

Minutes

TNPS Annual Meeting (Zoom Meeting)

November 12, 2020

Business Meeting

Present

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

Absent

Joanna Brichetto
Louise Gregory
Shelley King
Jennifer Trently (Communications)

Guest

Alice Jensen

Treasurer's Report

Karen Hill

Our total balance is \$38,882.54. This includes \$9272.22 in checking, \$1432.28 in PayPal, \$10,480.97 in money market savings, and \$17,697.07 in money market book savings.

Books on hand:

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

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

18 Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee books

Cullowhee scholarship

Cullowhee Native Plant Conference at Western Carolina University in July 2020 was canceled. We had contributed \$507.00 for a full scholarship with room and board. Bettina Ault contacted the organizers, but they never gave us an answer as to whether we could carry the scholarship funds over to next year. She will try to contact them again.

Education Outreach Report

Kim Sadler

Nothing new to report.

Books

Field Guide to the Lichens of Great Smoky Mountains National Park by Erin Tripp and James Lendemer is now out. TNPS will not be selling these, but TNPS members can receive a 50% discount. There is an order form in the November TNPS newsletter.

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 do hikes in Taylor Hollow and Winding Stairs.

Trip Schedule

The trip committee will be meeting in December. Dennis Horn plans to lead trips to Old Stone Fort and AEDC. It was suggested that we consider limiting trips to 10 people because of Covid.

Officer/Board Member Nominations/Elections

Officers

President: Karen Ripple Hill

Vice President: Allan Trently

Secretary: Bettina Ault

Treasurer: Wanda Priest

Past President: Susan Sweetser

Directors

Larry Pounds (East)

Louise Gregory (East)

Dennis Horn (Middle)

This slate of officers/board members was accepted by acclamation.

(Michelle Haynes, Suzy Askew, and Bart Jones will be up for re-election next year.)

Next meeting

To be determined.

Educational Program

Joey Shaw (Professor of Biology, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga) was our speaker. His talk included the history of the newly launched Tennessee-Kentucky Plant Atlas and a tour of the atlas.