

HCMN Board Meeting – August 23, 2006

Present: Jane Crone, Betty Gardner, Ronald Hood, Marilyn Murrmann, Sandy Pena, Bob Richie, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley

Absent: Kathryn Harrison, Susan Longacre, Phyllis Muska

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

1. The Weather presentation at our July meeting was not considered to be AT.

2. Suggested Projects for the New Class: After discussing a list of selected chapter projects presented by Ron Hood, the Board suggested that the following four projects could meet the criteria of making a real contribution to the beneficial management of natural resources and could effectively utilize 30 trainees for an all-morning project.

Project	TMN Coordinator
Fredericksburg Nature Center	Jane Crone
Los Rincones Preserve - Kerrville	Nancy Vaughn
Kerrville Schreiner Park tree caging	Jim Gardner
Cibolo Nature Center – Boerne	Bob Keiser

These projects would be suitable for the New Class to split into groups with each group researching one project. The groups would then each present their project to the class, and then the class would then select one project to be done as their Class Project.

3. New Class Update from the Curriculum Director: Betty Gardner indicated that all preparations were on schedule. Cathy Downs and her Committee had done an excellent job in planning for this year's training.

4. Plant Sale: Our annual fundraiser, the Down By the Riverside Nature Fair & Native Tree & Plant Sale, co-sponsored with Riverside Nature Center, will be on Friday, October 13 for TMN and RNC members and on Saturday, October 14 from 8 am to 3 pm for the public. Priscilla has already obtained plant availability lists from 3 major nurseries, and is working with 3 other nurseries that do not have availability lists. Volunteer sign-up has begun and will continue.

Two of our TMN members will be giving the educational presentations on Sat, Oct 14:

9:30 am "Native Plants to Attract Butterflies" by Sandra Magee, TMN - HCC

11:00 am "Know Your Hill Country Butterflies" by Thomas Collins, TMN - HCC

Lowe's will be sponsoring children's activities of Build a Butterfly House and Build a Sailboat. Canoe Rides on the river will also be offered.

5. Review of Grant Request to Cage Small Trees in Kerrville Schreiner Park: Jim Gardner submitted a grant request to cage 30 small hardwood trees and root sprouts in the park since the Park Superintendent indicated that hardwood regeneration was being limited by browsing whitetail and axis deer. The grant proposal (appended to the hard copy) was for 3 x 100 ft rolls of 2" x 4" x 4' fencing with 12 gauge wire and rebar to secure the cages costing \$372. The City of Kerrville and the Park are unable to contribute any funding. After some discussion, Bob Ritchie moved to approve the request up to \$400. Ron Hood seconded the motion, which carried.

6. Review of Grant Request for Plants for the Kerrville Schreiner Park Butterfly Garden: Barbara Lowenthal requested \$500 to buy larval and nectar plants for the Butterfly Garden in the fall 2006 and spring 2007. The City Park had no funding for plants. After some discussion, the Board felt that it needed more specific information from Barbara before it could act on this proposal. Jane Crone moved to table the discussion pending additional information. Sandy Pena seconded the motion, which carried. (Request appended to the hard copy of the Minutes).

7. Nominating Committee: Sandy Pena, Past President and Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that she had formed a Nominating Committee with a member from each TMN Class. The members are as follows:

Sandy Pena	Chair
Angelo Falzarano	Class of 2002 equivalent
Howard Platt	Class of 2003
Betty Gardner	Class of 2004
Diane McMahon	Class of 2005

Sandy requested that members interested in serving or recommending other members contact a Nominating Committee member in early September. The slate of officers proposed by the Committee would be published in the October Chapter newsletter. The voting by our membership would be at the November meeting.

Elected officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The remaining Director positions are appointed by the President, however members can contact a Nominating Committee member to request to be considered for these Director positions.

8. Holiday Party: The Holiday Party has been held in all four counties that our Chapter serves in the past four years. Thus, this year the party will be in Kerr County, as it was in 2003. Bob Richie has agreed to chair the Holiday Party Committee.

9. New Class Update from Membership: We have a full class of 30 very promising trainees with diverse careers and skills.

Members of the Class of 2005 who missed classes have been reminded of which classes and field trips they missed and when and where they can make-up this missing training with the Class of 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

The next meeting is September 20, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Priscilla B. Stanley
Acting Secretary for

Kathryn N. Harrison, Chapter Secretary

Further Board Actions: Barbara's detailed plant list for the Park Butterfly Garden was received on August 28 (appended to hard copy of Minutes). Jim Stanley proposed that the plants on her list be purchased when we shop for the plants for the Down By the Riverside Plant Sale when we are able to buy at discounted prices due to our purchasing volume. The Board accepted this proposal by e-mail majority vote. Barbara was notified and agreed to this proposal