

24th Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Herpetological Society
Lichterman Nature Center, Memphis, TN – September 27-28, 2018

Business Meeting Minutes – Thursday, September 27, 2018

Recorded by Stephanie Chance

Secretary's Report: Move to accept the 2017 Meeting minutes without reading by Stephanie Chance.
Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Ogle. See Treasurer's Report. Other fees: Credit Card reader was \$55 from last year's meeting and \$69 fees for several months of use. We only pay this one month, for the month of the meeting. Memorial Grant Fund, looking at various options at Regions Bank: savings account, money market mutual fund, 24 month CD, other various months CDs with only nominal charges to take money out early. Other options for investing the money in mutual funds at aggressive and safe and balanced options with a broker. If we invest, can we give more than \$500 in grants – which do not go as far in 2018 as they used to. It would be desirable to fund the grants off of the income off of the investment. Lee Barton's wife (Larissa) works for Northwestern Mutual Fund Company. Paul is a retired advisor, and he would vote for investing. Members recommend a moderate range of investment and state that her company is very reputable. The fund is consistently covered by the auction, so we will be able to grow a fund.

Member vote approved last year's report. Balance in checking account as of 9/25/2018 \$14,793.83; CD balance \$12,489.16.

Committee Reports:

- Conservation Committee: Chaired by Danny McBride and Lisa. No report
- Chad Lewis Memorial Grant Committee: Stephen Nelson and Danny McBride. Two recipients funded this year, and hope to get announcement out sooner in the future. This year payment was made to the professor. Reviewed the travel award scholarships, and this year the board matched the \$100 Niemiller donation.
- Website: Josh Campbell, Todd Pierson, Dustin Thames, and Stephen Nelson met about the website. Currently only Lisa Powers can upload information. DataDriven Inc. had provided estimate last year, but looked at other options also that are easy and inexpensive. The species accounts could be transferred over via the help of students or volunteers. Goals: Updates, ease of use, more information, etc.
- Publications/Newsletter/Journal: Kristen Cecala. The first journal volume is up on the internet. Feedback on the process or publication? Pass them along to Kristen or Kevin Hamed. We have had plenty of submissions, and Kristen will take them at any time.

New Business:

CD for grant: Motion to invest the CD amount with \$2,489.16 in liquid/cash and \$10k in moderate account. Motion carried. Motion to transfer the money after the date of maturity (which occurs in the fall) to avoid penalties. Motion carried. Motion to invest in Northwestern Mutual Funds with Larissa Barton. Motion carried.

Website: Move to follow recommendation of committee. Motion carried.

Elections:

President – Nomination: Dr. Don Walker. Voted in.

Secretary – Nomination: Dustin Thames. Voted in.

W TN Rep – Nomination: Lee Barton. Voted in.

Sergeant at Arms – Nomination: Josh Ennon and Brian Butterfield. Dr. Ennon voted in.

Next Meeting local hosts: Tom Laughlin, Kevin Hamed, and Chris Ogle welcome THS to the Gray fossil site for the East Tennessee meeting.

Business meeting concluded.