NEW articles! (with everyone's help).

Thanks to everyone for giving me the opportunity to do something I love to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crouse - IFGA eBulletin Editor/Publisher

IFGA Historian Report – Bob Crouse

I continue all the pictures and articles I receive on a flash drive to save them for the future. It is a work in progress.

I have received a video cd from Bill Orth of a St. Louis annual. I will try to link it to a future article for viewing.

I would like to eventually publish "The IFGA through the Years". (Using pictures, stories, and statistics)

Please contact Bob Crouse if you have something to share. A photo, a story, a memory that you would like to share.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Crouse - IFGA Historian Committee Chairperson

Show Rotation Report – E.T. Mellor

FINAL 2021 IFGA SCHEDULE

March 27 & 28, 2021 Utah

April 17 & 18, 2021 Michigan,

May 15 & 16, 2021 Gateway,

June 12 & 13, 2021 New England

July 10 & 11, 2021 South Jersey

July 31 & August 1, 2021 Deep South

October 22, 23 & 24, 2021 The Annual Show and Meeting in
Chicago, IL.

YouTube Report – Michael Marcotrigiano

No activity to report.

Nominating Committee – Michael Raimondi

No report needed as the annual meeting was cancelled.

