

Minutes for STTMN Board of Directors Meeting 6/5/2023
Conducted VIA ZOOM Platform
6:35 p.m.

Attendees: Michele Connolley, Mike Wenzel, Leslie Albrecht, Holly Grand, Chad Huckabee, Jean Meadors, Toni Brisco, Bibi Dalrymple, Cindy Frank, Art Siebert, Becca Maestes, Dawn Bissel, Shari Johnsoni , Jean Meadors.

Minutes approved and adopted as written

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm by Michele Connelly

New Business

August Board of Directors meeting will be held, maybe July 31st or August 7th at the Botanical Gardens, in person and via zoom to test how hybrid meeting will work.. Any questions? Leslie Albrecht likes idea of live board meeting. We have to have hybrid meetings.

1. After April meeting when we found out about Dharma's agreement with Caller Times, she was asked several times to send information about agreement. She didn't. She went to state board and not to us. They contacted us and said we needed to have a media agreement. Dawn Bissell had other questions, if you go out on your own do we need permission, it was stated only if you involved chapter. Leslie Albrecht stated that if Dharma had asked or let us know it would have been fine. We didn't need to see each article but needed to let Board know if doing a project, We also need to let Cindy Frank know so she can make an approval.
2. Send a courtesy note to board to let us know. Toni Briscoe asked what happened and if it will still be an option to put other articles. . David Neipert wrote an article and sent it to Dharma Webber to put in Caller Times, it was a very good article but board didn't know about it. You can publish anything but if you use the name Texas Master it has to follow guidelines. Dharma entered into an agreement with the Caller Times that we don't know the details about so not sure what

was agreed. There are some things that Texas Master Naturalists cannot advocate for in articles. Bib Dalrymple stated there rules on how to article, just need to follow guidelines. Nobody wants to edit just know something is out there, especially the President and Communications director, At least 6 different people reached out to Dharma Webber asking for details of the agreement. The state group wants to protect name and trademark.

3. Michele Connolly stated our group has grown to 100 people and we have a marketing, outreach, and communication committees. We need help. Leslie Albrecht mentioned taken for a little more went to Dharma no one person is exempt. Cindy Frank stated We need to know when you set up an agreement and Dharma did not let us know, Leslie thinks Dharma was upset because she was not involved from the ground up settling up policy..
4. We don't have many subcommittees because it's not an optimum use of time. What do we need to say about media agreement. Our intent is to put everything for approval and if approved can be submitted.

Motion stated to approve updated draft. Cindy Frank put forth a motion to approve, media agreement update and Sheri Johnson seconded motion. Motion passed.

We have 2 grants out with the Port of Corpus Christi. There has been a few things going on with port There were 200 applications, When we get approved, If we don't get grant we still need to buy water testing kits for training class. Finance committee will decide. 14 new trainees have people have paid, It might be around \$1200.

Art Siebert is moving soon to Temple Texas. We will need to get new finance committee member.

Officer and Director reports:

Michele Connolly-President

Annual meeting- TMN homepage has tons of updates. stated they are extending deadline for proposals to June 9th. June 16th for field sessions. Lots of sessions close in September, ie photos.

Leslie Albrhcht – Vice President

She told Dr. Sanchez about extension and hopefully she put in proposal.

Jean Meadors - Secretary

No report.

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

Not present

Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President

Needs nominating committee for president and secretary. Suggested that Cindy Frank and Mike Wenzel were suggested.- Leslie moved that Bibi chair committee with Mike and Cindy. Sheri Johnson seconded,

Chad Huckabee-Advanced training

No report

Mike Wenzel – Communications Director

No report.

Dawn Bissell– New Class Director (Initial Training)

Cornelia Gates has gone above and beyond helping make sure everything is good with the new training schedules. Can we have the chapter pay for CPR training for trainers and trainees?

The orientation for new trainees is August 5th and chapter get-together is August 18th.

Sheri Johnson – Membership Director

No report.

Vacant – New Class Representative

Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management

No update.

Advisors:

Kevin Gibbs-Not present

Holly Grand-No report

Michele Connelly adjourned meeting at 7:45

Board meeting

1.25 hours