

**Minutes for STMN Board of Directors Meeting 12/2/2024
VIA ZOOM Platform**

Attendees:

Mike Wenzel, Michele Connolly, Cindy Frank, Pat Clark, Randy Bissell, Jenny Dailey, Bibi Dalrymple, Cherie Heimann, Dawn Bissell, Holly Ahern, Holly Grand, Toni Briscoe, Jean Meadors, John Williams, Melodi Wells

Minutes approved and adopted as written.

Meeting called to order 6:32 pm by Michele Connolly

New Business

January Board retreat will be at Michele Connolly residence, January 11th from 9:30-1:30 pm. Budget draft will be discussed, people who are directors please have budgets needs ready.

Officer and Director reports:

Michele Connolly-President

Financial review- Closed up Rally account, Opened Frost. Official review. Cindy moved to ACCEPT FINANCIAL REVIEW. Pat Clark-2nd. All approved.

Chad has confirmed he will stay director of advanced training . Holly Ahern-will be Membership and outreach director (new position.)

Bibi nominated Jenny Daily seconded to approve. Dawn will stay for one more year as training director, Mike will stay on for communication director.

Membership director will be Holly Ahern- Bibi nominated and Jenny Dailey 2nd. Dawn will stay on for one more year as training director. For new class representative need to ask trainees if interested.

State mentioned need targeted recruitment for some positions.

Cindy will stay Vms director.

Jan 21st-New training celebration potluck. Sara will lead a night search. We will have budget for potluck. Michelle has paper products. All In person only.

Start at 6.

Midcoast chapter contacted us to have naturalist night at Hooks game. No financial commitment. Nature games between innings. Get discounted tickets. All partners are invited. We will have a small table. Cindy stated it would be a great time to recruitment June 8th at 5 pm. Have it be a appreciation night. Might buy a block of tickets to give out. Dawn, Bibi and Mike liked idea too.

Leslie Albrecht – Vice President

Not present

Randy Bissell-Vice President Elect

Speakers-Jan-Sara Rock-GISP night walk at Botanical Garden..Feb-Athena Frasca-Harte RI-Bringing Baffin Back. March-Alexis Sabine-Sea Grant program and volunteering. April-Keith Muhlstein-TAMUCC Oil spill response and volunteering. May-Summer Opportunity Roundup. Various organizations NDP, CC Museum etc, November-Billy Beckett and Dr Blend-CC Astronomy Club.

He will send list monthly to officers.

Jean Meadors - Secretary

No report.

Ann Flanagan-Treasurer

Not present.

Michele-We did not do retreat this year. We are getting rid of money market account getting a Savings account.

Bibi Dalrymple – Immediate Past President

No Report. Happy that Holly Ahern is doing outreach coordination.

Chad Huckabee-Advanced training

No Report.

We are in good shape. Dillon will send out dates for museum.

Mike Wenzel – Communications Director

Kid Fish will occur Jan 25th depending on lake levels.. We will still do outreach even if lake levels are too low to fish.

Jenny Dailey – Membership Director-

No report.

Holly Ahern-New membership director

No report.

Dawn Bissell– New Class Director (Initial Training)

We have 2 more training classes.

Even the ones who have finished are still coming to trainings.

For future need to check if there is a conflict with dates like Christmas bird count, Phil is leading ANWAR outreach. They are taking them on a site visit at UTMSI not a tour. They are in a quarantine because of avian flu. She would like introduce new trainees to volunteers.

We have a new biologist Dustin, with Texas Parks and wildlife..

Patricia Clark-New Class Representative.

Had a great time with new volunteers.

Cindy Frank – Volunteer Management

No official report. Grace Lopez has broken her foot and Adelle has stepped up to help with with butterfly hill. Sean Carrigan has moved out of state.

Holly Grand-Keep up the great work. Daisy Castillo-not present

Michele Connelly adjourned meeting at 7:25 pm.

Board meeting 1 hour