# **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

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

<b>Board-Appointed Positions</b>	*Bold indicates a standing committee
Representative to North	Eleanor Gladding
American Invasive Species	
Management Association	
(NAISMA)	
Advocacy	John Scheuring: 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

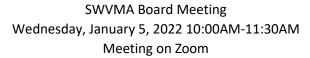
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	discussion on pre-emergent chemicals, which are not recommended for the
	homeowner. These chemicals need to be applied by someone holding a
	license. Michael Chamberland mentioned looking into the mechanisms
	behind the allergies and is working with the Master Gardeners.
Website Committee	Kris Gade/Juanita Armstrong: A number of suggestions were made for FB
	posts (see below) but could also be mentioned on the website.
Facebook Admin.	Tyler Bowen, Nick Brasier: 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	Kyle Seisinger, Kris H., Willie S.: On hold until a meeting can be held.
Strategic Planning	Willie Sommers, Kris H, Juanita, Tyler Bowen: A committee meeting was
	held Dec. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	Kim Franklin, Willie Sommers, Kris H, and Corina Anderson: 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	John Scheuring, John Brock, Patti Fenner
Conference Planning	Willie Sommers, Kris H, Corina Anderson, Tom Ohmart, Kris G, and Tyler B,
	Kyle S.: 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	Tyler B, Kai U, Michael C, John S
Nominating	Dan McLendon, Kris Haskins: 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





### 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.