

April Minutes 2005
HCMN Board Meeting

Present

Sharon Corley, Kathryn Harrison, Ronald Hood, Wanda Mattarocci, Phyllis Muska, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Amy Sugeno. Betty Thomas was absent and Kim Whitaker was a guest.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00PM on April 20, 2005 by Jim Stanley.

Web Site Issues

Kim came to the board for guidance re management of the site. She is concerned about the volume of information and wants to simplify and streamline our procedures. The board decided she could make decisions with input from Phyllis if needed. Her full report is attached to the hard copy of the minutes.

There was discussion about including News and Notes from Michelle. Jim will check to see if it's on the state web site.

There was more discussion about adding a feature "Ask a Naturalist". The board hopes to have a Hill Country Facts page and have a sub committee of the chapter do the research. Jim will send out a request.

If we as board members want to post something we should send it to Phyllis.

Bob will update our FAQ.

Sandy – Summary SAP and status of hold harmless/YPS

All of our questions have been submitted and we expect to have answers May 1, 2005. Sandy also announced that the state advisory panel will meet at RNC June 15th from 10-3 and we are all invited to attend. The curriculum has arrived and is available for distribution.

LMAP Publicity and Operating Procedures

LMAP is a sub group of HCMN Chapter and the board has a responsibility in how it is managed. After discussion, the board decided that LMAP be self governing with a liaison to the board and that it would not obligate the chapter beyond LMAP's own resources. The board is willing to help with some limited expenses if needed.

The board also decided to handle publicity one county at a time until we have personnel to handle the volume.

Date / Procedure for new class applications

We will follow the procedures of the past with dates being May 1 –July 15 for applications. There was some discussion about having balanced classes re the 4 counties of our chapter and we decided to table it until we have larger numbers.

New Class Size

After discussion of having 28 with a waiting list, Nancy checked on the larger room at UGRA and secured it so we can have up to 60 for a class and we can use their break room for our refreshments.

Chapter Hosting Bonfire at state meeting

Bob suggested we ask for volunteers at the chapter meeting.

Volunteer Hours/Travel Time

We no longer will separate out travel time from volunteer hours when reporting our hours. It will be one combined number consisting of travel and volunteer time. Ron will send out a notice to the chapter.

Display Board

Phyllis and Ginny did an excellent job of selecting and arranging our new display board. Our chapter can be proud.

Update on State Database

The state is completing a survey statewide to identify and solve existing problems.

Bandera County Home and Landscape Show

The show is scheduled for May 21. We need someone to take the new display board to Bandera also represent the Forestry Booth. The board also thought it would be a good time to introduce the LMAP Program to Bandera County.

Announcements

Ron handed out updated volunteer projects list

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM

The next meeting is May 18, 2005

Respectfully submitted

Kathryn Harrison, Chapter Secretary