

Minutes for STTMN Board of Directors Meeting 10/7/2024
Conducted at Botanical Gardens and VIA ZOOM Platform

Attendees:

Chad Huckabee, Cherie Heimann, Daisy Castillo, John Knutson, Krystal Palacios, Phil Woods, Randy Bissell, Dawn Bissell, William Beaman, Jean Meadors, Leslie Ahlbrecht, Mike Wenzel, Bibi Dalrymple, Jenny Dailey, Cindy Frank, Ann Flanagan, Michele Connelly.

Minutes approved and adopted as written.

Meeting called to order 6:32 pm by Michele Connelly

New Business

Bibi Dalrymple stated that they have started a nomination committee for Vice President and Treasurer. They will send out nominees 15 days before the November meeting. If anyone is interested let Bibi know.

Michele Connolly mentioned that the Port of Corpus Christi has opened up the grant application. We need related field equipment for outreach She will be sending requests in for inland animals and birds. Cindy Frank moved for us to try for this grant for \$6000. Ann Flanagan seconded motion. It was approved. There a five levels of grants, We have to borrow from Holly Ahern who has been lending us her equipment. Event would be for Kid Fish.

Officer and Director reports:

Michele Connolly-President

The chapter put in a purchase for the Silent Auction at the State meeting. It was a hand painted bird feeder. Textbooks have been ordered.. Dawn asked if the State had sessions for initial training sessions for trainers. Randy Bissell is presenting at State

Leslie Albrecht – Vice President

Randy will be our speaker at our October meeting and V Rubio from Texas Fish and Wildlife will be our November speaker about our history of our group.

Jean Meadors - Secretary

No report.

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

We had a strange charge on our bank account.for our money market, they will take off charge. She will check out and see if it would be better to just have a savings account. We will move all money market to Savings account.

Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President

No Report.

Chad Huckabee-Advanced training

No Report.

Mike Wenzel – Communications Director

No report

Jenny Dailey – Membership Director-

No report.

Dawn Bissell– New Class Directator (Initial Training)

Has a 75% rate of attendance rate. 1 person certified Saturday. We are half way through the training classes. She is still looking for another training director trainee. Patsy Baker might be a trainee. Pat Clark is hesitant. Phil Woods said she might still be interested They are going to Kingsville on 19th we will not be able to get to see the pit vipers room, no lights. She is

still getting people interested in training. Everyone is doing a great job. Michele stated where we might be able to have site specific trainers. Midcoast uses site ambassadors, such as Phil Woods for PINS, Mike Wenzel for Lake Corpus Christi. We want to be able to have field training not class rooms.

Patricia Clark-New Class Representative

Not present.

Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management

No report.

6 people are already finished with IT training and at least 2 more are very close.

Holly Grand-Not present. Daisy Castillo-no report but mentioned they had free soil testing kits.

Home and Garden show -Can Daisy help with the festival, should agrilife help with astro turf. We will do 1 booth.

MidCoast TMN will have oyster farming event. Charge \$20.00 to go to event, in Rockport Conference Center November 14th. Will be scientists.

Do we want to go Hummingbird festival- Its all Midcoast chapter- Michele doesn't think we have a presence there.

We do have presence with Whooping Crane festival.

Next Board meeting will be in December.

Michele Connelly adjourned meeting at 7:27 pm.

Board meeting 1 hour