

Tennessee Native Plant Society
Board Meeting
1/25/14

Attendance: Bart Jones, Todd Crabtree, Darel Hess, Susan Sweetser, Larry Pounds, Alice Jensen, Mary Priestley, Jane Norris, Michelle Haynes, Latham Davis, Dennis Horn

Absent: Joanna Brichetto,, Bertha Chrietzburg, Margie Hunter, Lorie Emens, Karen Ripple

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm CST

Minutes: Due to incompetence of fill-in secretary the Minutes had not been shared by email. They will be forwarded in the near future.

Treasurer's Report: See Attached. Current reports reflects payment of \$5000.00 from our book account to Kentucky for the winter botany book. Dues increased this past year significantly. There was a loss at the annual meeting. There were complications with registration due to the combined groups. Apparently a couple of Kentucky members failed to pay their lodging. TNPS also received a donation from Dolan Gardens for \$1,000. Thank you card sent by Margie. Treasures report approved

OLD BUSINESS

Books: There was general discussion about the books in the future and monies received. It was stated again that the \$35,000 grant from the state of TN was utilized in the \$55,000 payment to Lone Pine Publishing for the TNPS book. It was decided that a process of book distribution be developed. Several members are involved in book distribution. It was agreed that whoever passed on books to another member would email Darel(treasurer) with a copy to the receiving member. The receiver of the books and monies would send the monies to Darel and who has the book and how many books are left.

Dennis: reported that TNPS received 50 copies of the book WOODY PLANTS--30 went to Dennis for sale and distribution and 20 went to Bart. This donation was due to the \$5,000 given for the publication of the book. Dennis has sold some and will pass on books for the upcoming Lawn and Garden show and other events.

Technical Manual: Manuscript went to UT Press 1 year ago. In May 2013 UT Press agreed to publish without up front monies. TNPS had monies set aside for this publication. TNPS has paid incidental expenses but it has been decided that all profits go to TNPS. This is primarily due to several authors being involved. A problem occurred in formatting the manual and Dennis is not yet aware if the manual has been re-keyed. Corrections for the manual are now being looked at with a target date of FALL 2014 for release.

Annual Meeting-Bart

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING—Bersheba Springs 9/19-9/21/14

Bart has sent the deposit to hold the dates. He will be asking Lori to once again organize the meeting. Bart asked us all to think of speakers for the weekend and decisions would be made at the May meeting.

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Native Plant Certification Program: Mary Priestly reported that the classes are full. We are partnering with Reflection Riding and TN Wild ones. These classes are aimed primarily at gardeners. February is Botany 1, March Botany 2 with a spring wildflower walk with Larry Pounds. TNPS Website has the courses listed. Mary did say this is patterned after the Master Gardeners program.

NEW BUSINESS

Nashville Lawn and Garden Show 2/27-3/2/14

Margie and Jane will head up the booth once again. Darel, and Dennis will also participate. Darel will check on payment for the booth. This would be a good venue for the TN Naturalists to take part in. Mary will email Jane email addresses for Jane to contact. We currently have 22 TNPS books and 25 WOODY Plant books with Dennis. Dennis will pass these onto Jane and we will order 2 more cases of books.

There was discussion of having a \$10 DUES sign up at the show. MOTION made by Sweetser and 2nd by Dennis to have an new member fee for \$10 at this show. Motion passed.

Native Plant Symposium 3/8/14 Chattanooga

Mary stated that this is being held by the national group of the WILD ONES. TNPS is invited to sell books. Mary also stated that she would need brochures for this symposium.

NABA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUTTERFLIES Meeting 6/12/14—6/15/14

Bart asked the Board if we wanted to have a booth. Board decided no. He also reported that member, Rita Venable's Butterfly book is still in the works. She has had major problems with her graphic designer due to a computer crash. Book is expected to be available in April, 2014

Field Trip Schedule. See attached Todd gave details of proposed schedule. Additions to be made with details to be given to Todd and Latham by mid-February.

Newsletter: Latham needs any info for the newsletter by mid February. He discussed results of the surveys that were completed. He got names of potential trip leaders and writers for the newsletter. He will mention the second edition of the book in the newsletter. He has also received notices of address changes.

Website: Bart reported that the HALL OF FAME has now been setup from the beginning. In the future we hope to have a books link on our website. Events and ballot tab have been set up. Updates should be regularly be added.

Tn Conservation Voters: Michelle Legislators are pretty much the same as last year. Michelle had voter score cards for folks to look at. There is a fundraiser on 2/28, If anyone is interested, Michelle has info.

Next Meeting: May 31, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sweetser
Fill-in Secretary