

Minutes for STMN Meeting 9/21/2021
6:30 pm Zoom Virtual Meeting

6:30 pm *meeting called to order by President Bibi Dalrymple.*

Speaker: Holly Grand, Outreach Education Coordinator, TPWD Coastal Fisheries Division

Attendees: Bibi Dalrymple, Suanne Pyle, Randy Bissell, Nancy Gettelfinger, Joan Gettelfinger, Michelle Alvarez, Joan Wolfe, Phillip Woods, Cindy Frank, George Gardiner, Leslie Albrecht, Jean Meadors, Michele Connolly, Michael Wenzel, Bryan Tilley, Kim Ogden, Matt Hendrix, Paula Baker, Lorrie Pierce, Mary Grace Lopez, Lari Jo Edwards, Jason Edwards, Marie Kieber-Emmons, Tom Kieber-Emmons, Amy Rivers, Ricardo Rodriguez, Janice Ainbinder, Suzanne Smith, Claude Smith, Steve Cook, Kati Parker, Ada Anderson, Ann Flanagan, Art Siebert, Holly Grand*

*Speaker

Call to Order after break at 7:26 by Bibi Dalrymple

The minutes of our last meeting are posted to our website (<https://txmn.org/st/meetings/chapter-meeting-documents/>). No corrections to the minutes. The minutes will stand as posted.

No visitors present.

President's report:

- Cindy Frank reached the 5,000-hour milestone less than a year after reaching the 4,000-hour milestone – congratulations!
- **Annual Meeting: October 21-24**, registration deadline is October 1
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2021-annual-meeting/>
- The policy regarding watching Annual meeting recordings will be the same as last year: 2021 Annual Meeting: Recorded sessions can be watched **through April 2022** for AT hours.
<https://txmn.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Temporary-Training-Policy-Changes.pdf>
- Photo and art contest - entries are due **September 30th!** <https://txmn.tamu.edu/2021-photo-art-media-contest/>
- 2021 TMN Tuesday events watched live or recorded will **ONLY** count for AT in 2021
- Poll for mode of viewing and desired frequency of TMN Tuesdays. 81% watched live and 56% watched recorded. 89% want monthly, 18% bimonthly and 14% quarterly
- **Next chapter presidents meeting: Monday, September 27, next Board of Directors meeting: October 5, next Chapter meeting: October 19**
- Photos for the annual Texas Master Naturalist slide show. They want 10 per chapter. Please send any pictures you have to Bibi.
- Format:
Original .jpg files only
No PowerPoint presentations, no websites or online newsletters with photos, no “thumbnails”
Please ensure what you send me are only .jpg files at full resolution, not compressed! (Cropping is fine.)

Please make sure the photo is already rotated correctly so I don't have to change the orientation.

Remember: If you view the photo at full-size on your computer monitor and it looks pixilated/grainy/blurry/fuzzy it will not look good in the show and will be left out.

- **Subject:**
Anything that represents the chapter is great! Local and native flora and fauna is always fun, but we really want to see your chapter members at work in the outdoors. TMN'ers on field trips, doing outreach, doing service projects - that's what we're all about! For ideas you can view past years' slide shows from the state website.
- **Captions:**
Short captions are welcome but must be embedded in the photo (.jpg) file. Photos are on the screen for only a short time so please keep the captions brief and the font readable.

Vice President report – Kimberly Ogden

- Sara Jose from Oso Bay Wetlands Preserve and Learning Center will be the **October 19** speaker. She will focus on how volunteers can help.
- The Nominating Committee is hard at work and will present their slate of nominees at the appropriate time
- Please put your hours in after the meeting today and keep them up to date

Treasurer Report – Leslie Hoekstra was not present, given by Bibi Dalrymple

- **Savings \$1,819.74, Checking \$7,118.19 CD \$4397.38 for total of \$13,335.31**
- Total membership is 57 paid members, 2 advisors, 13 2020 trainees, 19 2021 trainees for a total of 91

Secretary/Communication report – Randy Bissell

- The Facebook page has 591 followers. There are 15 to 17 regular contributors who post positive nature/park/people posts. This is very effective in spreading the TMN message.
- The website is constantly being upgrading and is filled with new info. It is a great resource.

Membership report – Michelle Alvarez

- The latest person to be interviewed for Nature Corps is George Gardiner. His recording is on the website. She is looking for other volunteers
- Mentoring program seems to be going well
- There will be an outdoor social sometime in the future

Training report – Phillip Woods

- The next training will be at **Hazel Bazemore on September 25**. The next one will be at the **Welder Wildlife Refuge on Oct. 2**.
- There are 19 people in training class, training is going well and the programs have been great. They should finish the first part of December

Volunteer Management report – Cindy Frank

- Ray Dillahunty and Lari Jo Edwards have recertified
- Michele Connolly has received her 500 hour pin/milestone
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New Training Class Rep – Michele Connolly

- Training is going well and everyone is having a fun time

Announcements

- Cindy Frank saw a bobcat at Hazel Bazemore this morning

Membership activity – Michelle Alvarez

- Break Out rooms, describe favorite fall memories

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm

1.0 hour of AT, .5 hour of Chapter Business

TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS
SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

AS OF 9/14/2021

SAVINGS	\$ 1,819.74
CHECKING	\$ 7,118.19
2 YEAR CD	\$ 4,397.38
TOTAL	\$13,335.31

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

57	Paid Members
2	Advisors (no membership fee required)
13	2020 Trainees
19	2021 Trainees
91	TOTAL