**Tennessee Entomological Society Annual Business Meeting**

Brehm Animal Sciences room 130, University of Tennessee campus, Knoxville - October 5, 2018

President Pat Parkman called the Annual Business meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. CDT.

President Parkman asked Proclamation Chair David Cook to provide background information about the 2018 Tennessee Entomology Week Proclamation. Cook indicated that he had ordered three copies of the 2018 proclamation, signed by Governor Haslam (one copy for the host institution, one copy for Dr. DeWayne Shoemaker, Chair of Entomology and Plant Pathology, University of Tennessee, and one for TES Historian, Frank Hale). A suggestion was made that the proclamation be publicized in local, regional and state media in 2019.

**Awards Committee:**

Chair Kayshayla Amarasekare gave the number of student paper competition presenters, thanked them and encouraged the students to continue to give good presentations at future meetings.

The winners of the Undergraduate student paper competition were: 2nd place to Brianna Alred, 1st place to Andrew Dixon. The winners of the Graduate student paper competition were: 2nd place to Ratnasri Pothula; 1st place to Brent Newman. The first place winners each received a check from Treasurer Steve Powell for $200.00 and the second place winners each received a check for $100.00. All winners also received an award certificate. Chair Kayshayla Amarasekare announced that Samantha Bussell will receive the Harry E. Williams 4-H award later this year.

Chair Kayshayla Amarasekare thanked President Parkman for his hard work in 2018 and presented a plaque to him. Karen Vail reminded those in attendance of the other TES Awards which were not given this year.

**Other Committee and Officer Reports**:

**Auditing Committee**:

Committee Chair Clete Youmans reported that he and committee member Frank Hale had met with Treasurer Steve Powell on Thursday evening, October 4, 2018, at which time they had audited the Treasurer’s books and had found them to be in good order. Karen Vail moved to accept the Auditing Committee report; Gene Burgess seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**Insect Festival:**

Chair Jerome Grant named the 2018 members of the Insect Festival committee. Grant reported that approximately 100 home schooled children from Blount County had attended this year’s Insect Festival at the Brehm Animal Sciences Arena on Thursday morning, and that about 1000 had expressed an interest in coming. Grant related that it is difficult to accommodate more than 100 children due to the setup of the station rotations. Grant said that parking in front of the Brehm Animal Sciences Building had been approved by the University of Tennessee. He reported that the event went smoothly and that 30 students had competed in cricket spitting competition. Grant said that it is sometimes difficult to get public schools scheduled for this event, since some schools have had to cancel at the last minute in the past. Grant recommended to 2019 Insect Festival Chair Amy Dismukes that it is best to target home schoolers for our festival. Blount County homeschool leaders told Grant they appreciated the enthusiasm of the entomologists who participated, and wanted to know what other University of Tennessee departments held similar events.

**Local Arrangements:**

Pat Parkman reported that 29 TES members had attended the Thursday evening dinner at Calhoun’s on the River. Frank Hale thanked Clete Youmans (BASF) for again paying for the student dinners at Calhoun’s on the River. There was a round of applause. Karen Vail asked how many had attended the annual meeting. Treasurer Powell reported that 38 had registered, not counting Nancy Adamson, the plenary speaker.

**Treasurer**:

Treasurer Steve Powell distributed a report including the Total Assets (Checking and Cash) as of October 3, 2017 of $6522.44, Total Expenses since October 3, 2017 of $966.53 and Total Income since October 5, 2016 of $1425.00. Total Assets (Checking and Cash) as of October 3, 2018 were $7000.91. Powell highlighted portions of the report and stated that the TES was in good financial condition. Greg Wiggins moved to accept the Treasurer’s report; Mike Studer seconded the motion, the motion carried.

**Nominations Committee**:

Chair Greg Wiggins put forward the following candidates for election: Karla Addesso for President-Elect and Program Chair for 2018. All other Board positions move forward except for the Treasurer position, in which Steve Powell had agreed to serve another term. Wiggins indicated that all committee chairs on the 2019 listed circulated among attendees today had agreed to serve. Frank Hale moved to accept the Nominations Committee report; David Cook seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**Program Committee**:

President-Elect and Program Chair David Cook was thanked by President Parkman for organizing the program. Cook complimented the keynote speaker, Nancy Adamson, and stated that the all papers presented had been of high quality.

**Publications/Editorial Committee**: Chair Karla Addesso was absent so no report was given. Karen Vail thanked UT EPP Department Chair Shoemaker for generously allowing TES and *The Firefly* to remain on the EPP website.

**Publicity Committee:**

Chair Rebecca Trout Fryxell gave no report. It was suggested that the Publicity Chair work with the Proclamation Chair to get the proclamation out to media sources in advance of 2019 meeting.

**Predictions/Evaluations**: Chair Steve Powell, State Entomologist, distributed a summary of invasive insect pest insect activity in the state as well as handouts specific to these pests, then commented on the following species: there were three new middle Tennessee County records for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) (Cheatham, Giles, Maury) and these counties had been added to the federal/state quarantine; he expected to see several dozen more gypsy moth records; more areas of the state were added to the imported fire ant (IFA) quarantine; several more records of walnut twig beetles had been reported, particularly from Sequatchie County, but no Thousand Cankers disease had yet been detected in these new areas; a pest alert was included for the spotted lanternfly which has not yet been reported from Tennessee. Powell referenced two arthropods not included in his report: the introduction of Formosan termites in Lexington, Henderson County (confirmed by Karen Vail) which had likely come from landscape timbers from the Gulf Coast (the house was treated and the colony was hopefully eradicated). Rebecca Trout Fryxell asked if the state is looking for Asian long-horned ticks. Powell said that they were not looking yet, but wanted to know more about this introduced tick species.

The handouts included a one-page summary, fact sheets and distribution maps as follows:

TES Predictions and Evaluations 2017

2018 Tennessee Imported Fire Ant Quarantine

Imported Fire Ant Areas in Tennessee – Quarantined Areas for Year 2018 (effective 3/01/2018)

USDA Pest Alert – Emerald Ash Borer (revised May 2015)

USDA Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project – Initial County EAB Detections in North America (September 6, 2018)

Tennessee Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine (effective September 21, 2018)

USDA/Forest Service Pest Alert – Thousand Cankers Disease (revised February 2013)

Tennessee Thousand Cankers Disease Quarantine (February 4, 2018)

Tennessee Counties Infested with Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (April 27, 2017)

USDA Pest Alert – Spotted Lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*) (November, 2014)

**Membership Committee**:

Chair Steve Murphree reported that he had forwarded all TES Annual Meeting email correspondence to entomologists in the state who were not TES members, including those who were members of the Entomological Society of America. Murphree also encouraged those present to invite others interested in entomology to the 2019 annual meeting, and recognized two in attendance from Chattanooga with an interest in teaching entomology whom he had invited.

**Raffle Winners:** President Pat Parkman announced that the iPad Mini winner was Brianna Alred. There was a round of applause. Parkman also announced the winners of the publications which the plenary speaker, Nancy Adamson, had donated.

**Adjournment**:

Incoming President David Cook was escorted to the podium by past TES presidents and presented the gavel by Past-President Parkman. Following a motion and a second to the motion, President David Cook adjourned the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m., EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Murphree, Secretary