LRMN Board Meeting Thursday, September 5, 2019 Agrilife Office

Officers present: Sharon Lamoreaux, Joanie Kochanek, Lori Horne, and Laura Clark **Members**: Fred Lyons, Donald Fralick, Richard Peters

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by President Sharon Lamoreaux.

Joanie Kochanek, Treasurer, reported one expense for August, a reimbursement to Sharon Lamoreaux for door prizes, and a current balance of \$3,519.80.

Old Business:

<u>Upcoming Meeting Programs</u>: September 9, Carnivorous Plants with Mike Howlett will be a joint meeting with Master Gardeners at 6 pm. Sharon will get his bio info to Brent Meaux and Laura Clark for emails to members about the meeting. We will buy a couple of the plants for door prizes, and Sharon will donate gardening books. For the October 8 Invasives program with Dr. Hans Landel, we need a hotspot. Laura will check hers to see if it works at the Dining Hall. For November 12, Ranger Amy agreed and was excited to do outreach stations for education. Don Fralick will set up what we have at the Festivals, also, so folks can be trained on doing outreach there.

<u>E.O. Siecke Signage Project</u>: Laura Clark reported that Ben Plunkett had ordered all of the signs we had sent him except for the trailhead sign because he had not had time to do the map graphics for it, but he will have more money to get that and others, later. He will let us know if he needs help installing them, and we have scouts coming to help clear the trails better in November. Sharon will work on a brochure, and we will plan on having a grand opening in Spring of 2020.

<u>Saddle/Paddle</u>: Keith Stephens and Lori Horne will man the Hwy 63 kayak launch; Phillip Hight, Laura and Jerry Clark will man the Bevilport launch. Info is on the web site and has been sent via email letting people know how to volunteer to help with registration and other needs. There is one more meeting before the event, and Laura will send out another reminder email right after that.

Report from Ranger Chuck re: camp site closures: Chuck is working to get ahead of camping schedules to close down some camping loops for the winter to save money. He has let us know that we can help out by mowing and tearing down footbridges that will be replaced. More info will be given at the Friends of the Park Meeting.

<u>Trash off / Logo Contest</u>: We have received two submissions for the trash off, and none for the logo contest. Lori discussed the Public Lands Day, which is a cleanup event done in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful. September 14th was selected as an event date for us and we will cleanup at Rayburn Dam. Lori will coordinate the event.

<u>Butterfly Festival Booth - Oct. 19</u>: Don has secured site 60 and paid for it already. Joanie has the canopy at her house. Sharon demonstrated butterfly rings we can make in addition to the

bracelets for a kids activity. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at the September and October meetings. Don has been appointed Chairman of the Festivals Committee.

<u>Long Leaf Planting - Nov. 16, Zavalla</u>: Lori is coordinating and will supply more instructions, as well as directions closer to the event.

New Business:

<u>Grant through Walmart</u>: Richard Peters has been working with Amy to secure donations for the kids programs at the Nature Center. He secured a \$25 donation from Walmart and found out that they have grants available from \$250-\$5000. He will be pursuing one of those.

<u>Farmer's Market</u>: Richard volunteered to bring bat masks for kids to color at one of these, and Oct. 26th was selected. Richard was appointed Chair of the Farmer's Market Committee.

Election of Officers for 2020: Lori Horne would like to step down from office for the next year. Richard Peters was nominated for the Vice President Position. Sharon Lamoreaux, Joanie Kochanek and Laura Clark were renominated for their current positions. Joanie and Laura both said that if someone else would like to take either the Treasurer or Secretary office, they wouldn't mind. Sharon will compile an email to let everyone know the details for how we will nominate and elect officers. The election should be held at the November meeting.

The next board meeting will be on October 3, 2019.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m. Respectfully submitted by Laura Clark, Secretary