

GBAC Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021 via ZOOM

Attendees:

Pam House, Susette Mahaffey, Mike Pettitt, Cindy Lienen, Patty Trimmingham, Jo Monday, Ellen Gerloff, Janet Mason, Maureen Nolan-Wilde

Not present: Meade LeBlanc, Walter Meyer, Leann Criswell and Sponsor Julie Massey

Guests: None

This represents 90% of the voting members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Pam House at 1:07. She welcomed the board to the Zoom meeting and thanked everyone for responding to her email regarding to have a full ZOOM Chapter meeting. The replies were unanimous for full ZOOM.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The July minutes that had been emailed to the board members were offered for discussion. A motion was made by Janet and seconded by Jo to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Updates from July meeting: Susette and Mike had updates regarding their committees (see their reports later in this document). We didn't set a target date, everyone agreed that everyone will have updates from their committees by the September board meeting. Pam will report on the diversity and emeritus committees.
3. Review of Aug Chapter meeting: Everything is a go for the ZOOM meeting. Ellen will send her AT slide to Pam, Susette, Patty and Pam will have presentations.
4. Project for State meeting – several possible projects mentioned (facebook, sea turtle outreach). Maureen will think about it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Planning for the September board meeting – it will be ZOOMED.
2. Discussion on Chuck purchasing new equipment, we would like to thank him since he has spent endless hours practicing with ZOOM. If we reimburse him, then the Chapter would own the equipment. A motion was made by Pam and seconded by Mike to purchase a shirt and a \$50 gift certificate to Top Water. The motion passed unanimously.
3. We used to give out scholarships to attend the State conference. This line item is in the budget. Everyone agreed we should do this again. Maureen and Pam will bring suggestions to the Sept. board meeting.
4. Discussion by Cindy about sending a sponsorship to the State conference. Last year we sent \$300. State sponsorship is in our budget for \$500. Pam will look at the sponsorship page for the conference and bring a suggestion to the Sept. board meeting.
5. Patty mentioned that Bev Morrison gave her a Large GBAC tshirt. We'd like to give it to someone who doesn't have the funds to purchase one.

BOARD REPORTS

President (Pam House)

1. State presidents meeting is next week so nothing to report from that.
2. State Conference registration is open. Maureen mentioned that the wording is confusing regarding the ZOOM option. Pam will notify Michelle and Mary Pearl as well as saying something in the Chapter meeting. The ZOOM option includes all meetings that are being offered via ZOOM. None of the field sessions will be available by ZOOM.
3. From the discussion last month regarding Stennie and P3: We had wanted Stennie to recycle the trash that was collected, however, that would be too time consuming and not feasible. Pam will let Stennie know that it's OK for the trash to go into the landfill. Pam will encourage Stennie to enter her collections into some kind of database.
4. Regarding the AT project Mohammed Nasarullah proposed: This will be Community AT since it is expanding coverage to the communities. These AT sessions will be interactive via the chat feature, similar to the GBAC ATs. Registration will be via Eventbrite, Chris Anastas and Ruth Nasarullah will be the ZOOM coordinators. Mike Petitt will be the liaison between this AT committee and the GBAC AT committee.
5. Pam reached out to Mohammed to see if he would be the Diversity director. He is busy until November, but was agreeable to it for the new year. We will leave the position open until the end of the year when the membership can vote and make it an official position.

Past President (Susette Mahaffey)

1. Susette and Keith worked on general guidelines for a GBAC scholarship. It was emailed to the board for review. It was decided that the applicants will write an essay about the environment. Laurinda Kidd and Elizabeth Cornwell reviewed the wording and judging criteria. Laurinda and Elizabeth thought the application was easy to read and judge.
 - a. Outstanding question: Is this only for graduating seniors or will this be open to those in college/grad school? Should it be open to UHCL and TAMUG students?
 - b. The scholarship committee needs a leader. Perhaps Laurinda or Elizabeth?
 - c. There are still decisions to be made. Susette and Keith did an excellent job of putting together the guidelines. Their effort was greatly appreciated.
2. Susette is ready to present her 20th anniversary topic to the Chapter meeting on Thursday. It will be an overview of the pins through out the years. It shouldn't be more than 15 minutes.

Vice President (Mike Petitt)

1. Jaime Gonzales is ready to present via ZOOM for our Chapter meeting. Mike will send Pam Jaime's contact information.
2. Mike has touched base with Emily Morris about the Green Team committee. He will be attending the meetings to get an idea of what this committee is about.

Secretary (Meade LeBlanc)

1. Meade is out of town. Pam reported that Meade is making great progress on the Chapter scrapbook.

Treasurer (Cindy Lienen)

1. Cindy provided the financial report. There was not much activity last month. Payments for the board day away lunch, 25,000 hour shirts for Jim Duron and Tom Solomon and purchases for Mel's store.

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2. A motion was made by Patty and seconded by Susette to approve the July financial report. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Cindy is going to start looking at the 2022 budget.

Membership (Patty Trimingham)

1. One member transferred out, she moved back to El Paso.
2. We are up to 95 recertifications, not far off from the total recertifications for 2020.
3. Patty has been working with the Volunteer Services committee reviewing opportunities. She inactivated 7 opportunities last month with one more to go.
4. Patty changed the federal category for the Sea Turtle Monitoring/rescue opportunity to be Natural Resource Management. This better reflects the activity for the opportunity.
5. Patty will show slides for Diane Humes 15,000 hour plaque and the shirts for Jim and Tom. She will present these awards to all 3 of them at Armand Bayou on Friday.

Volunteer Service (Jo Monday)

1. The committee is working with Patty to clean up descriptions for the opportunities.
2. Question as to whether we will have another 'drive by Mel's store' since the Chapter meeting is being ZOOMed. Jo will get with the store committee and see if this is something they want to do.

Advanced Training (Ellen Gerloff)

1. There was one AT in July (Ducks Unlimited), about 40 members attended via ZOOM.
2. Two upcoming AT's are scheduled
 - a. August 26, 2pm – Wildlife Management at NASA by Matt Strausser
 - b. September 15, 2pm – Mammoth National Monument by Dr. Lindsey Yann
3. Ellen received an email from the State's Water Specialist person. She wanted to know who our officers were – contact information for the board. Susette received same email and sent the information.
4. Ellen will send Pam a slide for the Chapter meeting.

New Class (Janet Mason)

1. There are confirmed dates for the 2020 class field trips
 - a. August 26 – In person 2020 class meeting at the Extension office
 - b. Sept 23 – TAMUG trawler
 - c. Oct 14 – Armand Bayou Nature Center
 - d. Nov 4 – Galveston Island State Park – The park is repaving roads which will cause some the activities to be modified

Communication (Maureen Nolan-Wilde)

1. Meade has done an excellent job in sending information to the Galveston Daily News, thank you Meade.
2. Facebook – There are now educational posts 4 days a week, gathering 2-3000 hits, great education outreach
3. The photo contest was launched Aug 1. It will run through Aug 17th
4. Maureen is looking for more members to help with the communication team

New Class Reps (Walter Meyer, Leann Criswell)

1. No report

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

Respectfully submitted, Patty Trimingham