

Minutes for STMN Board of Directors Meeting 5/3/21
Conducted VIA ZOOM Platform
7:00 pm

Attendees: Bibi Dalrymple, Kimberly Ogden, Leslie Hoekstra, Randy Bissell, Michelle Alvarez, Phillip Woods, Cynthia Frank, Michele Connolly, Chad Huckabee, Suanne Pyle,

Call to order: 7:07 pm by Bibi Dalrymple.

Quorum established.

Prior Minutes posted on www.txmn.org/st Website. Minutes accepted.

Officer and Director Reports

Bibi Dalrymple – President

- Timeline for officer nominating committee to fill president and secretary positions.
- Publish slate of candidates to chapter membership in writing 15 days prior to last meeting (Nov 16) – so November 1. I will appoint the nominating committee by September 1.
- The incoming President will chair and appoint the Director Nomination Committee.
- The incoming President will present a slate of Director candidates to the newly elected Officers, Past President and Advisor(s) for confirmation by a majority vote of this Executive Committee prior to the end of the calendar year in which they are elected.
- Last Monday, April 26, I attended the Presidents meeting. Next meeting is May 24.
- Return to Service Guidelines: There are no changes until further notice. Virtual is encouraged, Outdoors 6 ft spacing, inside 10 ft spacing.
- License plates should be available for ordering in June.
- Emails sent via Listserv are NOT auto-approved or state approved. We share announcements as received. ALL events, trainings, projects, etc sent out via Listserv MUST be approved at the local chapter level.
- AgriLife Website team in transition – no designated ‘go to’ person anymore. All requests – first-call@tamu.edu.
- HOWEVER – Video Tutorials online - <https://txmn.tamu.edu/wordpress-trainings-recordings/>.
- Mary Pearl can help: Promote users to Administrator – to fix small issues.
- Have requested re-starting Monthly WebMasters Training & Troubleshooting session with AgriLife IT.
- Annual meeting Oct 21-24, DFW airport Marriott, Cross Timbers chapter is hosting.
- June is the official decision deadline for the annual meeting format and August 1st for opening registration.

Our next scheduled Board of Directors meetings are:

- Monday, August 2
- Monday, October 4

Kimberly Ogden – Vice President

- The **May 18** Speaker will be CBBEP Bird Biologist Justin LeClaire.
- The **August 17** speaker will be the Harte Endowed Chair for Conversation and Biodiversity Dr. Dale Gawlik.
- There was good participation for our first City Nature Challenge. We learned a lot from this year.

Leslie Hoekstra – Treasurer

- One new member, Brian Tilley, has paid by credit card.
- The CD earned interest of \$11.76.
- Leslie is having issues with getting bank statements as the bank is still sending them to Rosemary.
- There is a mystery person who has paid dues but we have no info for. Leslie is trying to track her down.

FINANCIAL REPORT	
MAY 3, 2021	
SAVINGS	\$ 1,819.06
CHECKING	\$ 5,099.91
1 CC renewal	23.97
2 YEAR CD	\$ 4,337.05
Interest	11.76
TOTAL	\$11,291.75

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS	
39 RENEWED BY CREDIT CARD	
16 RENEWED BY CHECK	
13 CLASS OF 2020 INTERNS	
68 TOTAL	

Randy Bissell – Secretary/Communications

- There are 497 followers on our Facebook page.
- Randy has sent emails to prospective emails. There are 18 firm replies and 13 mushy.
- The pay site is set up on Square and will go live in the next week or two. They can pay on Square or send check.
- Randy is looking at other chapter websites looking for good ideas on calendar options.

Michelle Alvarez – Membership

- Michelle has been meeting with Phillip Woods and Michele Connolly about the mentoring program. It will be optional for the trainees. Michelle will send survey email about July 12. Mentors will be chosen based on areas of interest and geography.

- Mentors will serve as the point person for questions from the interns. Mentors will have an initial meeting with the intern and one additional meeting by January.
- The **Next social will be the last week of June**. Michelle will make the decision at a later date whether it will be virtual or in person. She would like to do a book exchange.
- There was a discussion about having the social at the Nueces Delta. Kim will check on that. They have started doing field trips at the Nueces Delta.

Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management

- There are 22 members that have recertified this year. Being able to do AT by Zoom has made recertifying easier.
- Cindy has handed out 35 Covid pins and continues to hand out as she sees people.
- Cindy may be out of town for new intern orientation. She suggested Matt Hendrix make a video of her doing the VMS training for the trainees to watch at their convenience. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. The paperwork can be handed out at the training.
- The **May 18** meeting will still be virtual due to Covid guidelines. Kim has conflict for May meeting so Bibi will introduce speaker. Bibi has conflict for orientation so Kim will deliver training.

Philip Woods – Initial Training Committee

- Randy said the team has added Jon Brant who is a soil and critter guy.
- Phillip joined late.
- He said the training class would probably be about 25 people and they may have to break into two groups. This would increase the number of trainers needed.
- He said Jon Brandt was working on tools for training and Thomas Kieber-Emmons was working on revising the reading assignments.
- The Mustang Island trip will include a team building component.
- Randy suggested maybe inviting interns to June Social. Cindy Frank said attending wouldn't count for volunteer hours.

Chad Huckabee – Advanced Training Director

- There is a list of AT in newsletter.
- The Plant ID classes are doing well with small groups and many people scheduled. They offer ID of 25 plants in 2 hours.
- He has plans for after Covid including boat trips and trips to Botanical Garden. He is negotiating with Flour Bluff ISD to borrow microscopes for plant ID.

Michele Connolly – New Class Representative

- Michele is working on the mentoring program with Michelle Alvarez and with Phil Woods on training. She is looking forward to training.

There was no Old Business

New Business: Bibi moved to confirm Phillip Woods as **New Class Director for 2021**. There was a vote by show of hands via Zoom. It was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned by Bibi Dalrymple at 7:59 pm.

1 hr. Chapter Business.

Minutes prepared by Suanne Pyle and Randy Bissell