

# **Minutes - TNPS Board Meeting**

**January 11, 2022**

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**

Sue Bible (Middle)  
Joanna Brichetto (Communications)  
Jennifer Trently (Communications)

## **Guests**

Harland Alpaugh  
David Hill

## **Minutes**

Bettina Ault

Minutes from the board meeting on 9/30/2021 and the Annual Meeting on 11/16/2021 were reviewed and approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Kim Sadler

There were some problems with QuickBooks, so we are missing the last 6 weeks of 2021. However, as of mid-November we had \$12,002.72 in checking, \$19,182.44 in money market savings, and \$10,482.48 in money market book savings. Our YTD net income is \$1653.96. Kim will update further when the issue with QuickBooks is resolved.

## **2022 Annual Meeting**

The 2022 TNPS annual meeting will be in the Chattanooga area; dates are May 13-15. Our base will be at the Clarion Hotel in Lookout Valley. Registration is \$25.00 per person. Rooms will be available at a reduced conference rate of \$69.00/night (2 double beds or one king bed); reservations can be made by calling the Clarion directly at (423) 635-7203 (choose the option for the front desk; mention the Tennessee Native Plant Society). The reservation deadline is

April 29; after that the rate will go up to \$129.00 and rooms may or may not be available. We will plan to make it possible for participants to order lunch for Saturday. Our invited speakers are Joey Shaw from UTC, who will give us an iNaturalist lecture and in person tutorial on Friday night, and Ann Brown from Bee City, who will give a presentation on Saturday night. Because of uncertainty with Covid-19 we will re-evaluate the feasibility of an in-person meeting in a couple of months.

### **Speaker Series**

Our last native plant seminar was on November 16, 2021; Margie Hunter gave a talk on *Invasive Plants of Tennessee*. On January 18, 2022 Dave Walters and Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters will speak on *Winter Tree Identification*, and on February 15, 2022 Darel Hess will give a talk on *Plant Photography*. On March 15, 2022 Randy Hedgepeth will talk about *Some of My Favorite Wildflowers*. Karen is soliciting speakers for later in the year; please contact her if you are interested in giving a talk.

### **Education Outreach Report**

Upcoming events:

The Birds & the Seeds event, Lichterman Nature Center, Memphis, January 29, 2022; Suzy Askew will be participating.

Dogwood Arts House and Garden Show (2/11-13/2022), Knoxville; we need to apply if we want to have a table.

Nashville Lawn and Garden Show (3/3-6/2022); we are set up with a table.

Tennessee Valley Wild Ones Native Plant Sale (3/19/2022); we will have a table.

Conservation Days, Wilderness Station, Barfield Crescent Park, Murfreesboro, April 22-23, 2022.

Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Wildflower Festival, Cedars of Lebanon State Park, April 29-30, 2022.

### **Field Trips**

On October 2, 2021, Bart Jones led a Mycology Safari to Big Cypress Tree State Park for our last field trip of the year. The 2022 field trip list should be out in 2-3 weeks.

### **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 for us, and so far has prepared 2,008, with many more to go. We now have a TNPS Dropbox account, which will be password protected. The program allows each slide to be credited to the photographer and to TNPS.

### **Online Course on Native Plants**

Karen Hill, Suzy Askew, Kim Sadler, Allan Trently, and Sue Bible are on the committee to outline a curriculum. Allan has been to 2-3 meetings about this and the team is assembling a draft PowerPoint presentation for the first lesson. A course draft should be done by the end of February. Suggestions for topics to be covered include plant ID basics, conservation, and exotic plants. It would be nice to have the draft ready to display at the Tennessee Lawn and Garden Show.

**Royalties**

We have not received a royalty check from Lone Pine for 2019 or 2020. Karen has emailed several times with no response. Dennis will try to call his contact at Lone Pine.

**Weed Wrangle of Nashville**

TNPS has been invited to partner with Weed Wrangle, which has become a national organization. We would be able to add our support to that of a variety of different organizations, including Tennessee State Parks, TCWP, and others. There is no charge to us to do this. The board voted unanimously to partner with Weed Wrangle.

**Algood School Arboretum Project**

Algood Middle School in Putnam County is starting an arboretum on their campus and is requesting support. They have received a \$500.00 grant in honor of late conservationist Mack Prichard. The board unanimously approved matching this grant and suggested inviting the teacher organizing this effort to join our online course committee.

**Conservation and Hall of Fame Awards**

The board discussed nominees for the TNPS Conservation and Hall of Fame Awards. Mack Prichard was suggested as a recipient of one or both, but this would be a posthumous award. We will think about other possible nominees and discuss this at our next meeting.

**Membership**

It was brought to the attention of the board that members' month of renewal is no longer on the label of the mail copy of the newsletter. We discussed the possibility of setting up auto-renew via PayPal.

**Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 PM CST, 7:30 PM EST

Bettina Ault