Minutes for STTMN Board of Directors Meeting 3/4/22

Conducted VIA ZOOM Platform

7:00 pm

Attendees: Michele Connolly, Bibi Dalrymple, Michelle Alvarez, Cynthia Frank, Suanne Pyle, Mike Wenzel, Art Siebert, Holly Grand, Katilyn Parker, Kevin Gibbs, Philip Woods, Leslie Albrecht

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Michele Connolly

Prior minutes posted on website

There were no changes. Minutes accepted as posted.

Officer and Director reports

**Michele Connolly – President**

* She attended the Presidents meeting on March 29, 2022. Kevin Gibbs got our pins. There are 62 members who will receive the COVID pin.
* At the Presidents meeting the question was asked what are individual chapters doing to honor their members this month. Michele asked for ideas for this.
* April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. The STTMN will be honored at Commissioners Court April 27, 2022. Michele will attend and other STTMN are also invited to attend.
* The Agri-Life store is fully stocked with TMN items

**Vice President – Leslie Albrecht**

* The speaker for April 19, 2022 will be Captain Jay Tarkington of the Center for Coastal Studies and the topic will be oysters.

**Suanne Pyle - Secretary**

* Nothing new to report

**Leslie Hoekstra – not present**

**Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President**

* Nothing new to report

**Chad Huckabee – not present**

**Mike Wenzel – Communications Director**

* He said we have purchased new equipment for hybrid meetings. It is the same as we have been borrowing from Audubon Outdoor Club so should be easy to use. Michele and Mike will use their laptops and we will need a cell phone. He asked we get there a little early to set up equipment, Cindy said she would ask.

**Michelle Alvarez – Membership Director**

* The new directory has been launched. Michele said she has received very little feedback on people’s specialties and other information. The directory will be updated as information comes in. It will be password protected.
* She is updating our information brochures and hopes to have them done by Earth Day/Bay Day. She will make copies at Kevin’s office.
* The next social is going to be a kayaking and picnicking event at Hazel Bazemore Park. Details to be announced later.

**Phillip Woods – New Class Director (Initial Training)**

* They have finalized the schedule. He wants to contact the sites earlier and be more organized for next class.
* There are already 35 people interested in training for the next class
* They hope to utilize more Zoom training for some subjects

**Katilyn Parker – New Class Representative**

* Nothing new to report

**Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management**

* Emails were sent to everyone who hadn’t paid their dues. There were 19 unpaid and 10 have now paid.

**Advisors:**

* Kevin Gibbs – Reminded everyone about being honored at the Commissioners Court. It will be at the County Courthouse 3rd floor on 4/27/22 at 8:30 am.
* Holly Gibbs – Said she hopes to see everyone at Earth Day/Bay Day

**New Business:**

Suanne Pyle brought up the idea of a members only website. Mike, Randy and she have been discussing it and showed the group a website mockup. Some items that could be there are a calendar, a slideshow of pictures, the member directory and event information. Michele said a special very organized person would need to take on that job.

Michele asked who is in charge of events. According to the Chapter documents the responsibility could be in several different committees. There was discussion about the signup for Kidfish. Most of the members present agreed that it was very useful, easy to use and could be used for future events. There was a lot of discussion about the lack of communications regarding what events there were and signing up for events. Since Chad and Grace are founding members a lot of the information goes to them but doesn’t necessarily make it to the rest of the chapter. Some of these issues are probably from the two years of the Pandemic. There were more opportunities to socialize and sign up sheets at the meetings.

This discussion tied into the discussion about having a members only website. We are trying to make the process more transparent and more visible to all. Kevin brought up the possibility of using Google docs however some members are not comfortable using technology. He also said if anyone needed Word Press training he could set up a training with Michelle Hagerty.

Michele said the next meeting would be hybrid and we would discuss the new website. We will meet in April and May but will take a hiatus for the summer.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm by Michele.

Administration/Board Meeting – 1 hour