

TENNESSEE HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
9/30/10

Location: North Cumberlands WMA Work Base, Campbell County, TN

Time: 16:45 – 17:30 hrs EST (Brian Butterfield, President, Called Meeting to Order)

Kevin Hamed, THS Secretary, read minutes from the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report (Chris Simpson)

Checking Account Balance =	\$8,984.00
CD (Chad Lewis Scholarship Fund) =	\$11,554.05
 Total Current Assets =	 \$20,538.05

New Business

- Chad Lewis Scholarship Fund

Floyd Scott read an appreciation statement from Chris O'Bryan and Matt Gray read a statement from Nathan Haislip. Ray Jordan made a motion to accept the appreciation statements and Lisa Powers seconded the motion. The membership voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

- Elections

- Nominees:

- President – David Withers
- Vice-president – Matt Niemiller
- West Tennessee Representative – Steven Pitts
- Middle Tennessee Representative – Danny Bryan

Danny Bryan made a motion to close the nominations for president and the Lisa Powers seconded the motion. Lisa Powers made a motion to close the nomination for vice-president and John Copland seconded the motion. Lisa Powers made a motion to close the nominations for West Tennessee Representative and Gordon Burghardt seconded the motion. Lisa Powers made a motion to close nominations for Middle Tennessee Representative and David Withers seconded the motion. The slate of nominees was approved by acclamation.

Committee Reports

- Newsletter: The newsletter was composed and printed by the Virginia Highlands Community College Department of Alumni, Public Relations, and Marketing. A PDF file is available to be placed on the website. Kevin Hamed suggested moving from a general newsletter to a journal format. The Virginia Society of Herpetology publishes a journal (*Catesbeiana*) twice a year. Members are encouraged to publish distributions or other research projects. Matt Niemiller and Kevin Hamed will explore options for a journal.
- Membership: No Report
- Education: Links have been placed on THS website for TWRA posters, living with snakes, and cottonmouth identification.
- Conservation: No Report
- Chad Lewis Scholarship: Two awards were given this year, but in the future only one award will be presented. The amount of the award could increase in the future. Applications are due November 15 and the winner will be announced on January 15th. The membership suggested that the information be placed on the website and emails sent to other colleges and universities.
- Robert M. (Bob) Hatcher Conservation Award: Award information is online and members are encouraged to submit nominations.
- Commercial Turtle Harvest: No Report
- Amphibian Task Force of Tennessee: Matt Gray has posted information sheets on the SEPARC website.
- Library/Achieves: No Report
- Position Statements: No Report

Funding Request

- Matt Gray requested a \$500 sponsorship for the Ranavirus Symposium at the 2011 American Society of Ichthyologist and Herpetologist Annual Conference. Current sponsors include: ASIH, USFS, PARC, and the Morris Animal Foundation. The Tennessee Herpetological Society would be the only state herpetological organization serving as a sponsor. Pete Wyatt made a motion to support the sponsorship and Tom Laughlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Leah Lavoie provided cupcakes and a herpetological themed cake for the meeting. John Byrd requested that THS provide \$75 to cover her expenses for baking. Pete Wyatt made a motion to fund the request and Ray Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2011 Meeting

Middle Tennessee – Cumberland University will host the 2011 meeting. Danny Bryan will coordinate the meeting. The Board of Directors will determine meeting dates.

Meeting Adjourned by Brian Butterfield at 17:30 EST

Prepared by: Kevin Hamed (THS Secretary)