

**Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter
Texas AgriLife Extension Building
August 19, 2015**

Present: Kathy Ward, Paul Person, Vern Crawford, Sarah Hilburn, Judy Gausnell, Diane McMahon, Bob Wiedenfeld, Liz Ross, and Lisa Flanagan.

Quorum met: 82% present

Absent: Pat McCormick and Brenda Fest

Also present: NA

President Kathy Ward called the meeting to order at 1:30PM

Strategic Initiatives

Kerr County Hill Country Youth Event Center: The two classrooms viewed were too small and the large event room was too big. There were also concerns about the sound in this large event room. Sarah Hilburn made a motion to continue to have our Chapter meetings at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) building. Lisa Flanagan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Chapter Management and Operations Protocols/Bylaws: Vern Crawford reported that the Board needed to decide if all officers shall serve for 12 months or 24 months, and are eligible for reelection. Bob Wiedenfeld made a motion to select that all officers serve for 12 months, and are eligible for reelection. Sarah Hilburn seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vern Crawford will email the updated Chapter Bylaws to the general membership within the next two weeks. The membership will vote on the Bylaws at the September Chapter Meeting and vote on the Chapter Operating Handbook at the October Chapter Meeting. The November Chapter Meeting will be the general election.

Resource Development

Nomination Committee: Vern Crawford is the Chair and Becky Etzler will serve on the nominating committee. Vern is looking for one more member.

Operational

Approval of July 21, 2015, Minutes: Judy Gausnell made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Vern Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the Treasurer's Reports: Paul Person made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports. Lisa Flanagan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President's Report on Programs:

September 28-Charlie Flatten, "Water 101"
October 26-Peggy Seachrist, "Soil and Water"
November 16-Michelle Haggerty, VMS and Election of Officers
December 12-Christmas Party
January-open
February-Cathy Downs, "Monarchs"

Director's Report

Membership: September 19 and 20 will be the "Pollinator Powwow" at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas. Our Chapter will have a table at this event. Lisa Flanagan is looking for volunteers to be at our table.

AT: Liz Ross reported that she is not going to resend AT announcements more than once unless it is a special request.

Communications: Bob Wiedenfeld reported that the September Chapter Meeting Notice has been sent to the newspapers.

2014 Class Representative: Judy Gausnell reported that the 2014 members have been meeting for dinner before the regular Chapter Meetings and there has been good attendance at these dinners.

Holiday Prizes for the Christmas Party: Judy Gausnell is working on prize ideas for the Christmas party.

Kathy Ward: November 11-Board Meeting after commencement at the Cibolo Nature Center
December 9-Board Meeting

Sarah Hilburn: Nothing More to report

Diane McMahon: Nothing else to report

Meeting Decisions:

- *Decided to continue to have the Chapter Meetings at the UGRA Building
- *Approved a 12 month term for the officers in the new Bylaws
- *The new Bylaws will be presented at the September 28, 2015 Chapter Meeting
- *The new Chapter Operating Handbook will be presented at the October 26, 2015 Meeting
- *Approved the amended July 21, 2015 minutes
- *Approved the treasurer's reports

Announcements

The next Chapter meeting will be September 28, 2015.

The next Board meeting will be September 23, 2015 at 1:30 at the Riverside Nature Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah Hilburn
Secretary