

**Texas Master Naturalist – Hill country Chapter
Board Meeting March 18, 2009**

March 2009 Board Minutes

Present: Julie Clay, Steve Dodge, Jim Gardner, John Huecksteadt, Will Lummis, Bob McKinley, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Gracie Waggener

Absent: Janet Csanyi, Martha Miesch

President John Hucksteadt called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes for February meeting.** The minutes were reviewed for the Board's approval. The motion to accept was placed by Bob McKinley, and seconded by Julie Clay, and approved by the Board.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** The treasurer's report was tabled until the return of Martha Miesch.
3. **New Class Report.** Bob McKinley reported that his committee is moving ahead with the new class planning. The thirty-five sets of curriculum have been ordered and received. Bob also reported that the estimated expenses for the classes were going to be higher, from \$3,000 to \$3,500. The extra costs are in the number of speakers required for the classes, and the cost of thirty-five curriculums, both higher numbers than first estimated. Bob also reported that he has the acceptance of all the speakers for the classes, and needed only to confirm with Chapter members who are going to give presentations.
4. **Communication.** It was announced that Jean Parreira would act as Contact Coordinator for the Chapter. This will give members someone to contact in times of family illness or death, and Jean will then notify fellow Chapter members.
5. **Membership.** It was agreed that all applications will be reviewed by the Board following the Membership Directors initial review and comment on each. The final determination and notification of class participants will be made after the application period is closed on July 17th. The new recruiting brochure was discussed, and changes needed in some of the wording were noted for correction. Also discussed was the Membership drive, application packages and acceptance letters. The target date to have all the brochures and applications ready is by the Earth Day celebration at Riverside Nature Center on April 18.
6. **Chapter Campout.** A proposal for a Chapter Campout for the fall was discussed. It was decided that a committee, headed by Gracie Waggener, would work on planning the trip to Guadalupe River State Park, newsletter announcements, and try to determine member enthusiasm.
7. **Chapter Picnic.** The Chapter Picnic will be held at James Kiehl Park in Comfort this year. The park will be open and ready by the picnic date. Mary Frances Watson has agreed to Chair the event.
7. **501(c)(3)** John Huecksteadt reported that the paper work for filing was complete, and would be sent in when the Treasurer Martha Miesch returned, and could supply the funds needed.
8. **Advanced Training.** Steve Dodge discussed up coming AT programs, and the pros and cons of using the Grovesite website for announcements.

All new business was discussed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm.

The Board minutes were amended to recognize the new members elected to the Board in October, 2008. They are as follows:

John Hucksteadt, President
Jim Gardner, Vice-President
Martha Miesch, Treasurer
Gracie Waggener, Secretary

Next Board Meeting; **April 22, 2009 at 1:30pm at Riverside Nature Center Lab.**
Hill Country Chapter members are always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gracie Waggener

Secretary