

Minutes for STMN Meeting 1/18/22
7:00 pm Zoom Virtual Meeting

6:34 pm meeting called to order

Speaker: Rae Mooney – Nature Preserve Manager, Port Aransas Parks and Recreation

Attendees: Bibi Dalrymple, Suanne Pyle, Nancy Gettelfinger, Joan Gettelfinger, Michelle Alvarez, Phillip Woods, Cindy Frank, Leslie Albrecht, Jean Meadors, Michele Connolly, Michael Wenzel, Matt Hendrix, Mary Grace Lopez, Lari Jo Edwards, Jason Edwards, Janice Ainbinder, Suzanne Smith, Claude Smith, Steve Cook, Winifred Shrum, Amanda Gabehart, Rebecca Maestas, Leslie Hoekstra, Paula Baker, Julie Findley, Rae Johnson, Kim Beck***, Sue Barley, Katilyn Parker, John Hardie, George Gardiner, Jill Smith, Rene Samson, Ric Garces, Rebecca Johnson, Jaquelyn Jones, Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Wendy Hill, Lillian Bass, Lillian Gasca, Jon Brandt, Rae Mooney*, Kevin Gibbs**, Holly Grand**

*Speaker

**Advisors

***Visitor

Call to Order at 7:55 by Michele Connolly

The minutes of our last meeting are posted to our website (<https://txmn.org/st/meetings/chapter-meeting-documents/>). Are there any new corrections to the minutes? The minutes will stand as posted.

Awards:

- Initial certifications (since our November meeting) - Sue Barley, Leslie Albright, Jean Meadors, Lindsey Hottell
- Recertifications for 2021 - Winnie Shrum, Charlie Ogden, Kim Ogden, Becca Maestas, Steve Cook, Paula Baker, Bryan Tilley, Brenda Weathered
- Recertifications for 2022 – Philip Woods

President's report:

- The new President Michelle Connolly introduced herself and thanked Bibi Dalrymple for helping with the transition and also thanked the new Board members
- Michelle and Bibi attended last President's meeting.
- The Chapter has a new email southtxtmn@gmail.com
- Board of Director meetings are every other month. Dates for regular and BOD meetings are posted on the website.
- She is from the class of 2020

Vice President Report – Kimberly Ogden – not present

Secretary:

- New Secretary Suanne Pyle introduced herself. She is from class of 2020

Treasurer Report – Leslie Hoekstra

- She is from class of 2019
- You may renew your 2022 dues online, see directions at end
- Financial statement as of 1/18/22, see at end

Immediate Past President: Bibi Dalrymple

- She is from class of 2018 and was President 2020-2021. These are her responsibilities.
- a) Lead an annual review and update of the Chapter's Operating Handbook document as requested by the Executive Committee.
b) Chair the Nominating Committee as referenced in Bylaws and included in Appendix.
c) Provide continuity from one Board to the next.
d) Assist the President.
e) Assist in developing end of year report as required by the State and likewise train incoming president.

Advanced Training Director: Chad Huckabee – not present

Communications Director:

- New Communications Director Michael Wenzel introduced himself
- He is from the 2020 class
- He explained about the emails sent by the State office and urged everyone to sign up for the email list serve
- About 640 followers on Facebook, thanks to all the contributors

Membership Director: Michelle Alvarez

- She needs members to join the Membership Committee
- There are opportunities in Recruitment, Mentoring, Socials, and Member Services.
- She will continue to have Quarterly Socials, if you have an idea for one please contact Michelle

New Class Director (Initial Training): Phillip Woods

- We have finished our 2021 training. We started with 19 +one carryover from last year. All but two finished their IT hours. A few lack AT and Volunteer hours but are close to being certified. A few have recertified.
- We are finishing up the 2022 Training Schedule. We are continuing to refine our training process and have some good suggestion on how to have the best training we can offer. We have conferred with other Chapters, listened to suggestions from our chapter, and are working with our venues to use their resources best. We will have the 2022 Schedule ready for the February 1 Board meeting. It will be posted on our TXMN.org/st website and it will be posted on the State site.
- We already have several people who have signed up with the state to show their interest in training with our chapter in 2022. The class will be limited to 25 people. Tell your friends who are interested to sign up on the state website TXMN.org. Contact Philip Woods for any information or help with signing up.

Volunteer Management Report: Cindy Frank

- The first Saturday of every month there is a workday at the Botanical Gardens Butterfly Hill
- Work continues on the Flour Bluff Intermediate School Garden. The date and time varies so check the newsletter for dates and times.
- Every Thursday from 9:00 am to 11:00 there is a workday at the Port Aransas Nature Preserve. Contact Rae Mooney for more info.

New Class Representative Report:

- New Class Rep Katilyn Parker introduced herself. She is from the Class of 2021

Chapter Advisors:

- Holly Grand from TPWD said she is excited to continue working with us
- Kevin Gibbs from Texas AgriLife said he is amazed at how much we have accomplished

Announcements

- The Whooping Crane Festival is February 24-27. They are looking for volunteers to help with various areas. An email was sent out with volunteer information. Contact Rae Mooney for more information.
- Kidfish will be held on January 29 at Lake Corpus Christi State Park. There are enough volunteers for the Education table but they still need some for the actual fishing. Contact Bibi for more info.
- The City Nature Challenge will be held on April 29-May 3. Stay tuned for more info.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:39 pm

.75 hour of AT, .75 hour of Chapter Business

RENEW DUES ONLINE

GO TO THE CHAPTER WEBSITE

<https://txmn.org/st/>

2022 Dues Payment online now at

stxchaptermn.square.site

TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS
SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER
FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 18, 2022

SAVINGS \$ 1,821.12

CHECKING \$ 6,010.57

167.79 Annual dues payments by CC

25.00 Annual dues payment by check

(810.00) Check #1028 storage facility 1 Year (reimbursement)

(149.90) Check #1029 Zoom Account 1 Year (reimbursement)

TOTAL \$ 5,243.46

2 YEAR CD \$ 4,432.92 Maturity Date: November 14, 2023

TOTAL \$11,497.60

Annual Dues Paid for 2022

10 Renewed (2 in 2021)

19 Trainees 2021

2 Advisors (no annual dues required)

31 Members Dues Paid for 2022