

El Camino Real Master Naturalist

Board Meeting Agenda

August 20, 2020 – Conference Call

Conference call: 712-770-5505 Code: 581912#

Attendees: Linda Jo Conn, Mike Conner, Sue Ann Kendall, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Lisa Milewski, Don Travis

Meeting started: 6:00 pm

1. Reprint wildflower brochure needed at Wildscape.
 - a. Don has uploaded it. Printing will run \$155. Don will get it printed.
 - b. What about stands for brochures? Good idea; the Board approved the expense. Joyce will be in charge of getting the least expensive model, at least 10.

2. Predator and Prey Brochure
 - a. Friendship pin for Carla Conner for her work. This is approved. Lisa will mail it to her home address. She still has plenty of these pins for future use.
 - b. Distribution plans. Reserve some for Linda Jo in January to distribute at the Varmint Hunts and other events. Catherine Johnson already had some for the Wildscape. Sue Ann is distributing in Cameron next week.
 - c. Mike needs a copy of the invoice for this brochure from Don.

3. Tribute possibilities for early member who passed away, Tense Tumlinson and her husband, Jack.
 - a. Her young grandniece, Robin Bohls, has requested that we do something, and asked us what is good.
 - b. Memorial tuition fund for students who need help with the cost in upcoming classes is everyone's favorite idea. We would call it the Tense Tumlinson Scholarship.
 - c. Sue Ann will find out how much Robin plans to donate.
 - d. Robin will get a receipt for income tax purposes.

4. Diversity Committee
 - a. Mandated by Master Naturalist office.
 - b. John Pruet and Sue Ann Kendall have volunteered.
 - c. A suggested idea is to email our class brochure through Milam County school systems, to read all parents. Lisa has sent information on Peachstar.com, which is how Hutto schools distribute information from outside the school system. The committee will investigate this possibility.
 - d. Please send additional ideas to Sue Ann and John.
 - e. Additional members are welcome.

5. Finishing training class: Kathy Lester
 - a. What? We have three classes left.
 - b. Where? Speakers must be virtual. They could meet at Hermit Haus and watch the Zoom and dial in on their own phones to ask questions. Thanks to everyone for helping us come up with this plan.
 - c. How? 3 classes, 2 hours at a time is Kathy's suggestion, since 4 Zoom hours is a lot.
 - d. When? Six Thursdays in a row, perhaps. Kathy will work with the students to finalize the dates and format and report back to us.

6. Chapter Meeting in-person planning
 - a. Where? Sue Ann will talk to Pamela Neeley about the Episcopal church in Cameron.
 - b. How? Zoom or in-person option is the consensus. That way anyone who is sick or unable to attend for other reasons could dial in. This is a winner overall.
 - c. When? Consensus is to start in January, and continue as we are the rest of the year.

7. Issues with iNaturalist reporting
 - a. We will just keep reporting our hours and making our observations until we get information from the Master Naturalist program.
 - b. Still no definitive word.

8. Live events and other activities – Pamela will approve them, so make sure your event is safe.

9. Holiday event possibilities: After discussion, we decided to skip the in-person event, and have a regular meeting on December 10, with festive aspects to it.

10. New Business/Additional Topics
 - a. Lisa: She is happy to be interim membership chair, but would like us to continue to look for someone to take over. One idea is to see if any of the new class participants would be interested.
 - b. Sue Ann: She would like to find a secretary who is able to attend virtual meetings.

Don moved to adjourn, Linda seconded at 7:20 pm.

1.25 hours for Board meeting.