

Texas Master Naturalists – South Texas Chapter
Meeting (via Zoom) August 18, 2020

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting

Attendees (thanks Dawn!)

Bibi Dalrymple, Randy Bissell, Wendy Hill, Michelle Connolly, Art Seibert, Brenda Weathered, Blyth Swartsfager, Chad Huckabee, Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Cindy Frank, George Gardiner, Grace Lopez, Janice Ainbinder, Jason Johnson, Lari Jo Edwards, Jean Meadors, Jen McCollough, Karen Smith, Kim Ogden, Lillian Bass, Lindsay Hottell, Marie Kieber-Emmons, Tom Kieber-Emmons, Michael Clifford, Michelle Alvarez, Mike Wenzel, Nikki Ikonopoulou, Paul Silva TPWD, Philip Woods, Rebecca Smith, Robert Ward, Phillip Woods, Rosemary Plank, Gary Walker (revised 9/16), Rylee Gonzales, Suanne Pyle, Matt Hendrix, Amy Rivers, Dawn Bissell

Guest – Melanie Hollenshead, Cradle of Texas Chapter

6:45 - Presenter: Randy Bissell, Naturalist & Geologist, Color My Delta – Tiles of Terrain at the Nueces Delta Preserve YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFwRkAFnpoA>

Key Decisions and Policy Announcements

- We are entering into an Officer Nomination process led by Blythe to fill the positions of Vice-President and Treasurer for the upcoming year.
- Motions to reallocate budgeted or held funds were made by Treasurer and tabled by President.
- Randy was confirmed as the Secretary by majority vote.
- Initial Training has begun for 13 Intern/Member candidates.
- Next Chapter Meeting – September 15 via Zoom.

Meeting brought to order (Bibi Dalrymple): 7:45 pm and managed agenda via powerpoint presentation.

Officer Nomination Process (Blythe)

- VP and Treasurer.
- 2-year positions.
- Election in November, installation in January.
- Chuck reviews VP distinctive roles.
 - Important to get AP speakers for Meetings.
 - Contact, arrange, and facilitate speakers. Fun.
 - Introduce the speaker.
 - Assist or stand-in for President if absent.
- Rosemary reviewed Treasurer distinctive roles.
 - Connection was bad, so PPP roles were read.
 - Chief financial officer, holder of the checkbook.

- Provides financial reports and access to members.
- Files essential IRS forms.
- Receives and credits dues and other payments.
- Prepares financial reports to the Board and Chapter.
- Cindy Frank added some key comments – if you can balance a checkbook and fill in a few IRS forms, it is a pretty simple job and Rosemary has honed it into great shape.

Treasurer’s Report (Rosemary Plank)

Treasurer's Report 17 August, 2020						
Texas Master Naturalists: South Texas Chapter						
21-Jan-20	2020 Budget	May 19 Report	June 19 Report	July 21 Report	Aug 17 Report	
		April, 2020	May, 2020	June-2020	July-2020	NET Budget
Please NOTE: Bank Statements Received Reflect Previous Month						
Projected Income						
Membership Dues (Amended in July)	\$1500 (60 to 49 paying mem)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	Total Paid \$1225.00
Intern Classes (original)	\$125-165 (16 persons)					
Member-in-Training virtual classes					16 paid interns	\$1,950.00 To date
Total Dues Income/ Amount Collectable						
Expenses Allowed based on Projected Income						
		Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	Expenses	
State of Texas MN Foundation	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	0
South Texas Botanical Gardens	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Committee Expenses	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	500.00
Membership Education	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	575.00
State Conference Attendance Support	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	250.00
State Meeting Auction	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00
TAMU University Press	\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$193.51)	806.49
Name Tags	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	250.00
Op. Exp., Office Supplies	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	300.00
Contingency Fund	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	250.00
Youth Support	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	300.00
Net Income/Expense		\$25.00/0	\$25.00/\$350.00	\$25.00/\$100.00	\$25.00/\$100.00	
Actions Taken: 1,500.00 transferred from checking to savings						
Action to be taken: Provide 5 scholarships for \$55.00						
Motions Required: Finance Committee meeting Aug 7, 2020						
1. Name tag budget; will not be used due to intern training process. Move \$25.00 to State Conference Attendance support and \$225.00 into Contingency fund.						
2. State Meeting Auction funds will not be used, move into contingency fund. No auction at state meeting						
BANK REPORT DATE						
	12/31/2019	4/30/2020	5/31/2020	5/31/20	6/30/20	Accrual 6/31/2020
Share Act Total:	\$7,838.82	8890.74	8577.53	8577.53	8,614.18	10,086.04
Savings: \$316.10		316.30	316.30	316.30	1791.50 U	1816.50 T
Business Simple:	\$3,360.60	4,366.60	4041.60	4041.60	4,051.60	4,051.60
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Maturity 11-14-2021		11.38	11.79	11.45	11.86	YTD \$68.96

- Two motions were made by the Treasurer: 1) reallocation of name tag budget and 2) State meeting auction funds to be moved to contingency fund.

Point of Order – Secretary, Pre-budgeted item reallocations do not need to be voted on by the Chapter, they can be exercised by the Fiduciary Officers, Executive Committee, or Board of Directors.

President Tabled Financial Motions for consideration.

- Suggestion was made to use \$250 Presidential Conference Travel funds to sponsor five attendees to virtual conference in October. President will decide recipients and process for selection.

There was NO established Old Business

New Business

Election of Randy Bissell as Secretary. 100% of those who voted, voted yes. Estimated 31 attendees.

Initial Training (Phil Woods)

- Began via Zoom on August 17.
- 13 New Trainees.
- Virtual Schedule planned.
- Several new Naturalists introduced themselves.

Service Awards (Cindy Frank)

- Julie Findley got her 1000 hour pin!
- Grace Lopez recertified.
- Ann Flanagan got her 500 hour pin!
- Elaine Tiller, Dawn Bissell, Claude Smith, Suzanne Smith, and Rebecca Smith recertified.
- Karen Smith, Julie Findley, Ray Dillahunty, and Charlie Ogden recertified in July.
- Michelle Alvarez recertified in August.

Bibi announced new Board of Director positions.

- Phil Woods is the chair of the Education Committee.
 - Initial Training.
 - Advanced Training.
- Michelle Alvarez is the chair of the Membership Committee.
 - Publicity.
 - Mentoring.
 - Hospitality.
- Randy Bissell is the chair of the Communications Committee.
 - Web Presence.
 - Bulletin.

Announcements

Hurricane Hanna Cleanup Coming Up Saturday 8/22 – Janice Ainbinder

- 11th graders coordinating clean up.
- County 4H Group.

- Our members can participate for Volunteer Hours under Public Cleanup or ask Cindy where to log the hours.

Upcoming Presentations – Chuck Blend

September 15, 2020

SPEAKERS: Caitlin Cox & Jane Schaller TITLE: TBA – “Pick Up Plastic With Your Pups”

October 20, 2020

SPEAKER: Paul Silva, Natural Resource Specialist, TPWD & TMN TITLE: “Dagger Island Restoration, Rebuilding the Past and Protecting the Future”

November 17, 2020

SPEAKER: Keith A. Pawelek, Assoc. Director, Texas Native Seeds Projects TITLE: “The Texas Native Seeds Program a Statewide Initiative”

8:50 pm Adjourn the Business Meeting (Bibi)

TMN HOURS VOLUNTEER – Chapter Business/Meetings 1 hour.

TMN AT HOURS – Chapter AT Speaker 1.25 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Randy Bissell, Secretary

Aug. 21, 2020