

TAPMS Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 2015 in Snook, TX

- 10:12am Meeting called to order by president Jordan Austin: opening comments turn to a discussion of the second to last meetings minutes (from Sept. 11th, 2014). In attendance:
- Dave Sidney, Brad Volmar, Matt Ward, Emily Griffith, Chris Smith, Todd Sink, Bret Railey, Dave Bass, Elizabeth Edgerton, and Jordan Austin
- 10:15am Discussion of section 5 of the Sept. 11th meeting minutes occurs. There is a general consensus that we need to develop metal levels of sponsorships (bronze, silver, gold...). This sponsorship is to be a combination sponsorship of some type that would enable sponsors to cut us a single check annually, at a premium cost.
- Previous costs were noted:
- Newsletter ads:
 - 1 page \$440
 - ½ page \$220
 - ¼ page \$110
 - Business Card \$55
 - Booth \$300
 - Break \$250
 - Social \$500
 - Lunch \$950
 - Dinner \$1,600
 - Student scholarships...
- 10:30am **ACTION ITEM: Chris Smith and Todd Sink to decide sponsorship levels/structure. Proposal to be emailed to the rest of the board and officers by March 20th.**
- 10:39am Motion to approve minutes made by Todd Sink. Seconded by Brad Volmar. Motion passes majority vote.
- 10:40am Treasurer's report discussed.
- 10:44am Motion to approve made by Matt Ward. Seconded by Todd Sink. Motion passes majority vote.
- 10:45am Committee chairs are discussed:

- 10:46am Elizabeth Edgerton is no longer a student and so it is decided to have her replaced by Haley Woelfel, who is appointed as Student Involvement committee chair pending her own approval.
- ACTION ITEM: Todd to ask Haley to approve her appointment.**
- 10:57am Todd Sink appointed as chair of the Website Committee.
- 11:00am Bret Railey and Dave Sidney are appointed as co-chairs of the membership outreach committee
- Chris Smith remains editor of the newsletter
- Matt Ward is made Nominations Committee chair per by-laws
- 11:10am Brad Volmar selected as Government Liaison committee chair.
- 11:15 Discussion ensues about the plan to ultimately combine the newsletter and the website. Chris solicits articles from board members and officers.
- 11:27am **ACTION ITEM: All officers and board members are asked to send a self-portrait with a white background and bio to Todd by March 31st.**
- Discussion ensues of the Woodland and Wildlife Expo on March 28th.
- ACTION ITEM: SJRA expo attendants and Matt Ward to attempt to man the TAPMS booth as best as we can.**
- Discussion ensues of how TAPMS is to spend its monies. Matt motions to have a Grant Request form created for those soliciting funds from TAPMS and that this form be published on our website. Dave Bass seconds the motion and the motion passes by majority vote.
- 11:55am Discussion ensues of what a minimum operating budget would look like for TAPMS. Brad Volmar motions to set the minimum operating budget for TAPMS at \$10,000. The motion is seconded by Emily Pylant and passes by majority vote.
- With our new minimum operating budget set, we are currently a bit overcommitted and so we have decided on a temporary freeze on donations/grants
- The TAPMS conference location is discussed.
- ACTION ITEM: Emily Griffith to select two conference locations by the end of the month. One in east Texas and another on the coast. Conference dates are to be the 12th-14th of October.**

12:25pm ACTION ITEM: Every board member and officer needs to send their mailing address to Dave Bass.

12:26pm Motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Dave Bass. Seconded by Matt Ward.
Approval is by majority vote.