Minutes for STMN Meeting 3/15/2022

7:00 pm by Zoom

Speaker introduced by Leslie Albrecht, Vice President

Speaker: Eric Ehrlich, Park Interpreter at Mustang Island State Park

Attendees: Bibi Dalrymple, Suanne Pyle, Leslie Hoekstra, Chad Huckabee, Nancy Gettelfinger, Joan Gettelfinger, Phillip Woods, Cindy Frank, Leslie Albrecht, Jean Meadors, Michael Wenzel, Mary Grace Lopez, Winifred Shrum, Paula Baker, Katilyn Parker, George Gardiner, Ann Flanagan, Karen Smith, Lillian Bass, Margaret Taylor, Art Siebert, Bryan Tilley, Nancy Roberts, Rebecca Johnson, Claude Smith, Suzanne Smith, Kevin Gibbs

Call to Order at 7:47 by Bibi Dalrymple

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: Cindy Frank

* Initial certifications (since our February meeting) – Ricky Rodriguez
* Recertifications for 2022 – Art Siebert, Paula Baker, Becca Maestas, Steve Cook, Ann Flanagan, Nancy Gettelfinger, Kati Parker, Leslie Albrecht
* 250 Hours pin – Kati Parker, Becca Maestas, Anne Thomas
* 500 Hours pin – Jon Brandt
* Lightning Whelk pins will be in soon

President’s report: Given by Bibi Dalrymple as Michele was not present

* The next meeting will be hybrid Zoom and at Flour Bluff Intermediate Library
* Current Committees with members are now posted on website. Thanks to all who have volunteered for committees.

Vice President Report

* Speakers are set through August
* Texas Waters contact Melissa Felty (Alderson) at waterconservationedu@tpwd.texas.org

Secretary: Suanne Pyle

* She urged members to read the minutes when they are posted on the website

Treasurer Report: Leslie Hoekstra

* 42 members renewed (3 in 2021), 19 trainees from 2021, 2 advisors for a total of 69 members
* Emails have been sent to 24 members who haven’t paid 2022 dues
* See financial report at end

Immediate Past President: Bibi Dalrymple

* Nothing new

Advanced Training Director: Chad Huckabee

* Class on plant Adaptations at Botanical Gardens was full, class at Lake Corpus Christi cancelled due to lack of participants
* Please send pictures and articles for newsletter

Communications Director: Michael Wenzel

* Website is constantly being upgraded

Membership Director: Michelle Alvarez, report given by Leslie Albrecht as Michelle was not present

* Successful Star Party Social thanks to Chuck, Christi, Dawn, and Randy. I counted 18 attendees. Cold but fun night at the beach!
* Two new mini-interviews are available to listen to on the NatureCorps page. Go listen to Cindy & Bibi: [https://txmn.org/st/south-texas-naturecorps/](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ftxmn.org%2Fst%2Fsouth-texas-naturecorps%2F&data=04%7C01%7C%7C27953aabc1454c0795ae08da06d6cf8f%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637829817073821136%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=8NzYkEkv%2B%2BcVF%2BADZ1kxS2l5ls1WeSyUNCbtzPLt8Io%3D&reserved=0)
* Committee working to update recruitment brochures for upcoming public outreach events. Spring is a very active time to be a Master Naturalist out and about, so we're bound to run into new recruits. New brochure paper arrived from the TMN bookstore.
* A PDF Member Directory is now available and will be sent out tonight. It is password protected, with the same password we use to access meeting minutes on the chapter website. Please help me make this chapter document more comprehensive by either correcting my entry or informing me of what your interests/specialization are and your usual volunteer locations. The amount of information you have displayed depends entirely on how much you said you wanted available via the survey last fall. So if you have too much or too little personal information shown, let me know and that'll get updated. Thanks!

New Class Director (Initial Training): Phillip Woods

* The Training committee met this month to begin completing the planning for next year’s training.
* We will be reviewing each site and fine tuning the objectives, the agenda, and personnel doing the teaching at each site.
* We are looking at additional sites we might use
* We may expand to some place in Kingsville associated with the university or possibly King Ranch
* Talked about making some of the smaller sites we have used for training in the past to Advanced Training sites
* We are beginning to look at potential trainees for next year. So if you have friends tell them to sign up. There are instructions on the Website. First come, first served.
* The carry over crew from last year is making progress and several have been certified since the last meeting and others are making progress on completing their requirements.

New Class Representative Report: Katilyn Parker

* Working with Training Committee

Volunteer Management Report: Cindy Frank

* Nothing new

Announcements:

* Kevin Gibbs said the STTMN will be recognized at the Commissioner’s Court on April 27. Any members are invited to attend.
* Suanne Pyle said she enjoyed volunteering at Mireles Elementary STEM Day with Chad Huckabee, Mary Grace Lopez, and Jean Meadors

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

.75 hour of AT, .50 hour of Chapter Business

TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS

SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY 28, 2022

SAVINGS $ 1,821.12

CHECKING $5,458.39 Beginning Balance as of February 13, 2022

240.01 Ten Annual dues payments by CC

9.71 Donation by CC

75.00 Three Annual dues payments by CK

(46.00) Check #1031 Earth Day/Bay Day Rentals

TOTAL $ 5,737.11

2 YEAR CD $ 4,436.84 Maturity Date: November 14, 2023

3.54 Interest February 28, 2022

$ 4,440.38

TOTAL $11,998.61