

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Board of Directors Meeting- Notes

September 8, 2020 – 7 pm, on GoToMeeting

The meeting began at 7 pm: Virginia, Mike, Steve, Tina and Shirley attending. The meeting was held remotely via GoToMeeting.

1. Minutes: The August minutes were posted to the website.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- There was no treasurer's report. Niki will send one out later.

3. Grants and Expenditures:

- There was no new discussion.

4. PR Report:

- If we do a plant sale on our own, Virginia will look into a Facebook Boost which will get the word out to other groups.
- Shirley gave instructions on setting up a meeting in our GoToMeeting account. Virginia will create a practice meeting for September 15 and invite Janet and Tina.

5. Gardens and Outreach:

6. Membership Meetings/Speakers: Virginia Overstreet and Shirley Denton

- **September 16– Janet Bowers and Virginia-** garden talk and question and answer. Shirley will give directions for running the meeting to Virginia and Tina because both she and Niki are out of town.
- **October 21- Anita Camacho- NABA Tampa Bay-** butterflies
- **November – member share event**
- **December – Holiday Party** -A Suncoast party in the park was suggested, if any are available for groups.

7. Field Trips/Campouts: Steve Dickman/Tina Patterson/Shirley Denton

- **September 19- Cockroach Creek Greenway Preserve**
- Tina has reserved two sites and Janet Bowers and Shirley have reserved one site each at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park for the weekend of **October 23-25**. We have sites #9 ,11 and 13 and Shirley has #7.
- **November 7 – Connerton Preserve – note date change to avoid Thanksgiving weekends.**

8. Plant Sale- November 14

- Kim has offered to let us do a native plant sale in the gardens on November 14. We would be the only vendor and donate 10% of profits to the USF Botanical Garden. No entrance fee will be charged.
- The sale will not be held if USF cancels classes.
- We will need to buy and move plants ourselves. Niki has a new pickup truck that could be used. Virginia will contact Sweet Bay, Green Isles and Green Seasons nurseries about supplying plants.
- We should contact Steve Farnsworth to see if he wants to bring trees.
- We should ask Kim for two or three tables and set up two check out points. No books will be sold.
- Suggested hours for the sale are 10 am – 2 pm.

- Advertising options are Facebook, notifying Audubon and Sierra, and putting on the fnps calendar.
- Supplies needed: signs about masks and social distancing, hand sanitizer at entrance and check out. Tables.
- The Bromeliad Society is doing a sale there on October 17 (check date). Tina volunteered to go and observe.
- FNPS sells masks at their on-line store if we want them.

10. Election of Officers

- November meeting is our regular election membership meeting.
- No current officers or directors have said they will leave their positions.
- It was suggested that we use Barbara Fite, Nanette O'Hara and Vikki Sinclair as our nominating committee.
- We should ask Janet again if she would like to join the board.
- The board would like to continue holding meetings using GoToMeeting.

11. Newsletter: Shirley Denton

- Submissions for the October newsletter should be sent by September 20.
- Possible topics are Connerton Preserve field trip, Kissimmee Prairie Preserve, plant sale, and a profile of Trout Creek or Flatwoods Park. Also, speaker for October and officer elections in November.

Action Items:

Virginia: Contact nurseries. Appoint nominating committee. Practice GoToMeeting with Janet.

Tina: Attend USF Bromeliad Society sale. Get events on calendar, MeetUp and website.

Shirley: Create link for September chapter meeting.

Mike:

Steve: Send Connerton field trip information to Shirley and Tina.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, October 13, at 7 pm.

Tina (Mable C) Patterson, SNPS secretary