

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalist  
Board Meeting  
May 31, 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, Jim Duron, Chuck Snyder, Cindy Howard, Jo Monday, Chris Anastas, and Beth Cooper also MN Class 2016 representatives William Breaux, and Alice Rodgers, alternate. Tim Long, representative, Ellen Gerloff and Julie Massey were unable to attend.

**Old Business**

The minutes of May 3, 2016 were approved.

**TX MN License Plate**

Maureen said the license plate issue has not been decided but looks like a go right now.

More information later.

**GBAC New Database Report**

Dorothy Hogg was introduced to the Board and presented an overview of the new database of presenters, presenter assistants and those interested in the subject but needed more training. She has received about 100 surveys back from our membership. This will be an excellent tool to use when our Chapter receives a request for a presenter to a group. She will continue to give out the surveys at each Chapter meeting. Her hope is to hand out this survey annually for the members to update their availability and interests.

**TXMN Annual Conference**

Maureen encouraged the Board to mark their calendars for the October 23-25, 2016 conference and encouraged all to try and attend. Registration and more information will be available later on the TXMN site.

**New Business**

**VMS Update**

Our Chapter's state audit gave us good marks. There was a request that the opportunities we currently have be reviewed and it was suggested we combined some of the opportunities both for the AT's and service opportunities. The Committee has been working on this suggestion.

**June Chapter Meeting**

Cindy reported Dr. Christopher A. Gabler will speak at our June Chapter meeting on the Opportunistic Management of Chinese Tallow Trees. Dr. Gabler is a Professor from University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

**Board Reports**

President - Maureen announced we have a new Hospitality Chairman, Penny Bessire has accepted this important position. Penny has asked a few friends to help her with this position.

Our Chapter has been asked to sponsor a high school student to attend the 5 day Texas A & M Coastal Brigade this summer. After a brief discussion on criteria, costs and expectations of the chapter, a

**Motion was made by Jo and seconded by Bill to sponsor one student, motion carried.**

Maureen told us about an opportunity coming up soon to send a representative to Prairie Indian training. Mike Wehrman has been giving our Chapter AT Opportunities for years on the Prairie Indians and plans to attend this training. The Board would like to give him a stipend of \$125.00 to defray some of the costs.

**A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Chuck to give a stipend of \$125.00 to defray costs for Mike's registration costs. The motion passed.**

Vice President no further report

Secretary/State Rep no report

Treasurer

Ellen had sent in her May report and it was handed out for review, no questions on the reports.

**A motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Chuck to accept the treasurer report, the motion carried.**

Membership

Jim reported that 221 people have joined for the year and 166 have reported hours. We have had 78 members to recertify for 2016. The new class of 2016, 18 completed the course and have received their pins. Twenty new members have recorded hours.

VS Director

Jo said the Education Outreach Committee is still working hard on the education trunks and Dorothy has provided inventory including all publications for each trunk.

AT Director

Chuck reported the two AT Opportunities planned for June and July has been scheduled for later in the year.

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 2015

Chris thanked the Board members for their support and the opportunity of serving on the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cooper  
Secretary