

Minutes - TNPS Board Meeting
September 30, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Present

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

Absent

Michelle Haynes (Middle)
Joanna Brichetto (Communications)
Jennifer Trently (Communications)

Guest

Harland Alpaugh

Minutes

Bettina Ault

Minutes from the board meeting on 5/13/2021 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kim Sadler

Our YTD income is \$8418.43. Expenses were \$4720.93 (net income \$3897.50). We have \$19,181.63 in money market savings and \$10,482.04 in money market book savings.

Books on hand:

44 Wildflowers of Tennessee the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians books
3 Woody Plants of Tennessee: The Complete Winter Guide to Their Identification books
11 Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee books

Education Outreach Report

We will have a table at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show (3/3-6/2022); the charge was \$148.00 to be one of 4 exhibitors.

We will have a table at the Chattanooga Wild Ones Native Plant Sale on 3/19/2022.

Suzy Askew mentioned that there is now a Midsouth Wild Ones chapter in Memphis.

Native Plant Seminars

On June 15, 2021, Cooper Breeden spoke on the Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance. On July 20 Meredith Clebsch talked about Low-Tech Native Plant Propagation. On August 17 Bart Jones gave a lecture entitled "The Wild and Wondrous World of Orchid Pollination". Pandy Upchurch spoke on Edible Natives on September 21. Cooper's talk is available in PDF format; all the others have video links on the TNPS website. The next seminar is on October 19, 2021; Robin Whitfield will speak on The Color of Conservation.

Field Trips

Dennis Horn led a field trip to AEDC/May Prairie on May 29, 2021. Susan and Allen Sweetser were leaders for a trip on the Thomas Divide/Kanati Fork trail in the Smokies on July 17. Larry Pounds led a Cumberland Mountain trip on September 11. Allen Trentley and Cooper Breeden led the Dry Branch Grasslands Initiative on September 25. On October 2 Bart Jones will lead a Mycology Safari to Big Cypress Tree State Park for our last field trip of the year. The field trip committee will begin taking calendar proposals at the beginning of December.

2022 Annual Meeting

We will be in the Chattanooga area for our 2022 Annual Meeting, May 13-15. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Clarion Hotel in Lookout Valley; the rate will be \$69.00/night, reduced from the usual rate of \$129.00/night. Reservations need to be made by April 29 to get the reduced rate. We have several choices for hikes in the area.

TNPS Photo Library

Dennis Horn has a very large collection of high-quality plant photos on color slides. David Hill has been digitizing these slides so that we will have a pool of plant photos to be used for newsletters, our website, and educational programs. Dennis noted that TNPS doesn't have a copy of the slides included in the Wildflowers of Tennessee book and plans to ask Lone Pine for digital photos from the book. We will need a photo librarian. The plan is for this library to be password protected. We tentatively plan to use Dropbox for storage.

Online Course on Native Plants

Karen has proposed that we create an online course on Tennessee native plants aimed at middle school students. Karen, Suzy, and Kim have formed a committee to outline a curriculum.

Newsletter

We have a new printer for our newsletter, and our costs should decrease. The new printer made us aware that we could use a nonprofit mailing permit and helped us obtain one.

Delisting of Cumberland Sandwort

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has removed Cumberland sandwort (*Minuartia cumberlandensis*) from the federal endangered species list, thanks to the efforts of the Tennessee Division of Natural Areas. Congratulations to this little member of the pink family!

Native-Nativar-Cultivar

We discussed whether we need a statement on differences and values of native plants vs. natives vs. cultivars. We suggested a brief article on the issues involved for an upcoming newsletter.

Elections

Bart Jones and Suzy Askew are up for re-election to the board this year. Michelle Haynes (Middle TN) is stepping down, and Sue Bible has agreed to join the board in her place.

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 PM EST, 6:00 PM CST

Bettina Ault