

Special Members Chapter, Michigan Botanical Club
Board Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2015

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Irene Eiseman at 7:20 pm at the Hewitt residence. In attendance: Irene Eiseman, Jim Hewitt, Phyllis Higman, Leslie Kuhn.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: There were no additions to the agenda prepared by Irene.
- 3) Previous Minutes: This was the first board meeting of the Special Members Chapter.
- 4) Announcements: Jim spoke of an upcoming talk by Douglas Tallamy on Sept. 12 at the Midwest Birding Symposium in Bay City and of its possible interest to members. A paragraph has been sent to Sheila Bourgojn for posting onto the Mich. Bot. Club website and Jim will also send the same information to Irene for distribution to SMC members.
- 5) Committee Reports: Treasurer – Leslie distributed an account ledger which showed a starting balance of \$842 as of 6/8/15 and an ending balance of \$841 as of 7/11/15. The starting balance was from a check from Bob Kelly, the MBC treasurer, which represented 2015 dues paid by Special Members. For now, Irene will receive and process membership applications and forward the checks to Leslie.
- 6) Older Business: Leslie re-confirmed that the SM Chapter reimbursed the Southeast Chapter for meal expenses incurred by the last minute withdrawal of sponsored student William Hartill from the Spring Foray and that the SMC has in turn been reimbursed by Mr. Hartill.
- 7) Newer Business:
 - a. Bringing value to members.
 1. Field trips – Jim will contact Robert Ayotte about leading a field trip in late summer/ fall to Dansville SGA.
 2. Winter Wildflowers – pamphlet update. Photos are needed which may appeal to some members. Leslie will contact Tony Reznicek to obtain photo requirements.
 3. Irene encouraged the board to become familiar with chapter members.
 4. Jim will send a list of members of the former Red Cedar Chapter to the board.
 - b. Open positions. Irene said there is no urgency to fill the positions of vice-president and director but that the board should remain cognizant of the need.
 - c. Fall Arisaema report: Irene will write up the SMC report for the fall edition of the Arisaema and there was mild interest in including bios and maybe photos.
- 8) Next board meeting: Phyllis will investigate virtual meeting options, e.g. “Go to Meeting.” In conjunction with the MBC winter meeting in Lansing is a possibility.
- 9) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by Jim Hewitt, SMC board secretary