



SOUTHWEST VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

SWVMA Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 10:00AM-11:30AM

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Meeting Minutes June 6, 2023

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

A. New Advisory Board members: Introductions / Roll Call / Call to Order

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| 1. Juanita Armstrong, President X | Maricopa County Parks |
| 2. Corina Anderson, Vice President X | SWCA |
| 3. Mary Fastiggi, Secretary X | McDowell Sonoran Conservancy |
| 4. Nick Brasier, Treasurer X | SWCA |
| 5. Willie Sommers, Past President X | AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Mgmt. |
| 6. Dan McLendon, Board Member E | American Conservation Experience |
| 7. Curt Deuser, Board Member X | National Park Service |
| 8. Andy Pigg, Board Member E | USDA Coconino NF |
| 9. Jen Becker, Board Member X | Pima County Flood Control |
| 10. Board Member | (VACANT) |
| 11. Tom Ohmart, At Large Board Member -X | Retired |

Other participants – John Scheuring (AZNPS) -X; A Peter Lefebvre (BIA) - X , Michael Chamberland (UA)- X ; Kyle Seisinger (ADOT) , Monique Laraway - X; Vianey Avila (Desert Museum) -X, Ben Tully (AZ.edu) - X, Kim Franklin (DM) -X

B. Meeting Called to Order:

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 1 and April 3, 2023. Motion to approve March meeting minutes and April meeting minutes approved. No May meeting.

C. Treasurer Report: No transactions since January, Bank of America \$14,742.76, PayPal account: \$500

D. Secretary Report: We had an increase in inquiries about stinknet in April and early May and then it stopped once the plants dried up. Secretary will work on updating website with old meeting minutes, etc. over the summer.

E. Guest Speakers:

1. Monique Laraway-Artist using illustrations to spread the word about invasive species. (10 minutes) <https://www.revoltaart.com/portfolio/infographics> Secretary to work with Monique on graphics and getting them on the SWVMA website. Juanita will work with Monique to get a proposal set forth to be voted on for next months meeting. (Tom O. suggested we add the graphics to a poster to have as swag at the Conference) Great idea..all agreed
2. **Sonoran Desert CWMA:** Activities/Monthly Report (10 Minutes): Speakers: Kim Franklin, Vianey Avila, Ben Tully – need a one stop shop for information about invasive plant species. UA Coop (Michael) may be interested in suing the SW Deserts invasive info.

F. Old Business:

1. Bank Update Signatories (Corina, Juanita and Nick, meet at back in Phoenix) Willie and Juanita will meet to get the presidents name on account.
2. Insurance Update: Good
3. Grants Update: Set up a July meeting to begin grant write up Willie/Juanita will set this up.
4. Website Updates: Need to get a save the date flyer up. Corina to send draft.
 - a. Add Monique Illustrations, select species.



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5. Updates or discussion on the new invaders/EDD data sent out? Tabled
6. EPA pesticide registration review – No Updates
7. ADOT Conference CEU’s May 31 due

G. New Business:

1. Advocacy
 - a. Stinknet Brochure Team: set date to meet to discuss creation (Willie is taking the Lead)
2. Arizona Give Dates: Need the dates and a Paypal link – Mary to look into this.
3. Historical Records: Three -ringed binders of older SWVMA materials 2003-2006, 2013-2016, Willie and Mary to get together to go over it in the summer.
4. New Invader Updates:
 - a. Other Advocacy and Awareness needed.
5. Website Updates: invasive species-Invasive Species Illustrations
6. Conference Updates: Dates: October 18-19 (Wed-Thurs) Vote on Cost and location Arizona American Italian Club. <http://azaclub.org/index.php> (7509 N 12th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020) - (Sent quote and set up to all members). We will have access from 7am – 4:45pm
 - a. Vote on Cost of \$2000 for day one conference. Venue, black linen, tables, and chairs. 6 vendor tables, and registration tables, \$10 a table for extras. Catering is an excellent value, \$25/pp. for greater than 50 people, less than 50 people would be \$30/pp. Includes: Breakfast-drinks, pastries, Lunch - salads, chicken, and veggies, drinks, 2pm Snacks, including cookies, etc. \$1,300-1,400 for food.
 - b. Total: \$50/pp. for the conference at cost (\$23/pp. for venue, \$25/pp. for food, \$2/pp. for tip)
 - c. Motion approved to reserve the venue (Corina 1st, Curtis 2nd). Motion approved to reserve the food prices (Juanita 1st, Corina 2nd) – All voted YES.
 - d. Discuss the dinner option as separate ticket item? BBQ venue, North Mountain park, up to 1,500 people can be accommodated – liquor permit acquired if we want it. Ribeye Steak/Halibut, and sides (some are vegan/gluten free), drinks for dinner - \$32/pp. Beer/wine until 6pm only, canned beer and boxed wine only at the venue. Could also get a bar tender at \$200 a night, who would do tickets and get tips.
 - e. Conference Swag; stickers (willie has them), Collapsible ice chest or water bottle

Board-Appointed Positions	*Bold indicates a standing committee, others are ad hoc
Representative to North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)	<i>Willie Sommers</i>
Advocacy	<i>John Scheuring, Tyler Bowen</i>
Website Committee	<i>Mary Fastiggi, Juanita Armstrong</i>
Facebook Admin.	<i>Nick Brasier</i>
Committees	
Grants	<i>Willie S., Curt Deuser, Juanita</i>
Strategic Planning /Operational Plan	<i>Juanita, Corina and Willie</i>
Weed Management Areas	<i>Kim Franklin, Willie Sommers, and Corina Anderson</i>
State Weed List	<i>John Scheuring, John Brock and Patti Fenner</i>



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Conference Planning	<i>Corina Anderson, Juanita Armstrong, Willie Sommers, Tom Ohmart and Dan McLendon</i>
Education/Conservation	<i>Michael C, John S, Peter Lefebvre</i>
Stinknet Brochure Team	<i>Willie, Juanita, John Scheuring, Curt Dueser and Michael Chamberlain</i>
Sponsorship	<i>Tom Ohmart Tom Dinn?</i>
Nominating	<i>Willie and Tom Ohmart</i>

H. Round Robin (*if time permits*) – brief updates from Board members and participants related to vegetation management: Skipped in the interest of time. No time.

I. Adjourned – 11:38 am **Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 @10:00 am**

Conference Email Notes