

IALAMO AREA CHAPTER
TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 12, 2016

[With a quorum present, President Matt Carley called the meeting to order.]

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Classroom. The President and the Secretary were present. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

REPORTS (Officers, Advisors, Standing Committees)

Sam Womble, AgriLife, State Advisor to AAMN; President Matt Carley, reporting for Mr. Womble, announced that AgriLife is requesting member monthly activity hours from the AAMN Chapter; Matt and Nancy Thoss will coordinate the report.

Tom Brotheman, Director of Programs, reports that tonight's AT training is a presentation by Philip Bedford from Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas on the Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve; next month, the San Antonio River Authority will present the Mission Reach Project Avian Study.

Jeanette Geiman, Director of the Outreach Committee, announced a membership of twelve on the Outreach Committee; recent and upcoming events include KLRN, Robber Baron Cave, Viva Botanica and Kids Park at Eisenhower Park

Keeley Porter, Chapter Historian and Archivist, announced that TMN State Program has no specific guidelines regarding retention of chapter archives; the currently construed AAMN chapter ad hoc committee for archives preservation will share its eventual plan with the state office.

Evelyn Penrod, Director of the Media and Technology Committee, reports that a new class trainee on-line application is under development.

Liz Robbins, Director of the New Class Committee, announced that the upcoming graduation of Class 38 is being coordinated with the Hospitality Committee. The new trainee curriculum manuals will arrive from the state office in August. The new manuals are available to all TMN members for purchase; a group order may be placed at a reduced rate.

REPORTS (ad hoc Committees and Chapter Liaisons)

Lissa Martinez, Chapter Liaison to ACORN, reported that ACORN activities are proceeding successfully.

Tom Brotheman, Chapter Liaison to Alamo Forest Partnership, reported that the International Tree Climbing Championship was interesting; kids in harnesses were raised up into trees; 300 trees were given away.

Donald Ewers, Liaison to Medina River Natural Area and to the San Antonio River Authority, reported that SARA has good volunteer participation; the Earth Day Wildflower Hike on April 23 needs additional volunteers; school field trips at Concepcion Park need volunteers; Medina River Natural Area offers numerous field trips; volunteers are needed for the St. Anthony Elementary School field trip on June 8.

Drake White, Phil Hardberger Park and PHP Conservancy Liaison, announced an evening of Stargazing with members of the Astronomical Association at Phil Hardberger Park.

Penelope Boyer, Liaison to Land Heritage Institute, reported on the Stream Center--a learning center laboratory for children of all ages; she announced a Summer Speakers Series on ethnobotany from April to August.

Jeanette Geiman reported that the effort continues to establish Certified Professional Educator Credits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Stan Drezek, Chair of the ad hoc committee on Chapter Operating Handbook Revision, gave an update on the status of the revision; the membership will vote on the revision at the general membership meeting in May
- Drake White gave an update on the Butterfly Learning Center at Phil Hardberger Park; the Butterfly Hatch House had its groundbreaking; Rich Fryer with ECC, Inc. will build the structure in one day on April 23. The Butterfly Hatch House was chosen by ECC as the annual volunteer build for Earth Day
- Emily Hawthorn provided an update on the Master Naturalist license plate; TPWD has already commissioned a design for a stylized dragonfly plate with the addition of the line: Texas Master Naturalist; the design is "ready to go"; Emily is seeking chapter sponsorships at \$175 each to raise the funds necessary to submit the design to the state; a motion was made by Liz Robbins and approved by the Board to allow Emily to pursue local chapter sponsorships.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Carley reported on the upcoming TMN State Meeting and Advanced Training with commentary on newsletter and art competitions; the event will be held October 21-23, 2016 at La Torretta Lakeside Resort & Spa on the shores of Lake Conroe near Montgomery, Texas.
- Liz Robbins reported on ordering shirts with the Master Naturalist logo from Land's End Business Section; the initial monogram shirt will cost \$99; afterwards, purchases may be made for the cost of the shirt plus a \$6 embroidery fee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Ron Tullius, Secretary

Matt Carley, President