

Minutes for STTMN CHAPTER meeting 10/15/2024 Conducted at Botanical Gardens and Via ZOOM Platform

Attendees:

John Knutson, Brian Tilley, Phoebe Cardiff, Dawn Bissell, Randy Bissell, Toni Briscoe, Claude Smith, Suzane Smith, Holly Ahern, Ann Flanagan, Rob Hankins, Chuck Blend, Christy Blend, Cindy Frank, Bibi Dalrymple, Paul Swacina, Cindy Hanifen, Linda Cowley, Bob Brown, Lari Jo Edwards, Jason Edwards, Phil Woods, Thomas Kieber-Emmons, Erica Salinas, Jim Butcher, Rick Martin, Nada Martin, Wiinie Shrum, Leslie Albrecht, Mike Wenzel, George Gardiner, Emma Mathis, Cherie Heimann, Kensey McCain, Steve Schiwetz, William Beaman, P.J. Pratt, Carol Singleton, Jean Meadors, Cornelia Gates, Jessica Hernandez, Terri Gettelfinger, Nancy Gettelfinger, Kim Ogden, Andrea Alaniz, Krystal Palacios, Janice Ainbender, Michele Connelly, Jenny Dailey, Pat Clements, John Wilkins. Daisy Castillo, Jammie Regier.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chapter President Michele Connolly

The minutes from the last Chapter meeting were adopted with no changes. Minutes posted. <https://txmn.org/st/meetings/chapter-meeting-documents>

Visitors: Rob Hankins

Awards and Recertification

Recertification::

Jennifer Pagoda, Cindy Hanifen, George Gardiner, Byran Tilley

250 hours

Rick Martin, Pat Clemens

Officer and Directors reports

Michele Connelly-President

We put in for the grant from the Port of Corpus Christi for \$6000.00. HEB has a pollinator grant for \$3000. We participated at the Port A Island Day event. Had a lot of people help with that. They opened up the boat. They had the up to 60 people on the boat at a time. They do this event every other year. We will Keep in mind for this event.

UTMSI is going through a restructuring and will not accept volunteer help at this time.

The Texas Arbor day will be on November 1st, Chad, Arcely, and Mike will help at event.

MidCoast is doing a Celebrating Texas Oyster symposium. The cost is \$20.00. Nov 14th- 1pm-5pm. They have partners with CBBEP, and others.

Leslie Albrecht-Vice President

They are teaching a Project Wild event at Oso Bay Nov. 2nd certification program. It's \$40 for book and supplies. If you need help paying let Leslie know. Oso Bay will have two positions open with Justice leaving. Thank you everyone who has helped. They still need someone to volunteer at learning center.

Jean Meadors-Secretary

No report.

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

See Attachment.

Bibi Dalrymple-Immediate Past President

In November the committee will submit names for Vice President and treasurer positions. Will send out the announcements of name 15 days before election of positions.

We still need help at the Butterfly Hill at Botanical Gardens. On 11/13 from 1-10 pm. we will be able to help at the Coastal Bend Bays Foundation environmental awards banquet for volunteer hours. Please sign up early

and tell Tasha Patterson if you have questions. Gets you free admission.
Bibi sent out an event flyer about it.

Randy is speaking at Nov. 4th- speaking at Coastal Issues program. At Del Mar.

Choke canyon opportunity, if you want to speak about a creature. Nov 2nd 7pm-11 pm. Free campsite if you volunteer.

Bibi's effort has been recognized by state for her volunteering at Blucher.
Nov. TMN Tuesday will talk about

Chad Huckabee-Advanced Training Program Director

Not present

Mike Wenzel-Communications Director

No report.

Jenny Dailey-Membership director

No report.

Dawn Bissell-New Class Director (Initial Training)

Training is going well. They have had one person, Patty Baker complete initial training and recertification. They have one more person who is very close. They are half way through training.

Patricia Clark-New Class Representative

Not present.

Cindy Frank-Volunteer Management

They need help with the butterfly hill at botanical gardens. They will have mulch Sunday October 27th.

Two people, Bob Brown and Jean Meadors have completed their water specialist certification. There were also others who will get prizes, Dawn Bissell and Tom Edmonds. Phil Woods has 107 hours he will get a sand timer.

Announcements and Opportunities

Randy announced that for right now you do not need to put in a password for our website.

Christmas bird count will be held in December and January.

Daisy Castillo says we are good for the Home and Garden show.

Advisors-Daisy Castillo- Holly Grand-not present

Michele Connolly concluded meeting at 7:10 pm

Chapter business .75 AT-.75

Lesle Albrecht introduced our guest speaker, Randy Bissell-



Treasurer's Report
October 15, 2024

Money market			
	9/17/24		14,786.15
	9/30/24 Interest		24.34
		Total 10/14/24	\$ 14,810.49
Checking	9/17/24		2581.95
	Deposits		
	9/17/24	Intern dues	190.00
	Checks		
	9/24/25	Check 105 Cindy Frank - name tags and annual meeting registration fee	476.00
	10/10/24	Check 106 Michele for reimbursement for silent auction gift at annual meeting	38.00
	Checking account balance		2257.95
Total	10/15/24		17,068.44