



Gulf Coast Writers Association  
Executive Board Minutes 05/11/2021

Meeting called to order at 5:35 PM by President Irene Smith. Members were present at the Fairfield Inn in person [Irene, Geneva Kelly, David Aiken, Judy Loose, Jan Nieman, Michael Cole, Bob McCarthy and Mary Charles] and by Zoom [Andrew Conlyn, Christie Zarria and Vee Byram].

Irene continues in the quest for meeting venues beginning in June. She will speak to the representative [Lacey] at the Fairfield Inn to try to resolve meeting venue during the next three months.

Secretary's report: Minutes of the April meeting were approved with changes in the months needing presenters.

Communications: Geneva Kelly reported that the blueberry farm owner was willing to offer door prizes in the form of \$5 vouchers at the member meeting this weekend. Christie Zarria has four \$5 vouchers and volunteered to print raffle tickets. She also reminded that members must register for the Saturday meeting by 5 PM on Friday. Geneva advised that the blueberry farm season ends in five weeks.

Treasurer's report: Michael Cole presented an updated report to correct minor errors in the previous month's presentation. In addition, Despite Terry Talsani's donation of her prize money to GCWA, Mike reminded the board that the contests are a financial drain on the GCWA treasury. The treasurer's report was approved.

Special Projects report: Christie Zarria reported that she and Vee Byram will meet to jump start next year's writing contest.

Membership report: David Aiken reported no new members during the past month.

Website: Judy Loose reported that some submissions from youth contest winners and entrants are missing. These submissions are required in order to be published on the website. Christie to determine if all entrants want to be published.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Charles  
Secretary