

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalist
Board Meeting
May 3, 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 Duron, Chuck Snyder, Ellen Gerloff, Cindy Howard, Jo Monday, Chris Anastas, Ron Morehead, Debi Shelton and Beth Cooper. New MN Class 2016 representatives present, William Breaux representative and Alice Rodgers, alternate Tim Long, representative and Julie were unable to attend.

Old Business

The minutes were approved as amended.

Mini Environthon Project for 2017

No new information on this project is available. Will revisit this when there is information.

New Business

2016 Training Class update

Cindy reported that the last day of training went very well. The new class served up a great lunch to their instructors, mentors and guests. The Mini "job fair" was well received by the new class. The fair had 9 tables with some of our lead people representing many of our chapter's ongoing projects. The leads were able to explain about the projects and gave the new class members an opportunity to sign up for that project. The board thought this was an excellent way to interest new MNs in our programs and projects.

Day Away – Initiatives Status

Maureen said the Recruitment/Emeritus/Transition Committee will be meeting next week. More information to come later.

New Class Rep – Transition

Maureen warmly welcomed the two reps, William Breaux, Class Rep, and Alice Rodgers Alternate. Tim Long, Class Rep was out of town. Maureen outlined the responsibilities of the Class Reps. At the next Board meeting they will officially take their seat.

VMS Update/Audit

Jim reported that the audit had taken place and we did well. A few things to tweak but overall it went very well. Our chapter was the first chapter to be audited.

Board Reports

President

Maureen informed the board about a recent request from the Alamo Chapter asking if our chapter would be interested supporting an effort to have our MN logo, the dragonfly, placed on a vanity license plate. Maureen took a quick vote to capture interest and if we would buy the plate. There were many questions and Maureen will send an email to get more information.

Vice President

Cindy said 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.

Secretary/State Rep no report

Treasurer

Ellen handed out the treasurer report from April for review and questions. **A motion was made by Beth and seconded by Jo to accept the treasure report, the motion carried.**

Membership

Jim reported that 220 people have joined for the 2016 year and 157 have reported hours. We have had 68 members to recertify for 2016.

VS Director

Jo reported that she was still in contact with the Houston Zoo and NASA to work out a plan to have our chapter work with the Prairie Chickens. She is also in contact with the San Jacinto council of Girl Scouts to possibly assist them with conservation training

AT Director

Chuck reported two AT Opportunities are in the planning stages: a trip to the Waste Management location near Houston and a trip to the National Weather Service in League City. More information to follow.

Class Reps

Maureen thank the 2015 Class reps for the excellent job they have done to keep their class informed and active in many areas. The reps have served their class well. They have set the achievement bar high!

Motion was made by Jo and seconded by Ellen to adjourn at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cooper
Secretary