

Minutes
TNPS Board Meeting
June 28, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Present

Susan Sweetser, President
Allan Trently, Vice President
Bettina Ault, Secretary
Karen Hill, Treasurer, Communications
Larry Pounds (East)
Louise Gregory (Middle)
Michelle Haynes (Middle)
Dennis Horn (Middle)
Suzy Askew (West)
Bart Jones (West; Membership Chair)
Jennifer Trently (Communications)
Kim Sadler (Education Outreach)

Absent

Joanna Bricchetto
David Hilgeman
Shelley King

Guests

Alice Jensen

Treasurer's Report

Karen Hill

Our total balance is \$37,992.78. This includes \$9235.38 in checking, \$586.41 in PayPal, \$10,478.35 in money market savings, and \$17,692.34 in money market book savings. We received a royalty check

from University of Tennessee Press for the Vascular Plants of Tennessee books.

Books on hand:

45 Wildflowers of Tennessee the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians books

9 Woody Plants of Tennessee: The Complete Winter Guide to Their Identification books

17 Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee books

Memberships:

At the Nashville Lawn and Garden show four people renewed their memberships and 20 new members joined. Our membership has grown by about a third recently.

Cullowhee scholarship

Cullowhee Native Plant Conference at Western Carolina University in July 2020 was canceled. We contributed \$507.00 for a full scholarship with room and board for this year; we will contact the organizers to make sure this rolls over to next year.

Education Outreach Report

Kim Sadler

The Nashville Lawn and Garden Show (February 27-March 1, 2020) was a success; we got a good deal on booth rental (\$20.00). We got 4 membership renewals and 20 new memberships and sold 27 books. There weren't many outreach opportunities because of the coronavirus pandemic. Kim has done some Zoom presentations for ZooTeens.

Books

Dennis is asking for corrections to the current edition of Wildflowers of Tennessee the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians. He will also write an article for the newsletter soliciting corrections.

Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting was to be held at Red Boiling Springs, with base at the Donoho Hotel; this was unfortunately cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. Plan is to hold the 2021 Annual Meeting at the same place; we chose April 9-11, 2021. We plan to ask the Nature Conservancy to reserve Taylor Hollow on Saturday and Sunday, both morning and afternoon. Dennis suggested Winding Stairs for a second hike. Michelle suggested we visit Larkspur natural burial site, which is across the street from Taylor Hollow. Cooper Breeden from Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance has agreed to be one of the speakers; Teri Barnes and Mike Berkley from GroWild are interested on speaking on Saturday. Registration is to remain \$25.00.

TN Plant Atlas Update

The Tennessee-Kentucky Plant Atlas has launched; there is a link on the TNPS website under More Resources. People who have used it have noted that some of the entries don't have photographs and there isn't much about habitat, but overall it seems like a good resource.

Board Member Nomination

President: Susan Sweetser will continue as acting president

David Hilgeman is moving out of state; Susan is going to ask Joanna Bricetto if she is interested in taking over the newsletter.

Suzy Askew will do education outreach for West Tennessee since David has moved

Sue Bible was suggested as a board member for Middle Tennessee

Newsletter

As above, David Hilgeman is moving out of state and will no longer be editing the newsletter: plan is to ask Joanna Bricchetto if she is interested in taking over.

Website/Facebook

When we signed up with the website designer we were told we should do a blog; Karen feels that the blog is duplicative since we have so much information on the website. We agreed to drop the blog page.

Tennessee Conservation Voters

Michelle Haynes

This has been a disappointing year on the Hill, although there wasn't any legislation that directly affected native plants.

Awards

We awarded the TNPS Lifetime Conservation Award and the TNPS Hall of Fame Award to Dennis Horn. Bart Jones read a tribute to Dennis with input from many friends; this will appear in our next newsletter. Karen Hill will present these awards in person in the next week.

Next meeting

Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 2 PM Eastern Time. At present plan is for this to be a Zoom meeting.