

## Great Lakes Chapter Board Meeting

Minutes, Sunday, May 27th, 2022

Approved by Email, June 6, 2022

This meeting was held in person at the 2022 Annual Foray of the Michigan Botanical Club at the UAW Conference Center, Onaway, MI.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Interim President Liana May at 5pm.
  - a. Welcome and Introductions
  - b. Board members in attendance: Liana May, Carolyn Miller, Angie Bouma
  - c. Other Attendees: Anne VandeWater, Bob Kahl, Linda Rehorst, Sheila Lyons-Sobaski, Joe Rohrer, Dan Skean, Jim Hewitt
  - d. Voting via email: Phyllis Higman, Director at Large, Emily Douglas, Treasurer
  - e. The quorum of 3 members was met. Robert's Rules of Order in effect.
  
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes
  - a. Motion by Liana May to approve the minutes, seconded by Angie Bouma
  
3. Treasurer's Update
  - a. Treasurer Report—Emily Douglas statement through May 27th 2022.
    - i. 86 total members, 15 new since January 2022 and others filtering in with dues payments.
    - ii. Emily paid the State Dues of \$1368 and there is \$7359 in the GLC account
    - iii. For more details, please see attached.
  - b. Liana May made a motion, seconded by Angie Bouma, to accept the Financial Report. The motion was passed unanimously.
  
4. New Business
  - a. Vote new board members into position
    - i. Derek Shiels retired as President of the GLC. Liana May was nominated by Derek Shiels. Carolyn Miller moved to officially nominate Liana May as GLC President, seconded by Angie Bouma, approved unanimously
    - ii. Angie Bouma was nominated to be Secretary, seconded by Liana May, approved unanimously
  - b. Nominations for vacant positions (director at large and vice president)
    - i. Carolyn Miller was nominated to be Vice President, seconded by Liana May, approved unanimously
    - ii. Anne VandeWater was nominated by Liana May, seconded by Carolyn Miller, to be Director at Large, will fill in the rest of the 3 year term, which will end Dec 31, 2023. Approved unanimously
      1. Discussion of what is expected for that role:
        - a. Attend Quarterly State Board meetings in person or via zoom

- b. Attend mini-foray's and annual forays as possible
      - c. Liana will send out reminder to the group for future Director at Large openings
    - c. When will the GLC host an annual Foray? Question posed by Jim Hewitt
      - i. The State Board is organizing the 2023 foray. Discussion around GLC potentially hosting in 2024.
      - ii. Dan Skean will add that agenda item to the January 2023 state board virtual meeting
- 5. Old Business
  - a. INaturalist Project: Michigan Botanist Big Year—award of \$100 (first place) and \$50 (second place) goes to a GLC member who posts the most species.
    - i. Currently there are over 10,000 observations and 710 species in Michigan, with 1675 people posting in the state.
- 6. Announcements and Discussion
  - a. Field Trips
    - i. If anyone is interested in hosting or leading a hike in the Upper Peninsula or other areas outside of the GT region, let Liana know. Liana will reach out to the member base about this topic.
    - ii. Liana May led a field trip at Clay Cliffs Natural Area in mid-May. There were 8 attendees present.
    - iii. Angie Bouma and Liana May are co-leading a hike in the Traverse area at the South Long Lake Forest Natural Area, owned by Long Lake Township. This is a cooperative effort between the GLC/MBC and the GTRLC, as in former events when the two groups partnered at Arcadia Dunes/Pete's Woods, Cedar Run Creek and Maple Bay Natural Area. These hikes help the GTRLC bolster their floristic quality inventories of their protected lands and provide guidance and information useful to land managers.
  - b. Status of social media presence and web content
    - i. Liana May reported that there are 449 followers on Instagram, and it was started in 2021. They are from all over the midwest.
    - ii. If any GLC members have interest in posting to the site, please let Liana know or feel free to post
    - iii. Liana can share the login with whoever would like to post.
    - iv. There were no updates on the GLC page on the MBC website (where the group posts our hikes or other events)
- 7. Adjournment: 6pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Bouma,  
GLC Recording Secretary