

LRMN Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
Agrilife Office

Officers present: Sharon Lamoreaux, Joanie Kochanek and Laura Clark

Committee Members: None

Members: None

Advisor: None

The meeting was called to order at 2:44 pm by President Sharon Lamoreaux.

Regarding the financials, discussion was held regarding when the next audit needs to be conducted. Joanie will check on it.

Sharon presented ideas to improve monthly meetings with 1) a more circular table set up, similar to what was done in December, 2) implementation of call signals (one finger for calling everyone to attention when a presenter is speaking, two fingers to indicate to the presenter to speak louder, and a dismissal signal to let everyone know to remove their personal belongings from tables so they can be put up). The ideas were well received and will be put in place at the January meeting.

Current duties were reviewed, and some possible changes discussed. Currently, the President handles the agenda and newsletter. The Vice-President handles the role roster (sign-in), programs, VMS approval of hours, correspondence for meeting notifications, historian, Facebook, and website (primary). The Treasurer handles Finance, membership records, VMS background checks, correspondence regarding membership, dues, and checkups on inactive members, host head (hospitality items for meetings), and backup for meeting notifications. The Secretary handles meeting notes, backup for website, and monitors email.

Laura Clark read the last board meeting minutes from November 13, 2018.

December's newsletter was proofread.

A master plan for the first quarter meetings and activities was discussed. The plans for upcoming months will be presented at the January meeting for group discussion:

January

Sharon had hoped to ask Lori (who was not able to attend this meeting) if she would present a 2018 review. She handed out a calendar showing all of 2018's meetings and activities that could be utilized for this, and suggested that the Eagle presentation Lori had previously mentioned doing for January could be fit into this. Certification pins will be handed out, and a contact form will be passed around to collect member information, including which weekdays they are available for activities. Items for discussion/action during the meeting include 1) travel plans for the Growing up Wild course, 2) progress/plans for the Siecke Signage Committee, including a trip to Jones State Forest, and 3) set a date, preferably in February, for the next Quarterly McQueen's Landing Cleanup. Collection of dues should also be addressed.

February

Having Lori and/or Keith do a presentation on the EDRR Pine Beetle project was discussed, especially since it would fit in with the "Save our Species" Earth Day theme which could be

featured at the Azalea Festival booth in March. Presenting the idea of utilizing Traveling Trunks, possibly presented by Brenda Marshall, was proposed. Other items include the Great Backyard Bird Count and assistance needed by the Sandy Creek Outdoor Recreation District for trail clean-ups around Rayburn — should we get someone from the Chamber to talk about that? (Feb. 16 has been set for the Old Aldridge Mill trail).

March

The Azalea festival will need a booth chairman. Sharon introduced a Booth Committee form which can be utilized by chairmen for any booths in the future. The theme of “Save Our Species” to coordinate with Earth Day was suggested, featuring a report from the January Eagle count and information on how to spot an eagle; information on how we are monitoring pine beetles in our area, and a kid’s activity featuring small wild bee houses or working on a large one for the arboretum or both. Plans for the new Naturalists class need to be finalized. Should we start March 19th, or is that too soon? Have we followed up with attendees from the Fallfest who were interested in the class (Sharon will ask Brenda). Who will be the Class Director, Attendance Chairman, and Hostess Chairman. Laura Clark would like to lead a Carnivorous plants hike at Boykin Springs towards the end of the month — can this be tied into the class?

Action Items:

- Joanie will check regarding when the next audit needs to be conducted
- Laura will email Claire regarding finalization of travel plans for Growing Up Wild
- Laura will email Siecke Signage committee members to set up a trip to Jones State Forest
- Sharon will check with Brenda regarding follow-up with Fallfest attendees

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Clark, Secretary