

Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalist
Board Meeting
July 5, 2016
Agrilife Extension Building
Carbide Park

The meeting was called to order by Maureen Nolan-Wilde at 1:53 pm.

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

Maureen discussed the importance of safety in the outdoors this summer, including keeping well hydrated and using common sense when it comes to weather conditions. She also mentioned to be aware of others you are working with as to their health and safety.

Old Business

Approval of Board Minutes of May 31, 2016

A motion was by Chuck and seconded by Ellen to accept the Minutes of May 31, 2016 as presented, the motion was passed.

New Business

New appointment of Communication Director

Maureen introduced Ron Morehead as our new Communication Director. He will work with the various chapter communication teams. Ron will be coming to our Board meetings. Welcome Ron!

Board Day Away Initiatives Status

Emeritus Luncheon

Maureen reported on the emeritus luncheon coming up Friday, September 9th. There are about 60 possible invitees. We are inviting those who have not been active in the past two years and most have paid their dues. This is an opportunity to let them know we miss them and let them know what our Chapter has been doing. Invitations will be sent in middle of August with a follow-up telephone calls made by our newly formed Hospitality Committee. Board members are encouraged to attend the September 9th luncheon. At the luncheon we will tell them about a new program we hope to set up on a 3 month cycle. This will be a time to visit and maybe work on small inside projects for the Chapter.

GBAC-MN Brochure

Chris and Beth are working on updating our existing GBAC-MN brochure, focusing on the cover, updating pictures and contact information, giving this important communication tool a fresh look.

Class of 2017

Maureen reported on the recruitment of the Class of 2017, we have 17 who have inquired about becoming a GBAC-MN. We are inviting them to our upcoming Chapter meetings. The committee is also working on the process of becoming a new member and updating the message sent out to these prospects stressing consistency of information.

Ellen said we had received a request to reimburse a chapter member for expenses he spent on the greenhouse for San Jacinto prairie project. Ellen needed to know which budget line this reimbursement should be drawn. The Stewardship line was discontinued last year because there was no activity on that line. **Maureen made a motion to place the Stewardship line back in the Budget and it was**

seconded by Chuck, the motion carried. The board thought from time to time there would be a need for this line.

Mary Pearl asked Maureen to bring a request to the board. She was inviting our chapter to run the State store at the upcoming October Conference. Maureen asked each board member to give their opinion. All were concerned with missing the rich education this once a year opportunity gives our member. Several ideas were expressed how ordering could be handled without so many people manning the booth. To have several terminals set up to take order for merchandise at the Conference and rotating this job among several chapters. We understood all the people who would be working the booth would not be compensated for their time and the board respectfully declined the offer. Maureen will call and ask our questions and give our suggestions to Mary Pearl.

Board Reports

President

Maureen said the template of board roles would be sent out to the board members to fill out and return.

Vice President no report

Secretary/State Rep no report

Treasurer

Ellen presented the Chapter's report on Profit and Loss Actual Budget and Trial Balance report. **A motion was made by Beth and seconded by Bill to accept the report, motion carried.**

Membership

Jim reported that 221 people have joined for the year 2016 and 169 have reported hours. We have had 88 members to recertify for 2016.

VS Director no report

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cooper
Secretary

