

Minutes

TNPS Board Meeting

January 14, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Present

Karen Ripple Hill, President

Allan Trently, Vice President

Bettina Ault, Secretary

Wanda Priest, Treasurer

Susan Sweetser, Past President

Louise Gregory (East)

Larry Pounds (East)

Michelle Haynes (Middle)

Dennis Horn (Middle)

Suzy Askew (West)

Bart Jones (West; Membership Chair)

Joanna Bricchetto (Communications)

Hilary Swaim (Communications; newsletter)

Jennifer Trently (Communications)

Kim Sadler (Education Outreach)

Guests

Harland Alpaugh

Alice Jensen

Minutes

Minutes from board meetings on 6/28/2020 and 11/12/2020 were reviewed. They were approved with the clarification that Louise Gregory, Larry Pounds, and Dennis Horn were reelected to the Board of Directors at the 11/12/2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Hill

Our total balance is \$38,932.60. This includes \$9250.81 in checking, \$19.26 in PayPal, \$10,481.53 in money market savings, and \$19,181.00 in money market book savings.

Net 2020 income is \$2339.73.

Books on hand:

42 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

Newsletter

Bart Jones took over from David Hilgeman and put out two newsletters last year. Karen introduced Hilary Swaim, our new newsletter editor. We discussed articles to include in the spring newsletter.

Website and Social Media

Joanna Bricchetto (Facebook) asked for short plant profiles ("what's out now", etc.) for our Facebook page. She would appreciate having a co-editor. Jennifer Trently (Twitter, Instagram) updated us on those platforms.

Education Outreach Report

Kim Sadler

The Nashville Lawn and Garden Show is cancelled for this year because of Covid-19. The Tennessee Wild Ones Conference, scheduled for March 19-21, will be virtual.

Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting is to be held on April 9-11 at Red Boiling Springs, with base at the Donoho Hotel. Hikes are planned for Taylor Hollow and Larkspur Conservation natural burial area, with the possibility of a hike at Winding Stairs on Sunday. We discussed the fact that we may need to make changes because of Covid-19; we are planning to cancel the evening lectures and are going to ask if our meals can be takeout. We may need to make further changes depending on Covid-19 prevalence closer to the time of the meeting.

Field Trip Schedule

Bart Jones

A rough draft of the field trip schedule is almost ready. The spring schedule includes most of the trips we were not able to do last year because of Covid-19.

Monthly Speaker Proposal

Karen discussed the fact that she would like to see regularly scheduled educational meetings and brought up the fact that we have access to many people with native plant knowledge, including several on our board. We discussed logistics of giving Zoom presentations and preserving them in podcasts. At present we anticipate that presentations are to be monthly on the second Thursday of each month, although this may change depending on people's schedules. Karen is recruiting speakers.

Next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM Eastern time.

Bettina Ault