

Minutes

TNPS Board Meeting

May 24, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Present

Karen Ripple Hill, President

Allan Trently, Vice President

Bettina Ault, Secretary

Kim Sadler, Treasurer

Louise Gregory (East)

Larry Pounds (East)

Sue Bible (Middle)

Suzy Askew (West)

Bart Jones (West; Membership Chair)

Mitchell Kent (Education Outreach – Middle TN)

Absent

Dennis Horn (Middle)

Shelley King (Education Outreach – East TN)

Jennifer Trently (Communications)

Guests

Harland Alpaugh

In Memoriam

The TNPS was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Susan Sweetser, TNPS past president, on May 21, 2022. Burial will be Tuesday, May 31 at Larkspur Conservancy in Sumner County. We lost another long time TNPS Member, Al Good of Chattanooga, on Tuesday, May 17.

Minutes

Bettina Ault

Minutes from the TNPS board meeting on 1/11/2022 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kim Sadler

Our year-to-date gross income is \$11,681.27. Total expenses are \$3156.02. Net income for the year to date is \$8525.25. We are up to date with royalty checks and honoraria. Kim plans to request an audit of our finances this year; as discussed at our recent annual meeting, this will be a review rather than a full audit and will cost around \$1000 per year reviewed.

The TNPS webmaster has started a donation portal for memorials for Susan Sweetser.

Education Outreach

East TN: no report

Middle TN: Karen Hill has participated in 4 events since the last meeting

West TN: Suzy Askew has participated in 3 events, with several more coming up

Newsletter

Donna Bollenbach (from Chattanooga) has volunteered to help with the newsletter; she will start with the September issue.

Native Plant Seminars

John Froeschauer gave an excellent talk on *Moths and Butterflies: Natural History and Gardening* on May 17. Our next speaker will be Corey Pine Shane, who will talk about *Southeast Medicinal Plants* on June 21. On July 19, Paula Gross will discuss *Best Tree for Your Garden*. The August seminar has been moved up to the 9th; Ann Willyard will speak on *Scientific Names*.

Field Trips

On April 2, 2022 Bart Jones led a field trip to Ghost River State Natural Area to see the southern twayblade (*Listera australis*). Larry Pounds has been busy this spring; he has led field trips to Frozen Head, Stinging Fork Falls to Piney River, and Crab Orchard Mountain. Dennis Horn led a field trip to Wells Hill Park in Lincoln County, and he and Louise Gregory were co-leaders for a late spring wildflower motorcade in Clay County. Larry and Dennis were co-leaders for our field trips at the annual meeting. Our next field trip, to the Elza Gate paved greenway in Oak Ridge, will be led by Larry on May 28.

2022 Annual Meeting

The 2022 TNPS annual meeting was held May 13-15 at the Clarion Hotel in Lookout Valley. Twenty-one people registered, and we had an intimate group of 19 people. Our invited speakers were graduate student Garrett Billings from UTC, who gave us a lecture and tutorial on iNaturalist on Friday night, and Ann Brown from Bee City, who gave a lecture on supporting pollinators on Saturday night. Larry Pounds and Dennis Horn were co-leaders for our field trips to Sitton Gulch on Saturday and to Little Cedar Mountain on Sunday.

2023 Annual Meeting

We tentatively plan to have next year's annual meeting at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, possibly in conjunction with the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Festival. We would like to hold our 2024 annual meeting at Roan Mountain.

Fourth Education Outreach Area

The board voted to add a fourth Education Outreach coordinator for the Chattanooga area; Mitchell Kent has volunteered. He will receive a box with display materials and brochures. We voted to align coordinators with major Tennessee cities: West – Suzy Askew, Nashville – currently vacant and open to volunteers, Chattanooga – Mitchell

Kent, Knoxville – Shelley King, with the possibility of adding a Johnson City coordinator in the future.

Wildflower Books

Book supplies are low. We decided to order four boxes of 18 of Wildflowers of Tennessee the Ohio Valley and the Southern Appalachians. We have enough twig books and Tennessee flora.

Board Membership

All the TNPS officers (President: Karen Hill, Vice President: Allan Trently, Secretary: Bettina Ault, Treasurer: Kim Sadler) are up for reelection this year. All agreed to serve for another two-year term. Board members Louise Gregory and Larry Pounds from East TN and Dennis Horn from Middle TN have also agreed to serve for another two years.

Citizen Science Project

Matthew Koski of Clemson University is soliciting volunteers for a citizen science project. He would like help with flower color of Phacelia dubia (white to purple) based on local conditions.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 PM CST, 7:00 PM EST

Bettina Ault