

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
6:30 pm, Via Zoom

Meeting started at 6:35 pm

SPEAKER: Katie Swanson, Stewardship Coordinator at Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve presented on NERR projects. (.75 hrs AT)

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Nicole Pringle at npouson@austin.utexas.edu

Call to Order 7:25 – Bibi Dalrymple

Attendees:

Janice Ainbinder, Michelle Alvarez, Ada Anderson, Randy Bissell, Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Julie Findley, Ann Flanagan, Cindy Frank, Ric Garces, Lillian Gasca, Nancy Gettelfinger*, Leslie Hoekstra, Dawn Johnson*, Janice Knezek, Mary Grace Lopez, Paul Markley*, Jean Meadors, Kim Ogden, Lorrie Pierce*, Suanne Pyle, Paul Silva, Carol Singleton, Claude & Suzanne Smith, Rebecca Smith, Paul Swacina, Bob Ward, Michael Wenzel, Philip Woods, Brenda Weathered, Bibi Dalrymple, Jennifer Pshigoda, Bryan Tilley, Winnifred Schrum, Jon Brandt, Matt Hendrix, Amy Rivers, Jacquelyn Jones, Dawn Bissell, Lillian Bass, Art Seibert, Karen Smith, George Gardiner

Introduction of visitors (*applicants for the program).

Review and approval of last meeting's minutes.

- Accepted with no edits.
- Posted at www.txmn.org/st

Reports of Officers and Directors

President – Bibi Dalrymple

- President's meeting on March 29 – current COVID guidelines in force.
- Indoor meeting venues must have 100 sq. ft. per person.
- TMN License Plates to be released soon – funds go to HQ.
- Annual Meeting on Oct. 21-24 in Irving/DFW, near airport.
 - Working on format.
 - August 1 registration.
 - Recordings from 2020 will be up through April.

Vice-President – **Kimberly Ogden**

- There is an importance AT and learning, whether it counts or not.
- Please remember TMNTuesdays.
- **City Nature Challenge**
 - Observation dates 4/30-5/3 via iNaturalist.
 - Seek is not robust enough.
 - There is a San Patricio/Nueces Co. area/boundary.
 - May 1 at Nueces Delta Preserve – there will be observations of Nature.
 - City BioBlitz will have to be ID'd from 4/30 to 5/9
 - See the website (below) for the Texas Nature Challenge and Corpus Christi Area Boundary Challenge.
 - Volunteers are needed to be a part of the May 7 verification and ID.
 - ID counts as citizen science volunteer hours.
 - <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/city-nature-challenge-2021-corpus-christi-area>
 - Note: iNaturalist requires registration and app for device.

Treasurer – **Leslie Hoekstra**

- Savings \$1819
- Checking \$5099.91
- 2 Year CD \$4337.05
- 67 members have renewed for 2021

Secretary & Communications Director – **Randy Bissell**

- Thanks to committee members participating in Earth Day Bay Day
 - Mike Wenzel
 - Suanne Pyle
 - Jean Meadors
- Historian, Jim Moloney, brought a number of friends to his Blucher Talk.
- Touch Table was manned by Mary Grace and Chad.
- Great day despite the rain.

Membership – **Michelle Alvarez**

- Art night was fun with several participants.
- Next social in June – Book Exchange or Pictionary.
- Working on mentoring program for upcoming class.
- Started NatureCorps short audio interviews with naturalists.
 - To be hosted on the website soon.

New Class Director – **Philip Woods**

- Looks like we have 40 candidates for 25 slots.
- 1st Tier will be offered to those who registered last year.
- 2nd Tier offerings will be offered to those this year.

- Working with Michelle to design mentoring.
- Revamping reading assignments based upon sites.
- August start. Get together on August 7th.

Volunteer Service Projects Director – **Cindy Frank**

- Recertifications
 - Karen Smith
 - Claude Smith
 - Suzanne Smith
 - Ada Anderson
 - Suanne Pyle
- Certification
 - Jason Edwards
- Covid Survival Pins Now Available!

Announcements / Opportunities

Bibi – Chad sent an email regarding an opportunity to volunteer at the Birdiest Festival at Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens manning the table. Saturday, April 24, 9 to 5. Show up at the Festival and volunteer.

Cindy – Chad is working to do Plant ID training at the Flour Bluff Garden for 2 to 4 interested folks at a time (each weekend for several weeks depending upon interest). Reply to Chad’s email.

Calendar Items

Board of Directors Meeting – Monday, May 3, at 7 pm. (open to all interested).

Chapter Meeting – Tuesday, May 18, at 6:30 pm.

NO Chapter Meeting planned for June/July.

Break-out-rooms – **Michelle Alvarez**

“What sort of Master Naturalist Topic are YOU interested in?”

Door prize Drawing! Collection of Seabeans from Phil. Nancy Gettelfinger won!

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

AT .75 hours Administration/chapter meeting 1 hour.

*Respectfully submitted by
Randy Bissell, Secretary*