

**Minutes for STTMN Board of Directors Meeting 4/01/2024
Conducted at Botanical Gardens and VIA ZOOM Platform**

Attendees:

Bibi Dalrymple, Cindy Frank, Michele Connolly, Dawn Bissell, Jean Meadors, Ann Flanagan, Jenny Dailey, Randy Bissell, P.J. Pratt, Bill Beaman, Denise Beaman, Phil Woods, Leslie Albrecht, Pat Clark, Holly Grand

Minutes approved and adopted as written.

Meeting called to order 6:34 pm by Michele Connolly

New Business

For this year 25 people have not paid dues yet. 80 have paid their dues. Discussed raising rates of Initial Training to \$150.00 plus \$40.00 for the book. This would include a \$25.00 fee for King Ranch visit. Randy Bissell does not think we need to raise rates if we have surplus. Jenny Dailey stated that we have other facilities that charge. We do have a budget for field trips. Dawn Bissell stated if other members would like to go to King Ranch they could pay the \$25.00. Cindy Frank made the motion to increase the fee for training, Jenny Dailey seconded the motion. Motion carried with one dissenting vote.

Michele Connolly talked about changing our bank from Rally Credit Union to Frost Bank. Rally Bank has been charging us \$7.50 a month if our checking account drops below \$2500.00. Frost Bank has a dedicated group that handles nonprofit groups. Ann Flanagan and Michele Connolly are considered fiduciary officers.

1. Cindy Frank made the motion to cash out our Rally CD on the maturity date of 4/26/2024 and deposit it to our existing Chapter Checking account. Jenny Dailey seconded it. It was opened for discussion. Motion passed. Ann Flanagan,

treasurer is authorized to complete this transaction. If needed Michele Connolly, President and Bibi Dalrymple, Immediate Past President are also authorized signatures on the account and are directed by the Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas chapter Board of Directors to cash out our CD.

2. Leslie Albrecht made a motion to close out the Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas Chapter Rally Banking Account and obtain a cashier's check payable to Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas Chapter for the full amount. Patricia Clark seconded it. It was opened for discussion. Motion passed. The following individuals are signatures on the account and authorized to make this closure on or after May 1, 2024. Michele Connolly, President; Ann Flanagan, Treasurer; Bibi Dalrymple, Immediate Past President. Randy Bissell will check on square.
3. Cindy Frank made a motion to open a Texas Master Naturalist, South Texas Chapter Banking Account with Frost Bank. Jenny Dailey seconded the motion. It was opened for discussion. Motion was passed. The following accounts shall be established: Checking Account, Money Market Account and purchase a 90 day CD for the amount of \$6,000. The following individuals are signatures on the account and authorized to open this account on or after May 1, 2024. Michele Connolly, President, Ann Flanagan, Treasurer, Bibi Dalrymple, Immediate Past President. Ann will need to confirm that all outstanding check have cleared the bank.

Officer and Director reports:

Michele Connolly-President

Has anyone heard about grants from the Port of Corpus Christi? I had thought they were opening up in April. Maybe they will open up again in October. I will look at other options and if they do open up I will have several ideas.

Field trip update. Michele has tentatively booked the Katy for July 27th from 12'30-5 pm. We will either have 1-four hour trip or 2-2 hour trips. The cost is \$675.00 and can take up to 50 people.. We will pay after trip.

Michele, Bibi and Ann are trained on VMS system.

State is looking at updating curriculum book. Please let them know if you find any typos or want changes. They are working on VMS system. There are no monies for Junior master naturalist. Our junior master naturalist program is called the Junior Master Naturalist program.

Leslie Albrhcht – Vice President

At our next chapter meeting Chad Huckabee will be discussing the effects of level 2 water restrictions.

Jean Meadors - Secretary

No report.

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

She has filed our taxes for 2023.

Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President

No report

Chad Huckabee-Advanced training

Not present

Mike Wenzel – Communications Director

Not present

Jenny Dailey – Membership Director

This is volunteer appreciation month. We will get a ¼ size cake for chapter meeting.

Dawn Bissell– New Class Directator (Initial Training)

We will have an ichthyologist at a training. Pat Clark is helping figure out what we need to train with. In May we will have more information. Initial training orientation will be August 17th. We will have our meet and greet at the August 20th chapter meeting. It will be starting at 5:00 or 5:30, depending on availability of Botanical gardens. We will have meat and cheese trays and potluck. Chapter meeting will be at 7:00-7:30. There will be no advanced training and no zoom.

Patricia Clark-New Class Representative

No report.

Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management

No report.

Advisors:

Holly Grand-No report

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Michele Connelly adjourned meeting at 8 pm.

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