

February Minutes
HCMN Board Meeting

Present

Sharon Corley, Kathryn Harrison, Ronald Hood, Wanda Mattarocci, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Amy Sugeno and Ginny de Wolf. Absent-Phyllis Muska, Betty Thomas and Nancy Vaughan.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM, 2/23/05

Announcements

The annual conference will be at Mo Ranch, October 21-23 2005.

TCE Bookstore.org is a site that includes items and clothes. It was suggested we develop our own chapter items.

The printing for the curriculum has been delayed 30 days.

Notices for LMAP were passed around. The promotion of the program will begin in March.

The updated state brochure was passed around.

New Course Charge

It was moved by Wanda and 2nded by Bob to charge \$95.00 for the class. The motion was tabled and Jim will clear it with Nancy and we will approve it on line. That was accomplished.

Ginny said she will email new class brochure with adjustments.

Cynthia Johnson Makeup Class

It was approved by the board for her to make up an eco class in April in New Braunfels.

Hold Harmless Agreement

The new form from the state needs to be signed by new and current MN volunteers. We will have the forms at meetings and on field trips.

Prospects Allowed to attend Field Trips

There was discussion and the consensus was we would take it on a case by case basis and if the field trip was AT or a fee was involved it would be appropriate to exclude or limit the participation of non MN members. Whoever attends will have to sign appropriate forms if they have not before.

Questions for Sandy for her state meeting

Anyone with issues or questions should email Sandy before the March 12th meeting.

Child Contact/Screening

Sandy will find out more information at the meeting. This is now being required by the state for any MN volunteer who works with children. She will have updates at our next board meeting.

Sisterfarm

There was discussion as to their potential role in the MN program. It was decided they could apply to the class and would need to meet the requirements as anyone else would. They also could NOT use their farm for their volunteer hours and there is no guarantee their farm would be chosen as a MN Volunteer Project.

Programs

March – Panel discussion on Chapter projects

April - Bird behavior by Kent Rylander

May - Enchanted Rock with Bill Lindeman AT

June - Hummingbird/cavity nesters with Mark Klym

July - Old Tunnel with picnic

Cowbird Trapping

Volunteer hours can be counted if it is done on your own property and considered research for TPW between March 1st – May 31st.

Ron will write up a short term definition for the project.

Inactive Members

Priscilla sent letters to verify hours of people who had not reported hours. She received responses from some that they were too busy or had been ill or they had done some hours. We are required to keep these records for the state. This is an ongoing area of concern that we will continue to address.

2005 Class Size

Tabled until March board meeting.

New Web Site

www.hillcountrynaturalist.org This contains articles and information compiled and written by Jim and Priscilla

Treasurer

Bob said we had more than \$2600 and he had ordered 41 copies of the curriculum.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Our next meeting is March 23.

Respectfully submitted

Kathryn Harrison, Chapter Secretary