

# **Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program**

## **Minutes of the Business Meeting**

### **January 19, 2023**

President Katie Moses called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Minutes for November 2022 were approved.

#### **Officer Reports**

- Secretary Bill Hopkins had no report.
- Treasurer James Gray reported assets of \$3,370.85 as of December 31, 2022. He requested members send dues for renewal to him and announced a new form for reimbursements.
- Vice President Dayna Inbody was not present. She sent an announcement of upcoming activities.
- President Katie Moses shared the 2023 Meeting Schedule.

#### **Director Reports**

- New Class Training Director Lynn Wood reported the new class had a successful first day with 7 citizens and 22 Tarleton students.
- Communications Director Layne Cassidy was not present.
- Advanced Training Director Doris Hasten had no report.
- Volunteer Service Director Stephanie Keith had no report.
- Membership Director Barbara Salter reported that the membership directory on the website has been updated.
- New Class Representative Janet Dawson had no report.
- Immediate Past President Karen Aho reported that chapter documents still needed to be reviewed and approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Nature Center Chair Meghan Peoples was not present. President Moses reminded members of the fourth Saturday workday.
- Public Outreach Chair Linda Wood listed outreach commitments for the Spring and volunteer opportunities at Dinosaur Valley State Park. She described a proposal for revamping outreach to reach more of the outlying counties.
- Direct Outreach / Education Chair Jan Rogers was not present.

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- Hospitality Chair Peggy Tolboom reminded members they could get volunteer hours for assisting with hospitality.
- Historian Gail Bradshaw was not present.

### New Business

- President Moses reported that the Chapter Board had reviewed the bylaws template sent from the state and voted to stay with one-year terms and sent them to the advisors for approval. All three advisors approved the template and members were notified that the bylaws would be considered for adoption at the January meeting.
  - **Karen Aho moved to approve the chapter bylaws. Peggy Tolboom seconded.**
  - **All voted in favor. Motion passed.**
  - The new bylaws and other chapter documents will be posted on the members section of the website. Plan is to review the Chapter Operating Handbook and make needed changes to those for chapter approval.

### Announcements

- Sign up for state listserv emails
- TMN license plates
- 25th anniversary story-telling project
- #TMNTuesdays
- Silent Auction at the February chapter meeting

President Moses gave a quick slideshow highlighting 2022 activities by month.

President Moses adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

### AT Program

Dr Adam Mitchell, Assistant Professor of Entomology at Tarleton University gave a presentation entitled Invasional Meltdown: Restructuring of plant-arthropod relationships across prairie and scrub landscapes following plant invasion.