

Tennessee Herpetological Society Membership Meeting
October 7, 2004
4:00pm
Maryville College

- I. Call to Order- given by Pete Wyatt
- II. Minutes – unavailable (Pete was going to send 2003 membership minutes to Kristie)
- III. Treasurer’s Report – given by Jeff Green
 - a. Initial balance of \$6587.14. To date the balance is \$7142.14 (\$4227 of money is the Chad Lewis Fund)
 - b. Current costs
 - i. \$380 for t-shirt
 - ii. \$84 for newsletter
 - iii. \$700 for barbeque
 - iv. \$500 will be sent to SE PARC for Habitat guidelines
 - c. The account will be partitioned into general funds and Chad Lewis funds
 - d. Copies of statements will be sent to President
 - e. Jeff is leaving in summer so we need to re-elect someone to cover the position
- IV. Committees
 - a. Newsletter Status –given by Vince Cobb
 - i. Current newsletter was printed and present at conference
 - ii. Need new submissions for next spring
 - b. Education & Conservation – given by John Byrd and Lisa Powers
 - i. Lisa announced the Salamanders of TN webpage up and running, poster was to be sent to printers next month.
 - ii. She still needs pictures for Snakes of TN
 - iii. John Byrd announced idea for Box Turtle poster and the need for feedback on content
 - iv. He also announced the development of these incidental sighting cards for box turtles. CRESO is “piloting” this concept in Anderson Co. only, but perhaps has the potential to be used in all of TN.
 - v. Also need a THS representative for the Comprehensive Conservation Plan. (no decision was made)
 - c. Legislative Advisory Committee (no chairperson)
 - i. Richard Kirk, **Mark Fagg**, & Pete Wyatt – discussed the extension of the James White Parkway in Knoxville and the possible effects it may have on *Gyrinophilus palleucus*
 - ii. The Rattlesnake issue was discussed for the Center Hill Lake development.

- iii. It was decided that THS needs a committee chairperson to write statements (to be approved by the Board) that could be sent to legislation. **Danny** _____ agreed to be on the committee
 - iv. Richard Kirk described the difficulty with these organisms because there is no regulation for nonlisted species
 - v. TWRA has an old law that says you can't destroy a den or nest
 - d. (Conservation) now in education committee
 - e. Chad Lewis Fund (covered in Treasurer's report)
 - f. Certificate for charter membership (still no word)
 - g. Other old Business (none)
- V. New Business
 - a. Richard Kirk
 - i. announced that the Senate passed a law (House is about to pass it) for nongame finances of \$70 million nationally (\$1.1 million on state level)
 - ii. American Outdoors (Lamar Alexander): TN gets \$6million/year some could be used for education (10% must be used for law enforcement)
 - b. Nomination committee – was given by Ray Jordan
 - i. Need to elect new President, Vice President, Middle and West TN member at large.
 - ii. Pete Wyatt (President), Brian Butterfield (VP), Floyd Scott (Middle TN member at large), & Alan Peterson (West TN member at large) all agreed to serve a second term
 - iii. The motions were made and seconded. The board members were elected as a group. All were in favor.
- VI. Set next annual meeting: Date, Place, & Time
 - a. It was decided that the next meeting would be at Cumberland University either September 29, 30, & October 1 or October 6-8. There was some discussion as to whether or not to leave out the Thursday and go Friday – Sunday. The membership chose to leave those decisions to the board members and head of fall conference.
- VII. Motion to Adjourn – motion was made by Lisa, and seconded.