

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalist
Board Meeting
August 2, 2016
Agrilife Extension Building
Carbide Park

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Nolan-Wilde at 2:00 pm.

Board members present were: Maureen Nolan-Wilde, Cindy Howard, Jim Duron, Chuck Snyder, Jo Monday, Tim Long, Alice Rodgers, Julie Massey and Beth Cooper. Ron Morehead also attended. Ellen Gerloff and William Breaux were unable to attend.

Maureen discussed the importance of safety in the outdoors, we were saddened to hear of William Breaux recent boating accident. He will be in a wheel chair for a couple of weeks. We discussed all aspects of keeping safe well hydrated when working outdoors.

Old Business

Approval of Board Minutes July 5, 2016

A motion was by Julie and seconded by Chuck to accept the Minutes of July 5, 2016 as presented, the motion was passed.

New Business

Board Day Away Initiatives Status

Emeritus Luncheon

Maureen reported on the emeritus luncheon on Friday, September 9th from 11-1pm at Carbide. Invitations will be sent out soon to those present and past members who have replied to the invitation. Board members are invited and are encouraged to attend.

GBAC-MN Brochure

Chris and Beth are still working on updating our existing GBAC-MN brochure; Beth showed the Board the latest version and Board like the new look and made a few suggestions.

August Chapter Meeting

Cindy reported that Diane Humes will be our speaker at the August Chapter meeting and she will present the topic "Trash Talk #2". She will discuss garbage. It will be an hour in length and will be counted as 1 hour Advanced Training. The chapter is asked to bring newspaper for the Wildlife Center of Texas.

Annual Meeting

Maureen said that Stennie will present the 3P Project and hopefully Kari Howard will present the TERNs program of cleaning up the small islands in the bay getting them ready for nesting birds.

Board Reports

President

Maureen said Chuck and Sara are working together putting a visual/scripted program about our chapter, who we are, what we do. This program will be ready to download when our chapter members are asked to speak at various groups/organizations.

Vice President no report

Secretary/State Rep no report

Treasurer

In Ellen absence, Maureen presented the treasure's report. **A motion was made by Beth and seconded by Tim to accept the report, motion carried.** Maureen also told the various committee chairs to look at their current budget and see if there needs to be changes and let Ellen know by October.

Membership

Jim reported that 222 people have joined for the year 2016 and 169 have reported hours. We have had 95 members to recertify for 2016.

VS Director

Jo reported that the Teacher's Workshop was well attended. The teachers enjoyed learning about nature journaling and Suzanne and her talented ladies did an outstanding job.

AT Director

Chuck reported the two AT Opportunities planned for August. The first will be on Saturday Aug 13th at EIH. Vic Madamba will give a 2 hour presentation on butterflies.

On August 24th, there will be an AT Opportunity to the League City Weather Station. Information on this AT will be posted soon.

Class Reps 2016

Tim and Alice said that the class members were beginning to work on the December Celebration and will have more information later to report.

Sponsor Report

Maureen told us about the award Julie has just been given, the Distinguished Service Award. And also Julie and Shelly Dupree have been selected to be Interpreters for Climate Change. We applaud Julie for both of these honors.

Motion was made by Beth and seconded by Chuck to adjourn at 3:45 pm, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cooper
Secretary