

TENNESSEE HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
9/29/11

Location: Cumberland University, Lebanon, TN

Time: 1640 – 1710 hrs CDT (David Wither, President, Called Meeting to Order)

Kevin Hamed, THS Secretary, read the minutes from the 2010 Annual Membership meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report (Chris Simpson)

Checking Account Balance =	\$8,336.13
CD (Chad Lewis Scholarship Fund) =	\$11,588.48
 Total Current Assets =	 \$19,924.61

Yearly expenses included website (hosting and domain name) for \$375.53. A check for the 2011 Chadwich Lewis Memorial Scholarship was issued to Stephen Nelson (University of Tennessee) for \$500.00

New Business

- Elections
 - Nominees:
 - Treasurer = Chris Simpson
 - Secretary = Kevin Hamed
 - East Tennessee Representative = Sterling Daniels
 - Sergeant at Arms = Scott Dykes

The membership voted unanimously in favor of the nominees.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter: A copy of the newsletter was passed out to members in attendance. There were only 2 articles received when solicitations were sent to the membership. Kevin Hamed, publication secretary, suggested the newsletter be suspended until a need is demonstrated by the membership or a revised newsletter is implemented. The Virginia Herpetological Society publishes both a newsletter and a journal where research can be submitted. Hamed suggested that the THS investigate create a journal where research related to Tennessee could be published especially for undergraduates.
- Education Committee: No Report
- Membership Committee: No Report
- Conservation Committee: No Report

- Chad Lewis Scholarship Committee: Stephen Nelson (University of Tennessee) was the 2011 scholarship recipient. There was a brief discussion on how to identify university contact to publicize the scholarship
- Robert M. (Bob) Hatcher Conservation Award: No Report
- Commercial Turtle Harvest: No Report
- Amphibian Task Force of Tennessee: No Report
- Library/Achieves: No Report

2012 Meeting

West Tennessee – Tom Blachard, University of Tennessee at Martin, agreed to host the 2012 meeting. Tom would investigate the potential of having the meeting the last weekend in September which is the traditional meeting time.

Conference Appreciation

Danny Bryan was recognized for his outstanding effort planning and hosting the 2011 conference. Cumberland University was also recognized for the use of their facilities.

Meeting Adjourned by David Withers at 17:10 CST

Prepared by: Kevin Hamed (THS Secretary)