

GBAC – TMN Board Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021
Zoom Board Meeting

Attendees:

Pam House, Susette Mahaffey, Mike Petitt, Meade LeBlanc, Cindy Liening, Patty Trimmingham, Jo Monday, Ellen Gerloff, Janet Mason, Maureen Nolan-Wilde, Walter Meyer, Leann Criswell, and Sponsor Julie Massey

Not present:

None

Guests:

None

This represents 100% of the voting members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Pam House at 1:02. She welcomed the board to the Zoom meeting.

Cindy made a motion to approve, Janet seconded, and all voted to approve the May Board minutes.

Pam's President report was as follows:

1. The State of Texas has dropped mask mandates, and one cannot ask individuals about vaccine status. The chapter is now bound by any sponsor or affiliate agency guidelines, as well as any guidelines we wish to establish. The board will need to consider how we will conduct board meetings, chapter meetings, advanced training, and outreach activities.
2. Upcoming state training sessions include:
 - TMN Tuesday on June 8, Dragonflies
 - Be the Change on June 15
3. The Master Naturalist license plates should be available to order in June.
4. The virtual volunteer fair will be held August 30-September 1.
5. The annual meeting is scheduled for October 21-24 at the Dallas Fort Worth Airport Marriott Hotel. It will be a hybrid meeting, offering attendance both in-person and online. Details are still being worked out for the fee structure.

Susette's Past President report was as follows:

1. The June chapter meeting 20th Anniversary celebration will focus on volunteerism. Dorothy Hogg put together a presentation analyzing volunteer time since the chapter began, and the total is over 500,000 hours.
2. Joanna is working on a 20th Anniversary pin for anyone who has paid their dues this year. It is expected to be ready in August.

Mike's Vice President report was as follows:

1. The disaster plan template has been posted in the Archive Google Drive. There needs to be flexibility to modify the plan as needed during an actual disaster. The plan will be discussed at the chapter meeting.
2. Mike asked about the protocol for inviting others to our zoom meetings. Maureen mentioned that the zoom team needs the name and phone number of any guest in order to let them into the meeting. We can forward the zoom link if we know the individual and then provide the information to Maureen and the zoom team.

Meade reported that the archive/historian team is working on the 2020 physical scrapbook to enter into the statewide contest in October.

Cindy provided the financial report. Susette made a motion to approve the report, Jo seconded it, and all voted to approve the report.

Patty's membership report was as follows:

1. There are 239 paid members.
2. The final membership directory for the year is complete.
3. Impact hours are way down, probably due to the end of the school year (less activity).
4. AT hours are lower which is expected once members recertify, which is expected once people reach their requirement for the year.
5. Jim Duron and Tom Solomon will be presented with embroidered fishing shirts, to commemorate reaching 25,000 hours. The shirts will be presented at the August meeting. The state office will also provide plaques.

Jo's volunteer service director report was as follows:

1. The Volunteer Service committee met last week and are in the process of reviewing all descriptions for volunteer opportunities. If no one logs hours to a particular opportunity for 2 years or more, the opportunity will be retired.
2. Jo read the Diversity Committee report from Robin, stating that the committee is focusing on facilitating discussion sessions following the State diversity training classes. Jo also asked Robin how he is going to rebuild the committee size, which has shrunk from about 11 to about 3, and Robin indicated he will not be focused on that.

Ellen's AT report was as follows:

1. There were 55 attendees at the May 8 AT event and 60 for the May 19 event.
2. There are 5 AT classes scheduled between June and August. The August class could be in person.
3. The committee will continue meeting on Zoom for now.

Walter asked whether we are recording advanced training classes, and if so, how can the class be viewed? Chuck edits the recording and makes it available on the website under membership - resources - presentations. Patty will begin sending a notice via constant contact to let members know a recording is available.

Janet's New Class report was as follows:

1. There will not be a new training class in 2021.
2. There will be several field trips scheduled in the fall for the 2020 class, which missed field trips in 2020 due to Covid. Activities may include Texas A&M Trawler, pontoon boats, Galveston Island State Park, fish painting, and kayaking. Hours will be logged to initial training.

Maureen's communication committee report was as follows:

1. Facebook posts continue to be popular.
2. Chuck and Maureen are updating information on the Smug Mug photo gallery to identify the individual and event/date.
3. Maureen thanked Cindy and Patty for taking care of communication activities while she and Alan were out of town.
4. Leann asked about posting tips from the Green Team on Facebook, and Maureen invited her to join the team and post the information.

Julie's sponsor report was as follows:

1. Materials for Bayside Park are being delivered now.
2. The large printer at the office is being replaced with two small ones. Large print jobs will be sent off site, which will require at least 5 business days lead time.
3. A college intern will be working on community engagement over the summer.

Old Business:

The June chapter meeting was discussed along with timing and announcements.

Jo asked whether meetings need to take place in the evening, and whether there could be consideration of occasional meetings during the day.

New Business:

The July board meeting will take place in person at the Carbide office, on July 6, from 10 to 3. The board can discuss items like advanced training, board meetings, chapter meetings, etc. post Covid. Another topic for discussion is committee structure and definition. Pam will send a tentative agenda.

Jo made a motion to adjourn, Maureen seconded it, and all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Meade LeBlanc