

Minutes for STTMN CHAPTER meeting 8/16//22

Conducted VIA ZOOM Platform

7:00 pm

Speaker introduced by Leslie Albrecht, Vice President

Speaker: Stephen Cook, President Audubon Outdoor Club- Basic Bird Identification

**Attendees:** Michele Connolly, Michelle Alvarez, Cynthia Frank, Mike Wenzel, Art Siebert, Holly Grand, Philip Woods, Leslie Hoekstra, Randy Bissell, Rebecca Maestas, Chad Huckabee, Toni Bristoe, Leslie Albrecht, Jean Meadors, Dharma Webber, Ricardo Garces, Jackson Gray, Cindy Forbes, Lillian Bass, Carol Singleton, Nancy Gettlefinger, Teri Gettlefinger, Dale Roscoe, Cornelia Gates, Claude Smith, Suzanne Smith, Janice Ainbinder, Adel Casiano, Debra Plowman, Paula Baker, Lilian Gasca, Jazon Edwards, Tony Minter, Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Melissa Williams, Grace Lopez, Aracecly Negrete, Bibi Dalrymple, Winnie Shrom, Brittany Ashby, James Gill, Janice Knerek, Dawn Bissell, Lari Jo Edwards, Bryan Tilley, Tom Emmons, Marie Kieber-Emmons, Steve Cook, Sherry Stuart, Ada Anderson, Lee DeWitt, Ann Flanagan.

### **Chapter Meeting**

Call to order at 8:10 pm by Michele Connolly

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

Visitors and Guests were welcomed, Nancy Britton, Brittany Ashby

### **Rewards and Recertifications**

Initial Certification-Joan Wolf, Nancy Roberts, Jill Smith

Recertification-Wendy Hill, Bibi Dalrymple, Janice Ainbinder, Claude Smith, Suzanne Smith, Grace Lopez, Jennifer Pshigoda, Mike Wenzel, George Gardiner, Christy Blend, Ray Dillahunty, Karl Dirksmeyer, Ada Anderson

### **Hours Award**

250 hours-Nancy Gettelfinger, Steve Cook, Paula Baker, Charlie Ogden

500 Hours- Christy Blend

1000 Hours-Michele Connolly

2500 hours- Phil Woods

## **Officer and Director reports**

### **Michele Connolly – President**

- Reported we will still hold our meetings virtually and in person at the FB Intermediate school every third Tuesday.
- Initial training will start Saturday, August 20th. Interns that came to this meeting can put it in VMS after Saturday.
- Annual meeting in Houston will be Oct, 20th-23rd, Some zoom classes should be available.
- Friends of Padre Island - September 17. 2022. We will have a table Signup available on the calendar.
- Texas Bays and Estuaries Is having an in-person event Sept 21 and 22nd
- Bibi Dalrymple will have events on Calendar.

**Leslie Albrecht – Vice President – No report.**

**Jean Meadors - Secretary-No report.**

### **Leslie Hoekstra – Treasurer**

- See Financial Report at end of minutes.

### **Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President-**

- Calendar is on the website. It is password protected. Click on the event to get details.It will tell you time, location and where to put it in VMS.
- If you want to add an event let Bibi know.
- Audubon class in Sept will count.

### **Chad Huckabee – Advanced Training -**

- He has been talking to owners of the floating classroom. The Archimedes. The owner will be at the training.

### **Mike Wenzel – Communications Director**

- Check the website to see what is available.

### **Michelle Alvarez – Membership Director**

- 60 + people went to the cookout at Randy and Dawn Bissell's house. There were lots of trainees at the event..
- Still setting up details for our 20th anniversary event.

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

- Our 2022 class is full with 22 new trainees and 3 carryovers from last year. There is a waiting list.
- New orientation will be August 20th at TAMUCC.
- 1st training will be at Hazel Bazemore Sept. 10th
- Talked to most of the new trainees at the party at the Bissells.

**Katilyn Parker – New Class Representative –** Met most of the new trainees at the party.

### **Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management**

- Since the Uvalde shooting school districts are making volunteers fill out forms to get approval to visit campuses.
- Volunteers will need to get forms from each district they visit.

### **Advisors:**

Kevin Gibbs not present.

Holly Grand had nothing to report.

## **Announcements:**

Chuck Blend mentioned they will have a star party at Malaquite Beach the last Saturday in August at sundown.

Michele Connolly stated they need sea beans, shells and other artifacts for outreaches.

Lori Jo Edwards needs help with the Adapter garden and needs to fill up the pollinator garden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm by Michele Connolly

AT training 1 hour. Chapter meeting .75

## TEXAS MASTER NATURALISTS

### SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER

### FINANCIAL REPORT

August 8, 2022

SAVINGS      \$ 1,821.12

.68 Interest 6/30/22

TOTAL \$ 1,822.47

CHECKING      \$ 6,941.64 Beginning Balance as of June 6, 2022

639.64 Four Trainees Paid on Square with Book

242.14 Two Trainees Paid on Square no Book

159.61 One Trainee Paid on Square Book and Training Separate

242.45 Two Trainees Paid on Square (as a couple) No Books

TOTAL \$ 8,225.48 TOTAL

2 YEAR CD      \$ 4,452.03 Maturity Date: November 14, 2023

3.81 Interest 6/30/22

3.94 Interest 7/31/22

\$ 4,459.78

TOTAL            \$ 14,507.73

Annual Dues Paid for 2022

56 Renewed (3 in 2021)

19 Trainees 2021

2 Advisors (no annual dues required)

77 Total

New Trainees for 2022

22 Paid