

Hill Country Master Naturalist
Board Meeting- 1/19/05

Present

Sharon Corley, Kathryn Harrison, Ronald Hood, Wanda Mattarocci, Phyllis Muska, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Nancy Vaughn. Absent-Betty Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Announcements

Sandy Pena is now a member of the Master Naturalist State Advisory Committee. The regional retreat is scheduled for January 29, 2005 at Canyon of the Eagles. On February 3, there will be a PBS program on water: Texas- The State of Water. Amy Sugeno was introduced as one of our new advisors.

Questionnaire Results

Most members are satisfied with monthly meetings remaining on the 4th Monday of the month. Most members are interested in some monthly meetings that are AT and most also are very interested in field trips during the day-including all counties. Attached to the paper copy of these minutes is a compilation of the questions and responses.

Reminder- the board meetings are held at 2:00 PM at RNC on the Wednesday before the 4th Monday.

Volunteer Projects- Procedures

There was discussion re general criteria for volunteer project approval. Sandy will email the board re the current procedure. There are specific questions to be answered before anyone can be a designated MN volunteer project. It was decided that Ron can give approval, assign a project number and email it to the board. If he has a question he can email the board for feedback.

Betty Thomas' work schedule does not allow her to attend board meetings. She is willing to continue to serve as Director of AT if the board approves. The board approves.

Meetings

Sharon Corley gave us some of the programs for our chapter meetings

January-Images for Conservation Fund

February-Firewise Landscaping with the Texas Forest Service

March-AT and field trip with Bill Lindemann at Enchanted Rock (has been rescheduled)

June-Hummingbirds

Other suggestions were made: bird behavior with Kent Rylander. Sharon will also be responsible for the gifts for the speakers.

Cost of Training Class-Nancy Vaughn

Since we have to purchase the curriculum for each student and have chosen to reserve the classroom for the whole day, we decided we would make our decision at the February meeting.

Membership Update

Priscilla discussed the definition of active/inactive. Because our software has made many mistakes, it was decided that each member resubmit their hours to verify the info on the database. Priscilla will email Tracy to let here know we are doing this.

Priscilla also updated our MN application and included some warm fuzzies.

Monthly Meeting Procedures

Jim will welcome and make announcements. The membership chair will award the certifications, introduce the speakers and thank the members who brought the refreshments. Jim will open the building at 6:00PM for set up.

Newsletter Content

We need to establish guidelines re what is appropriate for our newsletter. The state prevents us from taking political stands and we need to think about if we limit it to only nature related topics. We will discuss this more at the February meeting.

MN Presentations to other organizations We want to have guidelines re any talks to other groups. Contact Jim if anyone contacts you.

Bob presented us with a disbursement voucher and code of accounts so we can audit ourselves. We need a receipt and a narrative to establish an audit trail.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00PM

Respectfully submitted, Kathryn Harrison, Chapter Secretary