

TENNESSEE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
BOARD MEETING 9/21/14

**PRESENT**

Karen Hill  
Todd Crabtree  
Michelle Haynes  
Darel Hess  
Lorie Emmens

Dennis Horn  
Bart Jones  
Susan Sweetser

**ABSENT**

Larry Pounds  
Margie Hunter  
Bertha Chreitzburg

**ALSO PRESENT**

Louise Gregory

**MINUTES**

Approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

See attached report. Darel reported that he has transferred CDs to Savings. It will be an easy transfer back, if needed. Money was transferred from savings to cover the Annual Meeting expenses. He also reported that Dues income is down, probably due to a donation letter not being sent this year. And a reminder letter was also not sent. Bart stated neither was done because of the total income of the organization being sound. Report approved

**TECHNICAL MANUAL**

Dennis stated that Dr. Chester has advised him that the manual is in the "page proof approval process." There has been discussion about the cover and TNPS concerns about the previous suggestion. So far TNPS has spent \$5,000 on this book. All contributors have agreed that all royalties go to TNPS. There was discussion about the number of WINTER BOTANY and TNPS books. Neither Bart or Dennis have a great number. TNPS has not received a royalty check for some time from Lone Pine Publishing. The next royalty should go up to 7%. The Flora book should be at 10%.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

OFFICERS- PRESIDENT--SUSAN SWEETSER  
VICE-PRES---TODD CRABTREE  
TREASURER—LORIE EMMENS  
SECRETARY---MARGIE HUNTER

DIRECTOR--WEST—LOUISE GREGORY  
EAST----TO BE DETERMINED

**NEW BUSINESS**

Todd alerted the Board to TN Parks and Greenways in the process of purchasing 620 acres in Grassy Cove along the Cumberland Trail. The owners want to sell and a donation may be asked for in the future. This would be an incentive donation to start the process of soliciting other monies. There are no rare plants on the site so it does not qualify for the Forest Legacy Fund.

## **2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

There was discussion of ideas. It was decided to pursue Linden Valley Baptist Center. Bart will contact the Center. Dennis will contact AEDC for a possible future site.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

The committee will hopefully meet at Mary Priestly's home on 12/6/14. There was a general discussion of trip site for next year.--Bridgestone-Firestone property, AEDC, Sweetsers and an orchid site.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Bart reported for Latham. Latham wanted everyone reminded that the next newsletter deadline is 9/26. There may also be another newsletter before the end of the year.

## **WEBSITE**

See attached report.

Karen was asking for photos of the meeting to put on the Website. She reported on a website for naturalists to go to to pinpoint locations for plants—INaturalist.org. She will look into it and report back to the Board. It could be a source to save plant information for different sites across the state. There was discussion about naming the county only for rare plants.

## **TCP**

Michelle had nothing new to report. She had passed out pamphlets on Friday for the Legislative scorecard.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**MEETING scheduled for 1/17/15 at 11am.  
Snow date is 1/24/15**

**Submitted by,**

**Susan Sweetser**