

**LRMN Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 3, 2019  
Agrilife Office**

**Officers present:** Sharon Lamoreaux, Lori Horne, and Laura Clark

**Members:** Richard Peters, Fred Lyons, Elke Lyons, Danielle "Doc" Horton

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by President Sharon Lamoreaux.

There was no financial report due to Joanie Kochanek's absence. Sharon said that she wanted Joanie to reimburse herself for door prizes given at the graduation party.

**Old Business:**

Training Class awards still pending: Name tags are in, pins are still on back order. Sharon wants everyone to bring their walking sticks to the next meeting for a group photo.

E.O. Siecke Signage Project: Laura Clark, Claire Boutte, Fred Lyons, Lori Horne and Sharon Lamoreaux met with Forester Ben Plunkett at on June 24th. Ideas for signage were discussed and then a trip was made to see the suggestions from our group on other areas for additional trails. The originally planned trail is prone to frequent flooding and the additional trails will offer dryer alternatives when it is inaccessible. Ben was agreeable to the suggestions. We will be meeting again on July 12th, to walk and flag the trails and to mark possible specimens and ecosystems to feature. Then topics will be divied out so we can start composing signs to present to Ben.

Pat Chance Visit Report: Laura Clark and Sharon and Garry Lamoreaux visited Pat Chance, a lady who had contacted our group through Agrilife wanting advice and help on plantings that would attract birds, butterflies and wildlife because she wants to construct a sanctuary on her property. She showed them around the area, which includes a small, historical cemetery. They gave her recommendations, but advised her that we were unable to do projects on private property.

Sandy Creek Project: Twelve of our members attended a public forum held on June 25th to watch a presentation on the Sandy Creek Park Expansion and provide input on a master plan for further development. The National Park Service is working with the committee to develop the plan. We will be partnering with them for advice and projects such as planting of cypress trees for erosion control, trail planning and interpretive signs.

Potential New Members: No new progress has been made on a transfer for Sylvia Holmes. Lori Horne reported that Judy Santerre would let us know when she was ready. Meanwhile, she wanted to be added to our contact list. Lori will forward her contact info to Sharon and Laura.

Jr. Naturalists Programs: Committee chairman Fred Lyons shared his vision of working with groups such as the scouts to attract youth who can assist Ranger Amy Kocurek with programs, and using this tool to identify a potential group of Jr. Master Naturalists. Sharon will contact Betty Powers with the school district to explore potential involvement with teachers in the area. Danielle brought up the idea of exploring scholarships and participating in career days at schools. Fred will put together an outline for his plan.

Upcoming Meeting Programs: Sylvia Holmes is scheduled for July; Sharon will work on door prizes. Richard Peters will present on Bats in August. September is Carnivorous Plants with Mike Howlett. The Martin Dies dining hall is not available for that event. The Master Gardeners would like us to combine with them and have it on Monday the 9th rather than Tuesday the 10th. Richard will find out if Mike can switch days. If not, we will explore other venues. Dr. Hans Landel will be back to do our October program on invasives, and we will invite the Master Gardeners to attend. Adrian Van Dellen told us at the Sandy Creek meeting he would do a program. Lori will work with him to get a date.

Deer Expo: Lori will be in charge of setting up our Exhibit and Sue Singletary will assist her. Laura is contacting other potential exhibitors. An email will go out to our members closer to the date of August 30, to obtain volunteers to assist on site. They will receive free admission and a meal, as well as service hours.

### **New Business:**

Friends of the Park: A meeting will be held July 18th beginning at 6 pm. All master naturalists are members and receive service hours for attendance.

Word Press Meeting: Sharon asked if this was the training she needed to view VMS. It's not; VMS has its own training.

Saddle/Paddle Plans: Sharon reported that last year all volunteers reported directly to Beverly Holley, registering at the Chamber offices. Laura will talk to Beverly to see how she wants to handle coordinating us as volunteers this year.

Trash Cleanups: Danielle reported that she had coordinated a trash cleanup near Ebenezer Park at Hidden Beaches. She, Marissa Hudgins and Jacki Kopyskinski participated and picked up six bags. Danielle posted it on our Facebook page, but apparently not many people saw it. Danielle will be talking to the Corps of Engineers about scheduling more cleanups, and will provide Lori and Laura the info to post on Facebook and send out an email to membership to invite participants. The idea of having a contest to see who could pick up the most trash and presenting them with a prize was discussed.

The chapter meeting in August will be the 13th and the board meeting on the 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Clark, Secretary