

GBAC-TMN Board Meeting Minutes
January 7th, 2020
Stewart House, Galveston State Park

Attendees: Susette Mahaffey, Mike Petitt, Bev Morrison, Cindy Liening, Ellen Gerloff, Maureen Nolan-Wilde, Janet Mason, Patty Trimmingham, George Kyame, Monica Duran, Cindy Saxenian, and Julie Massey. This represents 79% of the board members present.

Called meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. by Susette.

She welcomed us and pointed out safety routes, bathrooms and stated her appreciation to all who attended.

She requested members be discrete regarding information and topics discussed until such time as things are voted on.

She thanked Maureen, Alan and Chuck for the slide presentation at the December meeting and the presentation that honored George

Susette announced that Julie Massey had received a Distinguished Agent award through AgriLife Extension.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of December Board minutes requested, motion by Maureen. The motion was seconded by Janet. Approved.

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes requested, motion by Janet. The motion was seconded by Patty. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS;

Susette requested that current Committee Directors be reappointed. All agreed to remain, no changes.

Requested all committee chairs send in membership of their committees to Susette.

Suggestion that Chuck Snyder be asked to update the Board flow chart.

Discussion regarding the AT available in the chapter and neighboring chapters for near future.

Conservation Wrangler information received from State TMN discussed. Agreement we should submit a project, and possibly partner with Galveston Bay Foundation. Maureen volunteered to organize our submission.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President: Susette said that she had already been over everything that she wanted to present to the board.

Past President: George to continue with others to shape scholarship process.

Vice President: Mike discussed possible future speakers. February speaker not firmed up presently. Speaker ideas offered by meeting participants.

Secretary: Bev had no report as this is first board meeting.

Treasurer: Cindy L presented the financial report. Hand outs, discussion of proper signatures at the bank with Lynn and George removed, Cindy and Susette and Mike added.

The Treasurer's report showed that the chapter remains on sound footing. Handout of Statement of Activities Actual vs. Budget shared. No problems with statement reported. Maureen made the motion to approve the treasurer's report with Ellen seconding the motion. The motion passed.

Membership: Patty reported current 2019 total of VMS hours at 46,484. AT hours at 3,600 hours. Likely both numbers will increase with more member reporting for Dec. 160 members recertified in 2019, 121 members paid 2020 dues. Request made that a report in graph or pie chart could be made available about where our volunteer work is occurring. It would be used as an education and recruitment tool. VMS categories are being adapted to make assessments by the state easier. Emails to members have and will be made explaining changes. Bumblebee pins for 2020 certifications are ordered.

Volunteer Service: Jo was absent.

AT: Ellen shared handout with AT currently offered by chapter and other chapters.

New Class: Janet said that 24 people would be in 2020 class. Meeting Friday Jan 17th for mentor training, volunteer sign up and other instructions. The new class members will be required to make up all missed classes. They are to contact Jo Monday directly for instructions to make up the class.

Communication: Maureen requested the names and information of the new class be sent to Alan Wilde as soon as possible.

She reported 5 articles about GBAC-TMN in Galveston Daily News last year. She feels the newspapers are becoming aware of GBAC now and will report more frequently if aware of events. She requested anyone with contacts with the Houston Chronicle get in touch with her.

Susette requested that she and Mike receive all committee emails.

Class Reps: Monica said that the gala went well, all happy with food, centerpieces. Cindy did not have anything to add.

Sponsor: Julie reported on Dolphin Challenge, need for help, past successes.

Meeting Adjourned 11:08. Motioned by Julie and seconded by Patty. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted.
Beverly Morrison
Secretary GBAC-TMN

GBAC-TMN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DAY AWAY

Attendees: Susette Mahaffey, Mike Petitt, Bev Morrison, Cindy Liening, Ellen Gerloff, Maureen Nolan-Wilde, Janet Mason, Patty Trimingham, George Kyame, Monica Duran, Cindy Saxenian, and Julie Massey-sponsor.

SCOPE of Day Away: Day for Board Members to review prior year's stated goals, assess if they should be carried forward and brainstorm regarding goals for coming year 2020.

Review of 2019 Goals:

1. Chapter Inclusiveness and Identification of New Leaders – George, Julie, Lynn
 - a. Communication Committee and Director of the committee work to keep the membership informed about the chapter.
 - b. Compile a current list of membership in each committee
 - c. Make a slide for the membership to show committees and service opportunities
 - d. Plan for future board needs

3 sub goals met, a,b,d

1 sub goal to be taken forward is Make a slide for the membership to show committees and service opportunities.

2. Emeritus Program:

Emeritus Program – Penny Bessire

- a. Rides and get togethers
- b. Let the chapter know your needs – advertise

Penny was unable to continue due to other commitments., both sub goals were incomplete.

3. Identify chapter archive location – Lynn and Susette

- a. What do other chapters do?
- b. Storage of historical information, photos, grants, and awards

Both sub goals were incomplete.

4. Green Team and Implementation – Sally Pachulski and Stephanie Shipp

The following (a & b) is taken from the November 6, 2018 board minutes:

- a. Reduce plastics at the chapter meetings with the goal to become plastic free during meetings and field trips.
- b. Create a committee to recommend alternatives for single use plastics and other recyclables. The committee should create goals and how to achieve them.

All sub goals complete

5. Project of the Year – Robin and Susette

- a. Monofilament project
- b. P3 Bayou
- c. School program with art project

- d. Plastic art
- e. Green team

Goal completed and Monofilament program won at State TMN conference.

2020 Goals

Decision made to brainstorm all goals attendees wanted to offer. After only brief discussions to clarify goal intent, 16 goals were identified.

A polling strategy was devised, and the result was the top six goals.

Goals and discussion for 2020:

1: State TMN Conference: Our assignments to date are registration and help desk. We have a liaison already selected for field trip committee. Tiffany has not reported on any meetings as yet.

Susette, Mike & Julie

2. Project of the Year:

Beach Hero. Discussion indicated this is most appropriate project as it addresses children's education and allows other chapters to adapt the program to their individual settings.

Susette and Maureen

3: Work to partner with other chapters for AT and VMS opportunities:

Communication with other chapters would be developed with committee chairs.

Approved projects would be included in GBAC opportunities. Info regarding opportunities would continue to be conveyed through our existing channels such as Constant Contact mailings.

Ellen, Jo, Mike and George.

4: Community Natural Resources Education Programs:

Efforts toward offerings in various venues open to the public. The goal being to share and support efforts to learn conservation practices, wildlife habitat support and other aspects that could appeal to the community.

Patty, Sara, Janet, Cindy S. and Julie

5. Showcase to membership of available opportunities and services being provided by volunteers and to educate and motivate members to increase involvement and ownership of chapter activities. Avenues to utilize can be videos, Facebook, chapter meetings, webpage, new class presentations and other.

Susette, Monica, Alan, Maureen, Chuck, George

6. Archive Chapter Documents:

Identify where documents are, paper or digital. Attempt to gather from past board members, present board members, minutes, presentations, awards, grants. and other.

Investigate what other chapters do to archive.

Devise a system that can be used now and in the future to sort and categorize information, photos, videos, -all aspects deemed needed to archive.

Devise storage strategy, paper, digital, cloud or others.

Bev, Julie, Susette, George, Cindy Saxenian, Cindy Lienen

Board members were assigned to all six 2020 goals.

Day Away portion of Board Meeting concluded at 2:00 p.m. Patty made the motion to adjourn, Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bev Morrison

Secretary GBAC-TMN