



SOUTHWEST VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

SWVMA Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 5, 2022 10:00AM-11:30AM
Meeting on Zoom

January 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

CALLED TO ORDER: (X=present; E=excused; A=absent)

A. Introductions / Roll Call / Call to Order / Round Robin

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| a. Willie Sommers, President (2019) - X | Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Mgmt. |
| b. VACANT, Vice President | |
| c. Corina Anderson, Treasurer (2019) - X | SWCA |
| d. Kris Haskins, Secretary (2019, Interim) - X | Arboretum at Flagstaff (retired) |
| e. Kris Haskins, Past President | Arboretum at Flagstaff (retired) |
| f. Tom Dinn, Board Member (2021) - A | Bayer |
| g. Nick Brasier, Board Member (2021) - X | SWCA |
| h. Claud Cluff, Board Member (2021) - X | City of Chandler (retired) |
| i. Juanita Armstrong, Board Member (2021) - X | Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Dept. |
| j. Dan McLendon, Board Member (2021) - E | American Conservation Experience |

Other participants - Tyler Bowen, Peter Lefebvre, Michael Chamberland, John Scheuring

B. Meeting Called to Order: 10:06 am

- a. Approval of December 2021 meeting minutes

Willie made the first motion to approve; Kris H. made second motion; motion passed to accept minutes.

- C. Treasurer Report: Bank of America balance = \$16,107.75 A \$45 deduction to PayPal was made last month; Corina will investigate gaining access to our PayPal account with Kyle and perhaps Kris G., Willie and Corina will coordinate getting Willie on as a signer to the BoA account.

- D. Secretary Report: Kris will send out ballots to all members by the end of the week - nominations are still being accepted.

E. Board Appointed Positions and committees: Updates

Board-Appointed Positions	*Bold indicates a standing committee
Representative to North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)	<i>Eleanor Gladding</i>
Advocacy	<i>John Scheuring</i> : The rains of December are encouraging lots of stinknet in PHX and Tucson. There is evidence that the rise in stinknet is leading to acute dermatitis in some individuals. We need to spread awareness! Juanita shares this concern and has assured that the Desert Defenders group is doing what they can. John's suggestion is to not shy away from chemicals: Glyphosate combined with a non-ionic surfactant is what is recommended. John has also made sure that the on-line brochure has been updated with the latest treatment information and should be shared widely. There was a



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	discussion on pre-emergent chemicals, which are not recommended for the homeowner. These chemicals need to be applied by someone holding a license. Michael Chamberland mentioned looking into the mechanisms behind the allergies and is working with the Master Gardeners.
Website Committee	<i>Kris Gade/Juanita Armstrong:</i> A number of suggestions were made for FB posts (see below) but could also be mentioned on the website.
Facebook Admin.	<i>Tyler Bowen, Nick Brasier:</i> Willie suggested posting a few good photos of stinknet along with some reminders to folks to keep their eyes open for it. Willie will send Nick photos. Michael C. also has a supply of stinknet photos and videos. Juanita is going to send Nick some posts about Desert Defenders events happening soon.
Committees	
Grants	<i>Kyle Seisinger, Kris H., Willie S.:</i> On hold until a meeting can be held.
Strategic Planning	<i>Willie Sommers, Kris H, Juanita, Tyler Bowen:</i> A committee meeting was held Dec. 3 rd in which actions for 2022 were primarily discussed. A discussion about how to move forward was held and the plan is to keep the Strategic Plan as a working Google Doc (Kris H. will convert) and to submit an annual Operating Plan for Board Approval in February.
Weed Management Areas	<i>Kim Franklin, Willie Sommers, Kris H, and Corina Anderson:</i> SFPWMA is currently dormant until a funding source for a coordinator can be found. Pima County just hired an invasive species manager.
State Weed List	<i>John Scheuring, John Brock, Patti Fenner</i>
Conference Planning	<i>Willie Sommers, Kris H, Corina Anderson, Tom Ohmart, Kris G, and Tyler B, Kyle S.:</i> Willie is currently collecting speaker bios, photos and abstracts. This info needs to get to Kyle and Rhonda ASAP so they can work on CEUs and planning, respectively. We reviewed the conference schedule and agreed to drop two talks in favor of breaks. Kris will work on developing a 1-page Sponsor solicitation page.
Education/Conservation	<i>Tyler B, Kai U, Michael C, John S</i>
Nominating	<i>Dan McLendon, Kris Haskins:</i> Kris will send ballot by the end of the week. Juanita agreed to be nominated for VP.

F. Old Business:

- a. Insurance for the organization: Kris will look into getting a new quote.
- b. Strategic plan development
- c. Virtual conference on February 10-11, 2022



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G. New Business:

- a. Summary of Western Weed Coordinating Committee meeting held December 7-9, 2021
- b. Proposed plans for 2022: These will be built into the 2022 Operating Plan.
- c. Peter L. mentioned that Feb. 6-13 is the New Mexico Society of Range Management Annual Meeting for those interested in attending.

H. Adjourn (11:34am) - Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @10:00 AM via Google Meet; Willie will send invite.