

HCMN April 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2006

HCMN Board Meeting

Present

Betty Gardner, Kathryn Harrison, Ronald Hood, Marilyn Murrmann, Phyllis Muska, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley and Amy Sugeno. Diane Mc Mahon attended for Susan Longacre. Jane Crone and Priscilla Stanley were absent.

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

Advisor

Amy told us she would be leaving her post at Old Tunnel after July 4, 2006. We will need to get a new advisor for the chapter.

Guidelines for Public Presentations

After discussion it was moved by Sandy and seconded by Betty that if you give a talk to a group and receive expense money (gasoline) you may keep that money. If there is excess money, you can turn that money over to the chapter. If you keep the excess money, you cannot count the talk as volunteer hours. If you give the money to the chapter, you can count the talk as volunteer hours. Motion passed.

Bill Ward... AT?

After discussion it was moved by Sandy and seconded by Phyllis to give one half hour of AT credit for those who attended the talk. Motion passed.

YPS Status

Most activities that Master Naturalists participate in do not require screening. It was moved by Bob and seconded by Ron to accept our own guidelines until further notice from the state. Motion passed. Examples attached to hard copy of the minutes.

New Class Committee Report

Betty reported that the class schedule is set. The schedule for the class is attached to the hard copy of the minutes. The new class will meet at The Lions Club facility. This year the class will also attend sessions in other locations. It was moved by Kathryn and seconded by Phyllis that the chapter will pay the class field trip fee of \$10.00 per person to the Bamberger Ranch. Motion passed. It was also moved by Sandy and seconded by Bob that the board authorizes up to \$50.00 for travel expense at the committee's discretion. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report

Our balance is \$3882.13. The report is attached.

LMAP Gas Expense

There was discussion about the costs of making LMAP visits due to travel distance and the cost of gasoline. We need to develop a policy regarding these visits. Should we consider charging a nominal fee?  
No action was taken.

Weed Whackers

May 16, 2006 Invader of Texas- Invasive species. Do we as a chapter want to participate in this program?

Phyllis will attend the first meeting and report back to the board. She also volunteered to be the coordinator for the project if we accept it.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next meeting will be May 17, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn N. Harrison, Chapter Secretary