

TMN. President's Meeting

11/2/2020

Annual Meeting Recap

- Please do not share or reuse recordings for chapter trainings/meetings - for registered attendees only
- Watching records post event counts as AT
- Recordings available until April 2021
- Instructor contact info on the App
- Financial Report
 - o 1,171 registered
 - o So far - Gross \$75,674 + sponsorships
 - o Net proceeds will be reported at December meeting, net used for next annual meeting
- Virtual Nature Venture
 - o 177 registration, 48 donations
 - o Will report Net at December 2020 meeting
- Bookstore
 - o Best to do a group order to reduce shipping cost
 - o New shirts to be restocked hopefully in January

Virtual Volunteer Fair 2021

- 2020 virtual volunteer fair is still active
- Very popular thus we will continue to do this
- Will expand it to all partners in chapters / area
- Soliciting for proposals – mid-November
- Save the dates: Jan 26, 27,28 OR Feb 2,3,4 (tbd)

TMN Tuesdays 2021

- 2nd Tuesday of month, Virtual Advanced Training around Noon – 1:00
- Hosted via Webex and they will be recorded
- Open to all current TMN folks
- Send Mary Pearl and Michelle your ideas on what can be presented

Winter/Spring Training Plan

- Request for training info to be sent this week to be published on the TMN website
- Use Regional Webex accounts
- Consider ways to build community
 - o Virtual but Together, mentorships, chapter buddies, social time built into schedule
 - o In Person & Distanced, individual kits/tools, indoor/outdoor capacity 75% capacity / Max 50 people
 - o Health and safety gear
 - o More info will be covered at Training Directors meeting – attend if you want to
- Training Directors Biannual Calls in 2021
 - o Next call is November 30, 2020
 - o Announcement will be sent to directors today or tomorrow morning

Regional Webex Accounts

- Check Calendar before setting new meetings (on the far left when you first login – check it as far out as possible)

- Try not to overlap with other meetings

Return to Service

- 75% capacity of space with max and of 50 people
- Applies to indoor and outdoor gatherings
- Face coverings required when 6 ft distance is not possible

CMOP & COH Timeline

- Compiling updates getting ready for distribution
- Moving process to spring updates
- Then we will move to a 2 year review period

Wordpress Update

- Restructuring of staff
- First call helpdesk is still available – but it's slammed by all users
- Recordings of training is available
- <https://tmn.tamu.edu/wordpress-trainings-recordings>
- Hoping to get training started up again in 2021

Master Naturalist Project WILD

- Feb 2 & 9 2021 6-8 PM, Zoom
- Fee \$35
- 6 total hours of Project Wild training
- Chapters – need 5 members at each chapter/region before fee is collected and registration confirmed, also need a point person to get material

VMS Changes

- Parks volunteers VMS website has been changed
- TMN VMS has not changed
- Remind members of correct URL

Guidance Document for Community/Citizen Science Projects

- Goes into effect 11/2/2020 – 12/31/2021
- Will go into regular review process in 2021 cycle
- Resources for best practices

2020 Against All Odds Pin

- Available for those with 8 hr AT and 1 hour of Volunteer Service
- Ship to chapter in January
- If trainees did not get complete initial verification – is there an extension?
 - o Our by-laws provides for extension

Earning 2021 Certification

- Do not anticipate changes to normal rules
- What are some ideas for us shifting volunteer opportunities during the COvid-19 challenges

Diversity & Inclusion

- What are we supposed to do in our chapters
 - o Continue the conversation and keep relevant in chapter activities (forethought instead of afterthought)
 - o What could State Office do to help
 - One of the TMN Tuesday for panel discussion on this topic
 - Round table discussion at 2021 annual meeting
 - Could us “Slack” for exchanging ideas
 - o Town Hall questions
 - How can chapters diversify members / audiences and invite diverse speakers / partners

State Office Capacity

- 2020 has been a Year of Innovation
- MMH & MPM
 - o What do drop to better manage new tasks
 - o How do we change the execution of the Programs missions so that we don’t lose the soul of the program
 - o It will take longer to reply to questions from members
 - o Members need constant reminder that the State website is the best place to find information – MMH & MPM get an overwhelming amount of email that can be found there
 - o How can volunteers help alleviate some of the pain?
 - We’re not sure what tasks we can hand off
 - It may require management making decisions on what should come of the list
 - No more new chapters?
 - Other big projects could come off – e.g. junior naturalist program
 - Maybe we make small cuts in small portions that aren’t as painful
 - o Can you add to the staff
 - Hopefully, but where do we get the funds? License plate sales? Endowment?

Chapter Leadership Capacity

- Shifting Roles as Chapter Leadership have required this year’s presidents to adjust and take on so much more
- Adapting on the fly
 - o How do we prepare incoming leadership
 - Mentor with previous leaders
 - o How do we better share info with neighboring chapters
 - o How have you shifted and what has worked and what hasn’t
 - Reaching out to chapter members more often in a variety of ways
 - Connect tech savvy members with members that aren’t so tech savvy and helping them get more comfortable
 - Strength members and presenters with virtual presentations
 - o Lots of comments in the “Chat” window – check it for replies
 - o Can we share AT and Initial training with regional chapters

Monthly President’s meeting

- Dec 7th – 1:00, if you have an incoming president invite them to attend
- 2021 Scheduled already – most of them are the last Monday of the month

Thanks for everyone's hard work and dedication