

Tyler County Forest Landowner Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 10, 2009 10:00 AM
Jack Clark's Tree Farm, Woodville, TX

Jack Clark hosted the TCFLOA Board Meeting in his home, east of Woodville. In attendance were:

Charles Zimmerman (President); Jack Clark (VP), Bill Tetley (Treasurer), Betty Zimmerman (Secretary), Hugh Hales (Dir), Tim Parker (Dir), Sarah Reinemeyer (Dir), Fred Reinemeyer, Fred & DeAnna Turner, Christine Sanders, and Mike White.

Charles Zimmerman called the meeting to order.

Minute Approval:

Betty Zimmerman distributed the minutes from the previous board meeting of Saturday, September 6, 2008. Bill Tetley moved that the minutes be accepted as written; Tim Parker seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Tetley presented the Treasurer's Report. As of January 9, 2009, TCFLOA has a balance of \$4847.51. Forty-nine of our 135 members have already paid their 2009 dues.

2009 Calendar:

March 14, 2009	– 9:30 am	– Regular Association Meeting
May 2, 2009	–	– Field Trip to TFA Tailgate Rally near Mt Enterprise
August 22, 2009	– 10:00 am	– Board Meeting at Tim Parker's Tree Farm or Office
September 12, 2009	– 9:30 am	– Regular Association Meeting
TBD		– Field Trip to local chip mill, or other facility
Quarterly, event driven		– Publication of <u>The Dogwood Times</u>

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Charles shared that while Bill Boyd will continue to be involved, Bill requested that we secure a new Membership Committee Chairman. TCFLOA's Membership Strategy was discussed. Options include:

- TaxNet USA data purchase for \$350 & mailings
- Website
- Brochures
- News Releases

Education & Communication Committee & Public Affairs Committee: Bill Tetley presented the reports.

- A celebration event for the Big Thicket conservation addition is open to the public on Friday, January 16, 2009, at the Texas Forestry Museum in Lufkin at 10:30 am.
- East Texas Timber Income and Property Tax Workshop is scheduled for January 27, 2009 in Lufkin. <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/main/>
- The Texas Forest Expo is rescheduled for April 24-26, 2009 in Conroe, Texas. <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/conferences/texasforestexpo/>
- TFA's next Tailgate Rally will be May 2, 2009 at Mount Enterprise.
- The Texas Forest Expo is rescheduled for April 24-26, 2009 in Conroe, Texas. <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/conferences/texasforestexpo/>
- Bill shared information about black bears in East Texas that was prepared by Rachel E Rommel with the Houston Zoo.
- The EPA has issued new guidelines for pesticide applications.

Scholarship Subcommittee:

Betty Zimmerman solicited new chair for the Scholarship Subcommittee. Sarah Reinemeyer volunteered to join Betty and Rick Huffman on the committee.

Program Committee :

Jack Clark & Hugh Hales continue to co-chair the Program Committee. Potential program topics introduced:

- Marketing Pine Straw – article Jack's TimberLines magazine. Clay Alverson, Timberland Pinestraw (936) 635-3916. <http://texaspinestraw.com/>
- Black Bears – Rachel Rommel (713) 533-6836) with the Houston Zoo. (rrommel@houstonzoo.org)
- Exotic Animals - Thomas McClure, Warren, Texas
- Control Burning
- Pond Management – Ken & Kirk Hale <http://www.boatcycle.com/>

TCFLOA website:

Sarah Reinemeyer announced that the Tyler County Forest Landowner Association website <http://tcforest.org/> is available and the cost for two years was less than the amount budgeted. She will share access statistics at future board meetings. Betty and Bill Tetley will continue to work with Sarah on this new committee of which Bill Boyd is also an active participant. Bill Tetley expressed concerns about content permissions if we publish the newsletter on the web. Susie Shockley would be TFS contact. When adding Texas to the website, it was noted that we should mention Woodville as the county seat to prevent confusion with Tyler, Texas. Adding board member names to the website was rejected.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

- Door Prize for TFA Tailgate Rally. Betty Zimmerman moved that we allocate \$50; Tim Parker seconded the motion and it carried. Tim volunteered to order a

- Gerber hook blade. If the cost is less than \$50, Betty will procure a second door prize.
- Bill Tetley suggested emailing The Dogwood Times newsletter. He will provide more information on this later.

External Issue:

Christine Sanders shared that even though the Sundew Trail is in Tyler County and that the north Turkey Creek Trail originates in Tyler County, there are no signs noting that Tyler County is a gateway to the Big Thicket.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Betty will take brochures to Heritage Village and the Appraisal Office.
- Tim Parker will order a Gerber hooked machete for the Tailgate door prize.
- Betty will buy an additional door prize with any remaining funds.
- Jack Clark will contact Hugh Hales to schedule a program committee meeting in February.

Jack Clark moved we adjourn; Tim Parker seconded the motion and it passed.