

TNPS Board Meeting
Jan. 10, 2015
Wilderness Station, Murfreesboro

Attendance: Bart Jones, Lorie Emens, Dennis Horn, Darel Hess, Karen Hill, Larry Pounds, Todd Crabtree, Margie Hunter, Louise Gregory, Latham Davis, Alice Jensen

Absent: Susan Sweetser, Joey Shaw, Bertha Chrietzburg, Michelle Haynes

Minutes: Approval of Sept. 2014 board minutes was deferred. We received a thank you note from Kathleen Williams regarding our donation to Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Moved money from book CDs to book savings account. We just received a 2013 royalty check from Lone Pine, which reflects a 6% rate. It was paid late due to a glitch in their system. Our 2014 check should reflect a 7% royalty rate. Bart sent emails regarding delinquent dues, and we got some responses.

Plant Conservation Alliance: Todd explained that PCA operates under the Center for Plant Conservation to pool resources (people) from governmental organizations such as natural heritage programs and other groups like native plant societies to get a better handle on the distribution of and threats facing rare plant species. Contributions include observation of phenology or seed collection -- whatever is needed for an area or species. Tennessee's heritage program is now part of PCA.

This is not a legally binding agreement, just an organizational level association as part of the overall group. We would need to fill out an application to become part of this broader network working to conserve rare plants. White Fringeless Orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*) will likely be federally listed, sparking a new set of strategies such as propagation, and through this alliance TNPS might help the heritage program collect seeds. In the application, we would list our contribution as facilitating on-ground activities in association with heritage. No money is involved. Todd will send everyone an online link to become familiar with the alliance, and we will vote on submitting an application at the May board meeting.

Annual Meeting 2015: Linden Valley, Sept. 11 & 12, 2015. Nine-Acre Glade in Decatur County will be the field trip location. There is no parking at this site; Bart will arrange use of a member's driveway and a shuttle. The site is larger and can handle our group size. We need speakers for Friday and Saturday evening. Claude Bailey, Allen Trently, and Barry Hart suggested. Dr. Chester could talk about trials and tribulations developing the technical manual on Friday night. Must decide by May meeting, everyone needs to think of topics or individuals to suggest.

Dennis had looked into AEDC as a possible annual meeting site. Logistical issues with food service and security would make it a huge hassle. We could stay at a hotel in Manchester and go to AEDC for the field trips. Field trips are no problem as long as security knows to expect us.

Lawn & Garden Show 2015: March 5-8 in Nashville; our booth cost is \$250, for which we can get 25 tickets to distribute to workers, plus \$40 for tables and chairs rental. We will split these costs and the tickets with TN-EPPC. Margie will turn in the contract and pay the fees. Both organizations will reimburse her \$145 each. Board voted approval for this expenditure. Margie will help with set up and getting TNP and TN-EPPC volunteers, and ask Jane if she would organize TNPS booth volunteers. Darel has the TNPS banner. Margie will take our membership form off the Web site and print it at Kinko's for use at the show, and we will again offer half price memberships.

Book Sales: We usually sell 25 to 30 wildflower books at the Lawn and Garden Show, and we sold a reasonable number of 'Twig' books too. Dennis has a presentation at the UT Arboretum (Oak Ridge) in March where some 'Twig' books might sell. We have 36 wildflower books and 18 'Twigs' on hand. Dennis will order 20 to 25 more 'Twigs' and more wildflower too. [Note: following the meeting Dennis reported that the original two printings of wildflower book were 10,000 copies each. The latest second edition printing was 5,250 (delivered June 2013) of which 2,196 have been sold.]

Flora Release Date: Proofing will finish by the end of January, and UT Press will send it to the printer (in Michigan) Feb. 1. It is projected to be ready by the end of March. Our cost per book is \$30. We will sell it to members for \$40 and to the general public for the retail price of \$49.95. The board approved an initial order of 30 copies.

TNPS Audit: We need to arrange an audit for the period July 2012 to June 2014. Darel will approach Kaye Kemnitz to do it for us again and "pay" her as she requests, books or money. Darel will work with her to get this done within the next month.

Newsletter: It should be mailed two weeks before the first hike March 14. Deadline Feb. 28. Latham would love articles written by members, a balance of scientific information and less technical topics such as gardening, etc. This year is the 30th anniversary of the rare plant act, and Todd will write an article on that. This could be a theme for the year with other articles related to listed rare plants. The newsletter is quarterly: Mar, Jun, Sept, and Dec.

Web site: Server went down on New Years Day for 49 hours, but the Web site was not affected. The greatest site traffic comes March to May with a peak in April and another peak in September possibly related to the annual meeting. Average daily hits are highest in April and have spiked over 2000. The Web site is most likely used as a resource, particularly the photos. Karen is updating the board list for the Web site. Joey Shaw is taking Susan's place for the remainder of her at large position (1 year). Bart is now ex-officio. There are some remaining issues with PayPal and confusing wording. Karen is working on that.

2015 Field Trips:

- Mar. 14 or 15 and Mar. 28 -- Rock Island State Park (Mary and Dennis)
- Apr. 4 -- Millstone Mountain, Tipton Co. 100' above flood plain (Bart)
- Apr. 12 (Sunday) -- Decatur Co. tour of various spots woodland and glade (Bart)

Apr. 18 -- Roaring Creek, south of Dayton, TN (Larry)
May 9 -- Little Cedar Mtn, close to Chattanooga (Larry)
May 16 -- Twin Arches, BISO (Roger McCoy)
Jun. 6 -- Joint with GA BotSoc at AEDC, maybe May Prairie (Dennis)
Jun 20 -- Couchville SNA sunset photo (Todd)
Aug 8 -- Devils Backbone (Bart and Allen Trently)
Sept. 11-13 -- Annual Meeting, Nine-Acre Glade
Sept. 19 -- Mountain bike hike at Sewanee on greenway that follows old rail line,
there are rare calciphiles near a tunnel discovered by Gattinger and Eggert (Todd)

We might schedule one more in August with the Sweetsers in the mountains.

Next Meeting: May 30, 2015, 11:00 a.m. CDT, Wilderness Station, Murfreesboro

Meeting Adjourned 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Hunter
Secretary

Account Balances - As of 12/31/2014:9
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Account	12/31/2013 Balance	12/31/2014 Balance
Bank Accounts		
Book CD III	6,097.14	0.00
Book CD IV	6,097.14	0.00
Book Savings	15,510.75	29,111.45
Checking	7,401.41	9,407.28
Savings	9,823.95	7,574.88
TOTAL Bank Accounts	44,930.39	46,093.61
OVERALL TOTAL	44,930.39	46,093.61

Income/Expense Comparison by Selected Categories - 2014:12
1/1/2013 through 12/31/2014

Category Description	1/1/2013- 12/31/2013	1/1/2014- 12/31/2014	Amount Difference
INCOME			
Annual Fund Drive, 2013	305.00	105.00	-200.00
Annual Fund Drive, 2014	0.00	155.00	155.00
Annual Meeting 2013 Income	5,567.16	0.00	-5,567.16
Annual Meeting 2014 Income	0.00	4,822.50	4,822.50
Book Sales	2,148.79	2,400.00	251.21
Donation	1,235.00	565.00	-670.00
Dues	4,087.00	2,895.00	-1,192.00
Interest Inc	2.35	2.91	0.56
Life Membership	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	13,345.30	11,945.41	-1,399.89
EXPENSES			
Annual Meeting 2013 Expense	6,554.65	0.00	6,554.65
Annual Meeting 2014 Expense	100.00	4,725.30	-4,625.30
Annual Meeting 2015 Expense	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Book Expense	5,675.37	598.58	5,076.79
Gift or Donation	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Governmental Fees	22.25	22.25	0.00
Newsletter and Website	2,168.55	2,742.28	-573.73
Office	86.00	113.00	-27.00
Organization Membership - TCV	300.00	400.00	-100.00
PayPal Exp	93.69	43.06	50.63
Public Relations - brochures, etc.	0.00	145.00	-145.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,000.51	10,789.47	4,211.04
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,655.21	1,155.94	2,811.15