

## **GBAC BOARD MAY MEETING MINUTES**

**April 27, 2022 via ZOOM**

Attendees: Pam House, Leanne Criswell, Ellen Gerloff, Cynthia Hughes, Meade LeBlanc, Cindy Liening, Jo Monday, Janet Mason, and Mike Pettitt.

A quorum was established with 64% of voting members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Pam House at 6:00 p.m.. Pam welcomed guest, Gene Fisseler, to the meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The minutes of the April meeting that had been emailed previously to the board members were offered for discussion. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Ellen to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Pam noted that the Volunteer Appreciation Day that was scheduled tentatively for April 30 as a visitation/chapter store event would be combined with the June chapter meeting instead. The chapter store committee had requested a few weeks to build inventory before holding their next sale.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Next, Pam called for discussion of the next chapter meeting, set for Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. She explained that the guest speaker would be Celeste Silling with the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory presenting the topic, "Plastics and Litter on the Texas Coast." Discussion ensued on the schedule for the evening, and the Board recommended that volunteers would be called upon for setup at 4:30 pm, the doors would open at 5:00 pm, dinner would be served at 5:30 pm, the business meeting would commence at 6:00 pm, and the presentation would begin about 6:30 pm.. Cindy Liening offered, if needed, to monitor a Zoom broadcast of the meeting for those who might be unable to attend in person.

### **BOARD REPORTS:**

President (Pam House)

Pam mentioned that extensive planning was happening at the state level for the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Omni Hotel in Houston. The state office had set a deadline for Presentation Proposals of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Treasurer (Cindy Liening)

Cindy provided the financial report. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Janet to accept the April financial report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Membership (Patty Trimmingham)

Patty reported that April VS hours would be down slightly as she had pulled the data almost a week early in order to prepare for this meeting. She reported that almost 3,150 hours had been logged for April. She was pleased to note that every member of the 2022 training class had logged hours. Patty recognized Cindy Liening for reaching 4,000 hours. Patty also thanked trainee, Tracy Walpole, for her assistance with updating the directory and the website.

#### Volunteer Service (Jo Monday)

Jo reported that she proud of the 2022 training class because of their enthusiasm and willingness to jump in. She asked the Board to continue the search for a new Volunteer Service director.

#### Advanced Training (Ellen Gerloff and Mike Petitt)

Ellen and Mike listed the upcoming Advance Training opportunities: “Oysters – Refuge, Food, Habitat” presented by Shane Bonnot on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and “Jellies, Man O’ Wars and Dragons: Some Toxic Marine Life at Our Beaches” by Dr. Cindy Howard on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:00 pm via Zoom.

#### New Training Class (Janet Mason)

Janet reported that the 2022 training sessions were continuing successfully. Next Pam and Janet recognized and expressed their gratitude to Gene Fisseler for accepting his new role of Training Director. Gene said he was ready to tackle the training class for the Fall of 2022, and that he was already working on the logistics.

#### Communications (Meade LeBlanc)

Meade reported that she was pleased to find some Communications support among the 2022 class members.

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS:**

Pam asked the Board to continue to plan for a Day Away in the summer, perhaps following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. She mentioned that Camp Wild would take place from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup> and that Treasures of the Bay teacher training was planned from June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hughes