

**Galveston Bay Area Master Naturalists**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 1, 2018**  
**Texas AgriLife Building Classroom 2 – Carbide Park**

The meeting was called to order by George Kyame at 2:04 pm.

Present: George Kyame, Tim Long, Ellen Gerloff, Janet Mason, Julie Massey, Jo Monday, Lynn Wright, Jim Duron, Patty Trimmingham, Robin Kendrick-Yates, and Tim O'Connell

George welcomed the two guests, Robin and Tim O.

George discussed safety of the building and the fire evacuation route; location of fire extinguishers and AED devices.

### **Old Business**

1. April Board Meeting Minutes
  - a. The minutes of the April 2018 board meeting were reviewed, no changes.
  - b. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lynn, seconded by Janet. Motion was passed.
2. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project Update (Tim)
  - a. We have completed our obligation to TXMN.
  - b. The project is wrapping up, just a few more interviews.
  - c. Tim will contact Chuck to see if/when our videos will appear.

### **2018 Goal Updates**

1. Communications (Tim)
  - a. Tim has been successfully filling in for Alan Wilde, sending emails.
  - b. Facebook has had good activity.
  - c. Tim will schedule a quarterly communications team meeting for June.
  - d. Patty uploaded the 2018 minutes to the website.
2. Non-traditional Audiences (Julie)
  - a. No progress.
3. Emeritus Program (Janet)
  - a. Still working on a list of names.
4. Grow Hospitality Role (George for Penny)
  - a. Penny doing an excellent job staying on top of it.
5. Leadership (Julie/George)
  - a. No progress.
  - b. Julie will call Mary Pearl to see if she has any suggestions for a TPWD advisor.
6. Continue to Grow VMS (Jim)
  - a. Dorothy and Patty have been trained and are approving hours.
  - b. Andrea is working on the directory; needs to be trained on the VMS.

- c. We still need to work on the plaques.
  - d. Opportunities will need to be evaluated as our work has grown.
7. State Bylaw Changes (Lynn)
- a. Lynn has read through the operating handbook.
  - b. One thing she read is that it would be good to present it to the new class.
  - c. Lynn notified Michelle that she (Lynn) will be the point person for our Chapter for this activity.
  - d. Due date for this activity is June.

### **New Business**

- 1. 2018 Project of the Year ideas (George)
  - a. 64 Acres in Bacliff – project still in infancy.
  - b. Treasures of the Bay teacher’s workshop.
  - c. Gulf Coast Observatory.
  - d. The project selected doesn’t have to be worked on by a large group of master naturalists.

### **Board Reports**

#### President (G. Kyame)

- 1. Preliminary results from iNaturalist competition are in.
  - a. People can still upload photos through May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2. George encouraged everyone to use [gbacmessages@gmail.com](mailto:gbacmessages@gmail.com) so that both Tim and Alan receive email requests.
- 3. Annual report addendum is in progress.
  - a. Jim and Lynn have sent their information to George.
  - b. George will get the report submitted.

#### Vice President/State Representative (T. Long)

- 1. Tim still needs a speaker for June Chapter meeting.
  - a. August meeting topic will be about dragon and damsel flies.
  - b. October topic is micro plastics – Theresa Morrison
  - c. Some ideas for speakers/topics: Ranger Lisa, Kari, Mark Kramer, Galveston Bay Foundation report card for Galveston Bay, Scott Jones, and the movie “Greenfire”.

#### Secretary (P. Trimmingham)

- 1. Nothing to report.

#### Treasurer (L. Wright)

- 1. April Treasurer’s report was presented to the board.
- 2. Balance sheet is in good shape.
  - a. The Big Thicket trip made a little money.
  - b. Kempner fund – We are still actively using the money in the fund.
  - c. Jo to check and see if there are receipts for the speaker gifts.
- 3. Jo made motion to accept April financials as presented. Ellen seconded. Motion passed.

#### Membership (J. Duron)

- 1. April impact numbers are nearly double the amount logged Jan-Mar 2018.

2. 223 members, 70 recertification's, 172 have logged at least 1 hour.
3. 2018 Training class is doing well.
  - a. There are 5 in the 2018 training class who have not logged any hours.
  - b. 5 have met their initial certification hours, 2 have met the recertification hours.

#### Class Representatives (J. Mason)

1. Not much to report.
2. New class reps will be attending the June Board meeting

#### AT Director (E. Gerloff)

1. Two upcoming scheduled AT classes.
  - a. Parasites – May 10th.
  - b. Archeology of the Upper Gulf Coast – Sept 8th.
2. First Aid class will not be sponsored by our chapter.
  - a. Those interested can take it through OLLI.
3. Ideas for other AT: Butterfly monitoring, Bats, Plants are Precious (Emmeline)
4. AT reporting summary looks good.
  - a. 159 members have submitted hours.
  - b. 103 have submitted at least 8 hours.
  - c. The AT category with the most hours is the GBAC sponsored category with OLLI being second.

#### Volunteer Services (J. Monday)

1. The 2018 training class has been well represented in volunteer activities.
2. We still need more participants for the Teachers workshop (Treasurers of the Bay).
  - a. It's a mini Master Naturalist class for teachers, June 19-22.

#### Chapter Sponsor (J. Massey)

1. The 2018 training class is going well.
  - a. We have a great team of volunteers to make it happen.
  - b. Volunteer lunch on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Class reps will be announced at the last class.
2. Shelia Brown, who teaches our Jr. Master Naturalist class, is retiring at the end of May.
  - a. Not sure who will be teaching it next year.
3. The TXMN is asking for presenters at the State conference.
  - a. GBAC should contribute some speakers.
  - b. Sea shells, nesting birds, bird rescue project and cephalopods were some of the ideas discussed.
4. UH Coastal center is changing management, not sure what this means at this point.
5. Texas County Agriculture Agents Association will be having their state conference in Galveston July 2019.
  - a. 400-450 agents with families are expected to attend.
  - b. GBAC will helping with the activities.
  - c. It was mentioned that the table decorations from our December meeting might be able to be used for this meeting too.

Next board meeting (June) will be on Tuesday May 29th at Carbide, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Motion was made by Tim and seconded by Jo to adjourn at 3:55 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Trimmingham