

SAME MEETING MINUTES

November 8-9 , 2014

Host GCRL

Ocean Springs, MS

Call to Order

Tricia LeBlanc welcomed everyone to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's new Education Center.

Minutes

There were no minutes from the meeting in Annapolis, MD in July 2015

Treasurer Report

Dianne gave a very brief Treasurer's Report. Our total assets are \$22,867.12.

Other Business

Discussion followed that we need to re-invest a portion of the money. Dianne was asked to explore the alternatives.

Discussion : How to move SAME forward

Tricia led a discussion about annual planning for 2015, membership and what do, and what members want from SAME. The discussion included how to make SAME relevant and active and talked about we can be engaged throughout the year through a variety of topics and activities.

SAME Membership

Members need to recruit people to join SAME and Belinda Matlock volunteered to contact present members to pay their dues. Question/discussion on what do we want from SAME? Shall we raise the dues? Currently dues are \$8.00 per year.

Annual Fall Meeting

-The annual planning for our fall meeting will be in Louisiana this year at LUMCON on November 6-8th 2015. There was a discussion of cost to participants because in the past funding for the meeting came through COSEE and then all of the work that went into the NMEA conference in Mobile in 2013. There was a discussion of moving the meeting to January such as MLK week end however there was no resolution to this issue. Participants will foot the bill unless SAME provides some funding.

Ways to Engage

-Jessie suggested conducting a needs assessment .

-Lee Yokel suggested pulling together a webinar series live and /or archived so that we can engage during the year.

-Others suggested Facebook, Webinars, field trips and Social Media Teams. The big question is who will do these?

Motion: Jean May Brett made a motion to establish social media committees of 3-4 members to be team leaders to administer a SAME Facebook page and explore communication options. Those who volunteered were Mia, Lee, Joan?, Chris, Jen, and Lauren J.

Second:

Vote: Motion passed unopposed

-One way to get members engaged into NMEA is through scholarships

NMEA Meeting

Motion: Lee Yokel moved to use existing funds to cover two scholarships to NMEA for 2015 registration.

Second: Chris Verlinde and Angela Capello

Vote: Motion passed unopposed

Other Business

- A question was raised on administrative rights of SAME and connection to the NMEA website needs to be clear

Adjourned

Professional Development

-After the Business meeting the group was engaged in professional development activities at the meeting on Shark Science, so many things to learn about sharks and gear, research and Citizen Science that is going on in the Gulf and also got out in kayaks paddling in the estuary.

In Attendance

Belinda Matlock

Lauren Jakubowski

Jessie Kastler

Charlene Mauro

Lee Yokel

Jean May Brett

Dianne Lindstedt

Stephanie Serra

Angela Capello

Carlyn Rekosh

Ilka Porter

Chris Verlinde

Rick Ranew

Mia Erickson Stevens

Jean May Brett (part time)

Jennifer Latour

Tricia LeBlanc

23 members 6/24/15 5 need to pay in November