

December Minutes 2005
HCMN Board Meeting

Present

*Jane Crone, *Betty Gardner, Kathryn Harrison, Ronald Hood, *Marilyn Murrman, Phyllis Muska, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley and Priscilla Stanley. Absent- Sharon Corley, *Susan Longacre, Wanda Mattarocci, Betty Thomas, Amy Sugeno and Nancy Vaughan. * new board members

The meeting was called to order by Jim Stanley at 2:00 PM, December 14, 2005.

The newly elected officers and the new board members were introduced. They are as follows: Jim Stanley-President, Bob Richie-Vice President, Kathryn Harrison- Secretary, Marilyn Murrmann- Treasurer, Jane Crone- Director of Advanced Training, Betty Gardner- Director of Class Training, Ronald Hood- Director of Volunteer Projects, Susan Longacre- 2005 Class Representative, Phyllis Muska- Director of Communications, Sandy Pena- Past President, Priscilla Stanley- Director of Membership and Amy Sugeno- Advisor.

It was moved by Bob Richie and seconded by Phyllis Muska to not count the November chapter meeting on soil by Melinda Kneese as AT. Motion passed.

Curriculum Review Meeting

There will be a meeting in January to review and evaluate the curriculum for the class. Jim Stanley will send out an email with the date and areas of interest to be discussed. The topics will include evaluation of the class materials, the presenters, the order of class topics, class size and any other areas the committee sees as necessary to continue to improve the quality of the class.

New AT Classes

Oak Wilt- a 2 hour class will be taught, possibly in Fredericksburg, by Jim and Priscilla Stanley.

LMAP Basics 101- 6 hours. This would be 12 sessions- 30 minutes each. Those completing the classes could be apprentices in the LMAP program. (There were 3 plant ID classes in the fall and there will be 3 in the spring.)

Jim will send out emails re these classes.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Richie reported that we ended the year with \$4000.00 in the bank. His report will be attached to the hard copy of the minutes.

Ideas for Future Monthly Meetings

- 1 Using a digital camera with a spotting scope
- 2 Bill Ward (Feb) doing Canyon Dam geology with a field trip to Canyon Lake. 2 groups of 25 each.
- 3 Kent Rylander- bird misbehavior
- 4 Phil Hamman- insects
- 5 Bill Lindemann- plant diversity
- 6 Hall's Cave in Kerr County
- 7 Pamela Owens- big cats in Texas
- 8 Fire ants
- 9 Bill Armstrong- Hill Country deer
- 10 Rufus Stephens- non-game species and how they impact
- 11 Dave Barker- Hill Country Snakes
- 12 Martin Reed- Texas Dragonflies
- 13 Weather- including a field trip to radar center in Junction
- 14 Wood and tree rings
- 15 Census and tracking of doves, amphibians and mussels
- 16 Scat ID

Galveston letter/State Committee

The Galveston Chapter is voicing concerns about the governance of the Master Naturalist Chapters. The program has grown to 35 chapters and they want input re the rules and regulations. There is a retreat for the State Committee scheduled in February and we will receive an update then.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM The next meeting is January 18, 2006.

Respectfully submitted

Kathryn Harrison, Chapter Secretary