



UMNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday July 28, 2022, 10:00am – 11:00am

Hybrid Meeting: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Zoom

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Meeting ID: 846 7587 1965

Passcode: 837573

Business Meeting Called to Order at: 10:00am

21 members in attendance in person

23 members in attendance via Zoom

Officer Reports:

1) President's Report: Pam Shucker

- a) Welcome and introduction of officers

2) Vice President and Membership Report: Dave Redden

- a) Current membership stands at 182 paid members and 6 honorary members

3) Secretary's Report: Sharon Appell

- a) Presentation of May minutes, which were emailed to membership on June 20, 2022. There were no changes suggested.
 - i) Motion to Approve: Imtiaz
 - ii) Second: Pam

Minutes approved unanimously

4) Treasurer's Report: Cindy Hekking

- a) YTD Financials:
 - i) Beginning Balance: \$15,768.50
 - ii) Ending Balance: \$15,743.71

5) Programs and First VP Report: Imtiaz Haque

- a) All programs/meetings are in place for the rest of the year. Depending on the Covid status at the time of the meeting, we will determine if these will be in person/hybrid or Zoom only meetings. As it stands now, the remaining meetings are scheduled for the following:

[September 22, 2022](#)

Presenter: Lisa Halo, Upstate Forever

Topic: The Upstate: A Region at a Crossroads

Location: ReWa

[November 17, 2022](#)

Presenter: Brad Wyche

Topic: A Historic Perspective on Land Conservation Efforts in the Upstate

Location: ReWa

Annual Meeting/Potluck

- b) Upcoming Workshop: Geology of the Upstate with David Spain
 - i) Date: Saturday October 15th
 - ii) Time: Meet at 12:30. Class and field trip 1:00pm – 4:00 pm.
 - iii) Location: Chattooga River Lodge & Campground
110 Blalock Place Long Creek, SC 29658
 - iv) More details and registration link are in the email sent on 8-13-22.

6) Business Updates: Pam Shucker

- a) Old Business: Is there any old business from the membership that needs to be addressed here today? None noted.
- b) New Business:
 - i) The Executive Board has proposed a motion to clarify the Board's interpretation of the language in UMNA Standing Rule #8, Honorary Membership.
 - ii) The intent of this clarification is to provide metrics and qualifications that the Board will use to evaluate Honorary Membership nominees moving forward.
 - iii) The Executive Board approved this motion unanimously at the last board meeting on July 25, 2022.
 - iv) The updated set of Standing Rules will be placed on the Google Drive.

Committee Reports:

1) Grant Committee: Polly Powell

- a) Pam presented Polly's update on the 2022 UMNA Grant Program and how to apply.
- b) Grants can be submitted until 5pm on August 1, 2022.
- c) Grants that are selected for award by the Committee will be presented at the September general meeting.

2) Newsletter: Laura Godfrey

- a) Newsletter will go out on August 15th
- b) Please continue to send content (pictures, articles, etc.) to Laura for inclusion in the newsletter.

3) Oyster Recycling Committee: Carole Lyles

- a) Carole provided an update on the status of the Oyster Recycling program.
 - i) This program/effort needs more volunteers in order to be successful. Carole asked that anyone who is interested reach out to her.
 - ii) DNR said that the Upstate has contributed 8% of the total shell received for the program!

4) Website/Facebook: Provided by Pam (since Manella cannot attend)

- a) Pam provided Manella's update on the website and Facebook page
- b) The Facebook page will remain a group and we will allow anyone entry to the group provided they answer a question about which master naturalist site they graduated from.

5) Volunteer Committee: Cindy Robinson

- a) Cindy and Pam recognized all members present at the meeting who qualified for gems. Names of all members who have qualified for gems were shown on the screen.
- b) Cindy mentioned that she is able to mail jewels to those who cannot attend a meeting in person; reach out to her via email.

6) RC Edwards Meadow Project Committee: Cindy Hekking

- a) Cindy reported that there hasn't been much interest in the meadows project and that if anyone is interested in participating, they should reach out to her.
- b) The last cleanup only had three volunteers.
- c) If we continue to be involved with this effort, we will need to purchase new picnic tables for the meadow (the ones there are rotted and inoperable).

7) Bald Rock Heritage Preserve Cleanup Committee: Dave Redden

- a) Dave presented Tony's update on efforts at Bald Rock Heritage Preserve.
- b) Short, morning cleanups continue once a month at Bald Rock; sign up on their website if you are interested in helping out.

Educational Program

Imtiaz introduced Paul Grimes and provided his biography

Paul Grimes, Bird Biologist at Tall Timbers

Topic: Wild Quail Hunting: The Saving Grace of Threatened and Endangered Species in the South

Presentation by Paul Grimes

Meeting adjourned at: 11:40