TCFLOA Board Meeting Minutes March 24, 2018

Location: Bulldog Café, Colmesneil, Texas

Attendees: Sarah Reinemeyer, Charles Zimmerman, Jay Fish, Sally Fish, Keelin Parker and Betty Zimmerman. Board Member Josh Lembert participated via phone.

Charles Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

The Minutes from the January 6, 2018 Board Meeting were distributed. Betty Zimmerman moved that they be approved as written; Jay seconded the motion and it passed.

Charles Zimmerman presented the Treasurer and Membership Reports. The current balance is \$5151.96 with 102 paid members for 2018.

Josh Lembert reported that everything is arranged for the speakers at the April 21, 2018 General Meeting. Betty Zimmerman moved that we provide \$50 gift certificates for each of our non-member guest speaker; Josh Lembert seconded the motion and it carried.

Action Items:

- Charles Zimmerman has already reserved the Nutrition Center.
- Jeff & Elizabeth Parker will order 25 box lunches from Wise Eats.
- Betty Zimmerman will provide coffee in the meeting room.
- Keelin Parker will provide tea, ice and cups for lunch.
- Keelin Parker will send the agenda to TFA to obtain approval for CEU credits for loggers and others who might qualify.
- Betty Zimmerman will send a meeting notice to <u>The Booster</u>.
- Betty Zimmerman will purchase \$50 gift certificates and cards for the 3 non-member speakers.
- Jay and Sally Fish will provide homemade bread for the member speaker.

Sarah Reinemeyer presented the Website Report. The number of people (non-bots) and the frequency of their access more than tripled for January-February 2018 as compared to January-February 2017.

Education Committee: Betty Zimmerman reported that TCI brochures and scholarship applications were mailed to all the schools in Tyler County, including St. Paul's Episcopal School, and a notice was published in the February 22, 2018 edition of <u>The Booster</u>. Applications for the \$1000 scholastic scholarship were emailed to counselors of the five high schools in the county and an application form will be inserted in the Dogwood Times newsletter to be mailed next week. Keelin Parker noted that educators at Camp Niwana and Camp Ta-Ku-La could also be eligible for the TCI scholarships.

Public Affairs Committee: Keelin Parker reported that the Certified Tree Farm system is purging its list. Sarah Reinemeyer shared a <u>Wall Street Journal</u> article

touting an increase in lumber prices; however, per Keelin Parker, we are not seeing an increase in timber prices in Tyler County. Prices for mature round-wood are half what they were several years ago. There are numerous reports that Roy O Martin in Corrigan will begin taking wood in two weeks and that the Pellet Mill in Woodville will be taking wood again this summer, maybe August.

Calendar:

April 7, 2018 – TFA Tree Farm Tour, Liberty County, Texas April 21, 2018 – Spring General Meeting, Woodville, Texas June 2018 – Tour of Ray Hensarling's Historic Tolar Log House, Hillister, Texas August 25, 2018 – Fall Board Meeting, TBD September 15, 2018 – Fall General Meeting, Woodville, Texas

Nominating Committee: Betty Zimmerman and Jay Fish volunteered to form the Nominating Committee. They will present a slate of officers at the August 25, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting.

Sarah Reinemeyer moved that the meeting adjourn; Jay Fish seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned about 10:00 AM.