

Minutes

TNPS Board Meeting

May 18, 2019

Hobgood School Tech Center

Present: Susan Sweetser, Larry Pounds, Louise Gregory, Shelley King, Karen Hill, Bart Jones, Bettina Ault, Michelle Haynes, Allen Trently, Jennifer Trently

Absent: Dennis Horn

Treasurer's Report (Karen Hill)

Our total income for 1Jan-16May2019 was \$6075.40. This included \$624.00 in book royalties from UT Press, \$500.00 in lifetime memberships, \$2480.00 in membership dues (Karen noted there were many new memberships), and \$0.55 in interest. Our expenses were \$9440.11. This included \$2536.49 for the 2018 audit, \$1232.16 in book purchases, a \$1000.00 subsidy for the UT lichen book, a \$500.00 subsidy for the Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance, \$533.00 for a Cullowhee scholarship, \$996.85 for the newsletter, and \$1565.00 for the website. Net account balance is +\$32,096.61.

Education Outreach Report (Suzy Askew)

The TNPS did not have a table at Wild Ones because of a misunderstanding.

The TNPS is a cosponsor with the Tennessee Valley chapter of Wild Ones and Reflection Riding Arboretum of the Certificate in Native plants program.

Shelley King attended the Hummingbird Festival

Annual Meeting

Will be at Reelfoot Lake July 12-14. There will be field trips during the day on Saturday. Boats are reserved for a Sunday AM lake cruise, first come, first served. Lodging and meals are on your own.

Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance

Dennis Horn and Margie Hunter attended the most recent meeting.

Tennessee Plant Atlas

There has been a delay while Florida site managers make final changes to the site. It was suggested that we go on line and look up some plants to see how the site works.

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Board Membership

We are soliciting nominations for board members and board president

Organization Update (Karen Hill)

Karen has put all the TNPS organizational documents she has in storage including the charter, date 26Jun1987.

Documents which are still missing:

- 1) Articles of Incorporation
- 2) IRS Form 1023, application for tax exemption
- 3) IRS Determination Letter (Karen does have an IRS letter indicating a Determination Letter was sent)

Miscellaneous Business

Suzy Askew is working on a list of native plants; nothing new to report

We discussed the Cullowhee native plant conference scholarship, which is for a Tennessee resident; TNPS covers conference fee, room and board

The Field Trip Committee will meet in December

Website Report

The new website has been up since 19Mar2019. There were major issues with Enom which resulted in issues with the website early on, but these problems appear to be resolved. Karen has a new email address, krh@myripples.org. Training is almost complete on the new website, and after that we will make our final payment of 10%. After that Karen will be able to make entries on the Blog page, the Board page, and possibly Field Trips. Bart Jones will be a secondary contact for Karen. Our new webmaster, John Waraksa, will make future changes to the website and can make small changes (for a fee) if Karen is not available.

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Social Media (Jennifer Trently)

We now have a Twitter and an Instagram account. Our Twitter account is the Tennessee Native Plant Society@plant_native. Our Instagram account is TNPS@plant_native. Hashtag #tn native plant can be used for both. Jennifer will post information sent to her at jmtrently@gmail.com.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be October 5 at 11 AM, place to be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Bettina H. Ault, Secretary