

SOUTHEASTERN PARTNERS IN REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN CONSERVATION

TASK TEAM: DISEASES, PATHOGENS, AND PARASITES

FEBRUARY 26TH, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

TIME: 1PM TO 1:30PM EST

LOCATION: ZOOM

CO-CHAIRS: Dr. Amanda Duffus – Gordon State College
Dr. Debra Miller – University of Tennessee
Dr. Jennifer Ballard – Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

AGENDA:

1. Welcomed all members
2. Updates on Projects:
 - a. Disease Brochure: Dr. Duffus et al.
 - i. Project has been funded by the WDA Small Grants Program.
 - ii. Project is in final phases, Dr. Miller showed us a final draft!
 - b. Bd – Mr. Chace Holzheuser
 - i. Will update the sheet and then will put in contact with Dr. R. Brenes
 - c. Microbiomes: Dr. B. Hardman
 - i. In progress.
 - d. Immunological Defenses of Amphibians: Dr. B. Hardman
 - i. In progress.
*You would like to get involved with one of the sheets that Dr. Hardman is working on please email her at: rhardman@tennessee.edu
 - e. Ranavirus Information Sheets: Dr. Duffus
 - i. Updates are finished, just need final approvals and formatting.
 - f. Sign templates for the field:
 - i. Dr. Natalie Stilwell will work on wordings needed.
 - g. SFD Sheet: C. Godwin and A. Romer
 - i. Nearly completed. Will post as soon as it is done.
 - h. Disease Management and Intervention Strategies: D. Carter et al.
 - i. Duffus will follow up with Mr. Carter.
 - i. Development of photographic/video necropsy guides:
 - i. Dr. Duffus will contact Dr. W. Siniard about this.
 - j. Partnering with Zoos to increase awareness of herp diseases:
 - i. Paused because of COVID-19.
 - k. Invasion Biology of Diseases: M. Atkinson et al.
 - i. In progress.
*If you would like to get involved with creating this sheet, please contact Mr. Atkinson at: msatkinson@knights.ucf.edu
 - l. SEPARC DTT Website Update: Done.
3. New Business?
 - a. Turtle Herpes, Mycoplasma and URTIs: Info sheet – Dr. N. Stilwell
 - b. Email chain/listserv for Infectious Herp Disease papers: Dr. Duffus will look into this.