

Minutes for STMN Meeting 9/15/2020 - Via ZOOM

6:30 PM SPEAKER: Caitlin Cox – *Pick Up Plastic with Your Pups*

Video on YouTube here: [Pick Up Plastic with your Pup](#)

Meeting attendees:

First	Last	Mtg. Role
Michelle	Alvarez	Membership
Dawn	Bissell	
Randy	Bissell	Secretary/Communications
Charles	Blend	VP
Christy	Blend	
Samantha	Cass	
Michele	Connolly	
Caitlin	Cox	AT Presenter
Birgitta	Dalrymple	President
Jason	Edwards	
Lari Jo	Edwards	
Thomas	Emmons	
Cindy	Frank	
Amanda	Gabehart	
George	Gardiner	
Wendy	Hill	
Leslie	Hoekstra	
Melanie	Hollenshead	Visitor -Cradle of Texas
Marie	Kieber-Emmons	
Jean	Meadors	
Kimberly	Ogden	
Rosemary	Plank	Treasurer
Winnie	Shrum	
Arthur	Siebert	
Paul	Silva	TPWD Advisor
Carol	Singleton	
Karen	Smith	
Rebecca	Smith	
Bryan	Tilley	
Carlos	Valdez Sr.	
Gary	Walker	
Brenda	Weathered	
Michael	Wenzel	
Philip	Woods	Training

Meeting Call to order – Bibi 7:11 pm

Introduction of guests and visitors (see above)

Review and approval of August minutes – Bibi/Randy

- Rosemary pointed out the need to update the August Chapter Meeting to reflect Gary Walker's attendance.
- Approved as amended.

Reports of standing committees, liaisons, and officers

Treasurer's report – Rosemary Plank

- Balanced budget since 2019 required.
- Transferred money to allow for five scholarships for TNM State Conference.
- One person applied.
- Attendees can choose session but must provide report for publication in the Monthly Newsletter.
- Since no Auction, money transferred to Contingency Fund.
- Book costs are borne by purchasers, no impact on budget.
- Laminated name tags deferred to 2021.
- \$4216.09 in operating funds.
- \$4254.83 in CD.
- \$1816.50 in operating savings.
- Amanda asked about rolling unused scholarship funds into coming year budget. No rollover is allowed but the budget can be reset to allow for scholarships.
- Rebecca questioned why dues were raised if we have such surplus? Dues were raised prior to Covid Impacts.
- Secretary invoked **Point of Order** to President suggesting that detailed discussions on budget be deferred to future Board or Committee meeting.

Initial Training – Philip Woods

- First field day upcoming on Sept. 19 at Hazel Bazemore.
- Full day, multi-sessions, social distancing planned.
- We will see how that goes.
- October will be Mustang Island SP and PINS.
- November will be Oso Bay and Nueces Delta.
- December we are looking at Aransas Wildlife Refuge.
- Some trainees may get certified by year end.
- Members should not come to field days (unless involved) to prevent person count problem.
- Weather for Saturday looks great.

VMS Admin 1 -- **Cindy Frank** --Recognitions and service awards

- Ann Flannagan recertified.
- Jennifer Pshigoda certified.
- Elaine Till – 1000 hour pin.
- Gary Walker – 1000 hour pin.
- Phil Woods – 1000 hour pin.
- Chad Huckabee currently has 11,000 hours!

President – **Bibi Dalrymple**

- Reminder to mail Bibi scholarship applications.

Outreach/Communications – **Randy Bissell**

- Preference to move all chapter-wide communication to VMS system.
- More people will get trained and credentialed for VMS.
- If anyone needs email updates, let Cindy or Randy know.
- Please enroll in the TxMN Listserv, via the link sent in an email.
- Check your SPAM/Junk folders for VMS emails that may have gotten caught.
- Website and Facebook continue to improve.

Membership – **Michelle Alvarez**

- To promote better membership relations, we are going to try a break-out session at end of this meeting to get to know each other better.
- Each person will get to share with 3-4 others their favorite place to volunteer.

Reports of special committees

Nominating committee – **Bibi for Blyth Swartsfager**

- No report
- Still looking for VP and Treasurer for 2021-22.

Announcements

MN garden at STBG – **Bibi for Mary Grace Lopez**

- Our Chapter has garden at South Texas Botanical Gardens that needs help.
- Please contact Mary Grace for more information on how to help.
- Normally, first Saturday of each month is a work day.

Solicitation of other announcements from the floor? None.

Break-out rooms – **Michelle Alvarez** – social activity.

Reconvene before adjournment

- Lots of opportunity for AT via the Listserv.
- Texas Waters Certification has many great webinars.

- Nueces Delta Preserve is offering Journaling class (see Facebook).
- There are horned toads at Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

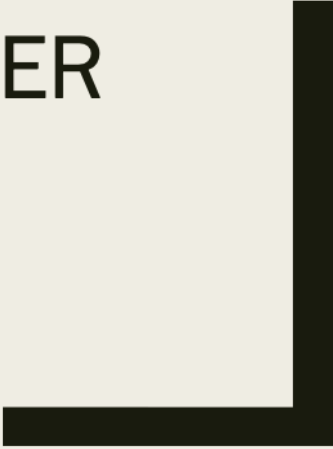
- AT .75 hours.
- Administration/chapter meeting 1 hours.

Minutes respectfully submitted 9/16/2020 by Randy Bissell, Secretary.



STMN CHAPTER MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2020



Agenda

- SPEAKER: Caitlin Cox & Jane Schaller, the mother-daughter duo
Title: *Pick Up Plastic with Your Pups*
- Call to order
- Introduction of guests and visitors
- Review and approval of August minutes
- Reports of standing committees, liaisons, and officers
 - Treasurer's report - **Rosemary Plank**
 - Initial Training - **Philip Woods**
 - VMS Admin 1 - **Cindy Frank** - Recognitions and service awards
 - President - **Bibi Dalrymple**
 - Outreach/Communications - **Randy Bissell**
 - Membership - **Michelle Alvarez**

I call this meeting to order at _____

The minutes of our last meeting on August 18 were emailed by Cindy on August 21 and they are available on our website. Are there any corrections to the minutes? The minutes will stand as emailed or corrected.

Treasurer's report – Rosemary Plank

Treasurer's Report 9/27/2019			
Town of Rosemary (North) Town District			
	2019 Budget		10/2019
Account	Actual	Balance	
Income			
Members to Date	\$1,200.00 (30 members)	\$1,200.00 (30 members)	
Users Online (2019-2021 A (1200-10)	\$2475 (15 members)	\$1,500.00 (10 members)	
Other Income	0		
Total Income	\$3,675.00	\$2,700.00	\$975.00 (26%)
Expenses			
State of Texas 10% Percentage		\$100.00	paid
Health Team Expense Reimburse		\$200.00	paid
Director's Expenses		\$200.00	
Members to Education		\$575.00	
Plan Conference (Education Budget)	(200) ▲\$275.00	\$55.00	4 remaining
Plan Learning Center	(1000)		Transfer to cont.
2019 (cont.) Plan	(9000)	\$1,000.00	195.01 paid
Health Team	(250)		\$200 Transfer to cont. \$50 to 10 Conference
City, State, Other Reimburs		\$400.00	\$400.00
Contingency Fund	(200) ▲\$075.00	\$0.00	
Youth Support		\$400.00	
Change, Reserve (Increase)			\$400.00
Total Expenditures	\$3,675.00	\$2,700.00	\$975.00
			October 2019 FINANCE REPORT
Total - A. Available Change			
State Net Total			\$1,110.00
Surplus			\$1,264.50
CS Members 11-14-21			\$4,254.00

Members please see notes that:

- 2019 2019 BUDGETS/REPORTS WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR 180 DAYS MINIMUM
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INITIAL TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

Philip Woods, Chair
Randy & Dawn Bissell, Art Siebert, Leslie Hoekstra



RECOGNITIONS AND SERVICE AWARDS

Cindy Frank, VMS 1

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bibi Dalrymple

TMN Listserv – how many have signed up for the Listserv? Randy sent an email on September 9 encouraging everybody to sign up. Grace has been forwarding the messages but would be simpler for everyone to sign up

The State Meeting is being held virtually this year, October 14 – 17 and registration is \$55. Our chapter is offering 5 \$55 scholarships for anyone for whom the \$55 would be burdensome. The application is very easy – just email me. I have awarded one so far and there are 4 left.



COMMUNICATIONS/ OUTREACH

Randy Bissell

MEMBERSHIP

Michelle Alvarez

Agenda (cont.)

- Reports of special committees
 - ~~Nominating committee — **Dyth Swartzfager**~~
- Announcements
 - MN Garden at South Texas Botanical Gardens – **Grace Lopez**
- Break-out rooms – social activity – **Michelle Alvarez**
- Adjourn
- Administration/chapter meeting - 1 hour; AT - 0.75 hours



Blyth is leading the nominating committee to replace two officer positions: Vice-President & Treasurer. The election will be held at our last meeting of the year - November 17

By-laws, p 7

Nominating comm

Election Process

Nomination. The Officer Nominating Committee, chaired by the Past-President with a minimum of two additional ad-hoc members who are selected by the President with Board approval, shall submit a slate of candidates for Officers to the President. The President must publish the slate to the Chapter membership in writing 15 days prior to the last General Membership Meeting before the end of each calendar year. (That will be Nov 2, since our last meeting is Nov 17.)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Master
Naturalist
Garden
@
STBGNC

Mary Grace

Grace is out of commission for a while following knee surgery. STMNs are responsible for maintaining the MN garden at STBGNC and we need to continue weeding and trimming to keep it looking good. I will try to work out a system so that members who are not familiar with the work can help, with guidance from members who are more experienced with the garden.

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BREAKOUT ROOMS

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Adjourn

- Administration/chapter meeting: 1 hour
- AT: 0.75 hours



Is there any further business? Then the meeting is adjourned at _____.

Board of Directors

1	Bibi Dalrymple	President
2	Chuck Blend	Vice President
3	Rosemary Plank	Treasurer
4	Randy Bissell	Secretary
5	Blyth Swartsfager	Immediate Past President
6	Paul Silva (TPWD)	Ex Officio
7	Kevin Gibbs (Agrilife Extension)	Ex Officio
8	Leslie Hoekstra	Intern Class Representative
9	Michelle Alvarez	Membership Committee chair
10	Rosemary Plank	Finance Committee chair
11	Philip Woods	Education Committee chair
12	Chuck Blend	PPP (Operations/Bylaws) chair
13	Chad Huckabee	Historian/Archivist
14	Randy Bissell	Outreach/Communications chair
15	Cindy Frank	VMS 1
16	Chad Huckabee	VMS 2