

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalist
Board Meeting
March 1, 2016
Agrilife Extension Building
Carbide Park

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

Board members present were: Maureen Nolan-Wilde, Jim Duran, Chuck Snyder, Ellen Gerloff, Cindy Howard, Jo Monday, Chris Anastas, Ron Morehead Debi Shelton and Beth Cooper. Julie Massey was unable to attend.

Old Business

The minutes were approved as amended.

New Business

2016 Training Class update Cindy said many of our new class members are attending AT and volunteer opportunities. About 8 came to our February Chapter meeting. A very active group!

Day Away – Initiatives Status - Branding

The new chapter bumper sticker and the chapter t-shirts are moving along but the Board needs to establish which logo to use, the State Master Naturalist logo or our Chapter logo of the brown pelican. Maureen polled the Board and then a vote was taken. The brown pelican won unanimously. The brown flying pelican will be on our local signs, bumper stickers and chapter t-shirts.

Board Reports

President Maureen reported on two trips she had taken the past month. She attended the Mid-Coast TXMN chapter's meeting with Dr. Sue Heath and Audubon TERN to share our chapter's experiences monitoring nesting shore birds and cleaning up nesting islands. They encouraged Mid-Coast to also develop a similar program. The second trip was to attend a reception in Houston for the state board of the National Audubon Society. Our chapter was one of two partners invited and we were recognized for our work in supporting various Audubon initiatives of last year.

Vice President

Cindy will contact Dr. William Johnson to speak at our April Chapter meeting. It was suggested that we would like him to talk about beneficial insects.

Secretary/State Rep no report

Treasurer

Ellen handed out the treasurer report from February for review and questions. We are still waiting for one more check to come in from Exxon.

Membership

Jim reported that 195 people have joined for the 2016 year and 128 reported hours. We are off to a great start. We are about 3,000 hours ahead of last year this time. An updated VMS video will be ready and placed on our website within the next 2 weeks.

VS Director no report

AT Director The two AT Opportunities for February were Bee My Valentine and Raptors Orientation. Both classes were filled and the presenters received many

great comments. At the Raptors Orientation, 15 people signed up to help with the spring raptor count. The March Nature Journaling classes are filled. The dates are March 7th & March 14th. Early People of Texas will be presented on April 26th.

Class Reps reported the increasing volunteering of the new class.

Maureen will be gone the 1st week of April. Cindy will chair the Board and the Chapter meetings.

Motion was made by Jo and seconded by Cindy to adjourn at 3:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cooper
Secretary