

Tyler County Forest Landowner Association
Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2015

The TCFLOA board meeting was held after the Gemma Power Plant tour in Woodville, Texas. The tour will be recorded in a separate document.

Called to order: 12:15 pm by President Sarah Reinemeyer at the Señor Toro’s restaurant in Woodville.

Minutes of prior meeting: presented by Jeff Parker. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by Jack Clark. Motion Passed.

Treasurer & Membership Report:

Charles Zimmerman read the Treasurer’s report.

Previous Balance:	\$6,157.58
Dues received:	857.00
Bank fees:	0.00
Stamps:	(123.48)
April 18 Gen meet lunch:	(450.00)
Ending Balance:	<hr/> \$6,441.10

168 members have paid membership dues for 2015 as of August 13. 37 invoices were mailed to members with unpaid dues. Received 6 responses.

Committee Reports:

- **Program Committee:** Jeff Parker reported on his progress for our September General Meeting. Tentative topics are: site preparation; reforestation; natural swimming pools. Jeff will call a Program Committee next week to work on details.
- **Website Sub-committee:** Sarah Reinemeyer reported on recent activity on the website. There were several spikes in access. One in April, perhaps due to the dogwood festival and the tour we had planned then. Also August 4 had a spike. This was probably due to the two fires at the same time in Tyler County and the posting of the burn ban.
- **Education/Communications Committee:** Charles Zimmerman reported on a TFA session that he attended where the main topic of interest was audits by the IRS. It was suggested that we should take pictures of work activities on our tree farms. An example would be repairing a fence. Also if called to an audit, take forest literature that was secured at various meeting that you attend. This shows that you are actively managing your tree farm and not engaged in a hobby. On another note, he informed us that the emerald ash borer infestation is closing in on Texas.
- **Public Affairs Committee:** No Report
- **TCI Scholarship Sub-Committee:** There were no applications for a scholarship.

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Calendar:

September 19, 2015	Fall General meeting
September 12, 2015	TFA Tree Farm Tour – reservation required
September 2015	Next “Dogwood Times” newsletter
January 16, 2016	Winter/Spring Board Meeting

Old Business:

- 2015 Dogwood Festival Report: Jeff Parker reported that we gave away approximately 560 dogwood trees. All agreed that potting the trees worked better.
- 2015 Spring General Meeting and Tour: The tour was well received even with the muddy conditions. Some attendees suggested that we do it again. The receipts for the vans have not been turned in for refund yet. The Treasurer requested that it be submitted before the end of the year.

New Business:

- The question evolved around the expectation of members as to the receipt of email notices of forest/tree events other than those of TCFLOA. A discussion ensued. It was decided to only send emails to our members on TCFLOA events when needed. Events for other entities would be listed in the newsletter and posted on the events page of the website. All were in agreement.
- The question of sharing our mailing list with other organizations was discussed. It is currently our policy to not share the mailing list. All agreed to continue with this practice.

Other Business:

There was no other business presented.

Adjourned: 12:43 pm

Motion was made by DeAnna Turner and seconded by Jack Clark

Submitted By: Sarah Reinemeyer, President