Alabama Mushroom Society, 501(c)3

1/9/2021 Board Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

President- Allen Carroll

Vice President- Alisha Millican

Treasurer- Spencer Lowry

Secretary- Becca Mahoney

Founder- Anthoni Goodman

Form: Zoom Meeting

Treasurer's Report: 3000.00 current balance

New Business

* Discussed what day and time each month to have meetings and whether we can safely have in person meetings
  + Members meetings will be at 7:00pm the 1st Tuesday of each month
  + Board meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. the day before the Members Meeting
  + We will stick to Zoom Meetings for now and wait to see how the COVID situation changes as the year goes on.
* State Dept of AG is trying to arrange a Alabama Mushroom ID through the health department, Tradd Cotter has been unresponsive to them. Is this something we would like to put together to make revenue?
  + Currently set at $300/person, we could do it cheaper, $50/person was suggested
  + It was suggested to see if Tim Pfitzer would be willing to run the class. We would pay him for his time.
  + This would provide a legal way to collect comercial mushrooms in Alabama.
  + Need to collaborate with the Health Department to meet their standards.
* Discussed having a raffle and or an auction to celebrate our growing membership
  + Due to Alabama Law we have to make it some sort of contest. Spencer will arrange something.
* Anthoni suggested we put together an Alabama Mushroom Festival for 2022
  + Spencer suggested Rickwood Caverns may be a possible location
  + Alisha is a member of Alabama State Park Foundation so will contact the park to see if they would be willing to host it.
  + Its was suggested that March may be a good time of year.
* What can we offer to our members this year?:
  + Tree Identification Walk
  + Additional education in the newsletters
  + Members only microscopy instruction class
  + Guided forays
    - Spencer is offering a Glowing Night Walk
    - Allen will be offering a monthly foray around the Lake Martin area.
    - Alisha will offer a monthly foray for AMS North-Central. She suggested requiring sign in to enforce the idea of them being for members only.
* Liability was discussed- per Facebook/consumption and foray consumption.
  + Liability is waived when members sign up
  + Alisha proposes physical liability waivers available for any non-members who may show up at forays.
* Whom to invite for lectures and education for our zoom meetings;
  + Jefferson Rodgers, Peter Hendrix and Toni Glover were mentioned
  + Alisha can do a presentation on Plants and Fungi
  + Allen can do a Mushroom Cultivation presentation
  + Allen Rockefeller may be willing to do a presentation. $100-$150 would be appropriate to pay him.
  + Should we ask for donations to support those giving of their time for our meeting presentations?
* How many paid members do we have? About 240
  + What does revenue go toward?
  + Spencer suggested making the calendars Made-to-Order instead of ordering a set amount. They would be more expensive this way, but would eliminate over/under purchase issues.

* Bi-laws have been updated, everyone needs to review them
  + Changing tax id
  + Need notes from previous meetings in order to switch bank account over. Anthoni is working on this.

Action Items

* Alisha will try and find someone with the Cullman County Master Gardens to lead a Tree ID Walk for this spring.
* Spencer will look into doing the Calendars Made-to-Order
* Spencer will come up with a contest to celebrate hitting 5k fb members
* Anthoni will try to acquire the notes to change the bank account over