

Texas Master Naturalist – Hill Country Chapter
Board Meeting
April 18, 2007

Present: Phyllis Muska, Donna Robinson, Betty Gardner, John Huecksteadt, Bill Perkison, Dan Behringer, Cathy Downs, Jerri Workman and guest Warren Ferguson.

Absent: Marilyn Murmann, Priscilla Stanley

The April meeting was called to order at 1:30 by President Phyllis Muska. In the absence of the secretary, Muska asked Jerri Workman to take minutes and Donna Robinson to track action items.

May meeting date change: Due to conflict with Memorial Day the May meeting was changed to May 21. Betty Gardner reported that Chad Norris from TPWD - Austin had confirmed as the speaker. Since the Riverside Nature Center is not available for the date, it was decided to try for the UGRA auditorium. (Note: This place was confirmed after the meeting.)

Meeting publicity: Donna Robinson reported that an article re the April meeting should appear in the Kerrville Daily Times on April 19. Press releases have also been sent to Fredericksburg and Boerne. Discussion followed on how to track how visitors learn of the monthly meetings? John Huecksteadt volunteered to create a special sign-in sheet for the April meeting.

Chapter contribution: Nothing was decided about a chapter contribution and/or book donations to local libraries; other ideas include chimney swift tower and bat house.

Chapter meeting move to larger venue: Jerri Workman reported that Dietert Center is not available; Warren Ferguson suggested that Schreiner University is still a possibility. Dan Behringer will explore UGRA.

Holiday party: The chapter holiday party is planned for December 1 at the LBJ Park Clubhouse and will be hosted by the Gillespie County MNs.

2007 Class schedule: Warren Ferguson and Cathy Downs from the 2007 Class Planning Committee (CPC) presented the 2007 class schedule and presenters. The class will begin on Aug 27 at the regular TMN meeting with an introduction of the program and each class member. Classes continue from August 29 thru Nov 14 with 2 Saturday field trips. After considerable discussion, John was asked to bring back to the board a recommendation regarding mentors. There was also discussion on the merits of using recognized experts or experts from our local chapter who are also well qualified.

John Huecksteadt moved that non-government speakers who travel 25 – 75 miles be provided \$35 and speakers who travel over 75 miles be provided \$75. The motion passed.
Phyllis asked Cathy and Warren to thank the CPC for their many hours of hard work.

Actions items assigned:

Betty and Phyllis - to arrange for alternate meeting space for May meeting.

Dan – to check on use of UGRA monthly

Donna – to ask Sharon to correlate coverage in the papers with attendance in January and February.

John – to add a check-off place on the sign-in sheet for visitors: “Where did you hear about TMN?”

Betty, John, Phyllis, and Cathy – will provide refreshments for April meeting

John - will prepare procedure for introduction of students at the first class meeting in August.

The next board meeting will be May 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerri Workman
Acting Secretary