

ALAMO AREA CHAPTER
TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 11, 2016

MINUTES

[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, October 11, 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)

Judit Green, TPWD Urban Biologist, reported that the TPWD Galapagos Islands presentation was well attended; also, there was a meeting with Robert Rinn and Clint Ellis to discuss sites for the new Wildscape Demonstration Garden: either Phil Hardberger Park or San Pedro Park; there is potential for partnering with NuStar.

Liz Robbins, Past President, reported that the Nominating Committee has developed a complete slate of officer candidates for 2017.

Tom Brotherman, Programs Director, reported that tonight's program is "management of non-native species along the San Antonio Mission Reach"; Judit Green will speak in November on the House Bill that may provide new funding for state programs.

Jeanette Geiman, Outreach Director, announced that Drake White will make a 3rd Saturday presentation on monarch butterflies at Phil Hardberger Park; Jeanette has new trifolds available.

Keeley Porter, Chapter Historian and Archivist, reported that the chapter's slide show has been submitted to the state office; there should be a future discussion of funding for a chapter Dropbox account.

Liz Robbins, New Class Training Director, reported that there are meet- 'n- greets and a Q and A for current trainees following their scheduled field trips; Board members are invited to the next event on October 29; optional, digital student bios are now offered at training class orientation, courtesy of Barbara Harder.

REPORTS (ad hoc Committees and Chapter Liaisons)

Lissa Martinez, liaison to ACORN, reported that now that the calendar of events is worked out, the most important part of the Project ACORN contract is to finish and sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Northside ISD (NISD). Lissa met on October 7 with NISD grants officials to establish "milestones" to include in the MOU for the \$4400 subaward for Year Two. The NISD officials will prepare a draft MOU, complete with deadlines and payment details, which Lissa will then submit for AAMN Board review; the September Minutes contain ACORN-related jdocuments that refer to events and dates.

Tom Brotherman, liaison to Alamo Forest Partnership, reported that a tree give-a-way will be held at Siclovía at Leon Valley on September 25; November 5th is San Antonio's Arbor Day; a tree give-a-way will be held at Roosevelt Park.

Drake White, liaison to Phil Hardberger Park, reported that there were 20 people at today's training for team members for the Butterfly Learning Center; she suggests that ribbon cutting for the BLC be held in the spring.

Ron Tullius, liaison to Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas, announced the upcoming Petite Pollinator Picnic at Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve co-sponsored by Green Spaces Alliance and the SOL Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The November Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2016. The change is being made in consideration of the national election on Tuesday, November 8.

NEW BUSINESS

- The chapter Holiday Gathering will be held on December 15, 2016 at the Phil Hardberger Park Urban Ecology Center from 6-9 p.m. The room will open at 5 p.m. for set-up. Martha Cray will serve as chairperson for the social event, with assistance from Liz Robbins, Jeanette Geiman, Keeley Porter, Evelyn Penrod and Matt Carley.
- The chapter will provide the main dish; members will provide side dishes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Ron Tullius, Secretary

Matt Carley, President