

**Texas Master Naturalist – Hill Country Chapter
Board Meeting June 17, 2009**

Present: Julie Clay, Steve Dodge, Jim Gardner, John Huecksteadt, Will Lummis, Bob McKinley, Martha Miesch, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Gracie Waggener, and Phyllis Muska, acting Director of Communications

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

1. **Acceptance of Minutes for May Meeting:** The Board reviewed the Minutes for approval. A motion to accept was placed by Jim Gardner, and seconded by Julie Clay.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Martha Miesch presented the Treasurer's Report for May. A motion to approve was placed by Julie Clay, and seconded by Jim Stanley.

Budget topics discussed included money budgeted for 2009 to fund projects. Since the Chapter's financial status has improved it was decided that the Chapter would resume funding requests. Martha agreed to write an article for the newsletter explaining the Chapter income, and expenses that income must cover.

3. **State Reports:** Chapter Operating regulations from the State have now been printed and added to the Minutes book for reference during meetings. It will also be posted on the Chapter website that these forms are available on the State's website.
4. **Chapter Picnic:** Plans for the Picnic on Sunday, June 21 are complete and good to go.
5. **July Chapter Meeting:** The speaker for the July meeting will be Carter Smith from Texas Parks and Wildlife. In order to insure a good turn out for this presentation, Jim Gardner will be notifying the nature groups in the area, and extending an invitation for them to attend. Mr. Smith will talk about Legislative up-dates, and conservation.
6. **Kerrville Co-op:** The Earth DiVine Food Co-op has requested that they be able to pass out their flyers at the Chapter meetings. It was decided by the Board that they could pass out their flyers before the meeting, but not given any floor time.
7. **Bats and Bridges:** The Bat survey will become a new project for the Chapter. There have been 18 responses to the inquiry. Several members have GPS, and some have the Access program for reporting. This project will probably start after the training at the State Meeting in October.
8. **Firefly Watch:** This will become a new project, as it will help members with physical limitations stay active in the Chapter.
9. **T-Shirt Sales:** It was decided that the Chapter would go ahead with the sale of Chapter shirts and accessories. Gracie Waggener will again head up this project, and be ready for the new class and fall.
10. **Reporting Hours:** The Board discussed how to get members to report their volunteer and advanced training hours on a more regular basis, and the importance to the Chapter for those hours. Priscilla Stanley will be writing an article for the newsletter, and John Hucksteadt will address Chapter members at a future meeting. Phyllis Muska will be writing an article for the newsletter about the Chapter calendar, and advanced training reporting hours.
11. **New Classes:** Articles will run in the local newspapers again in June announcing the new classes.
12. **Membership:** As of now, fourteen applications for the new class have been returned, all excellent applicants. Julie Clay will contact some who expressed interest, but have not returned their applications yet.

Lloyd Hemmert has taken over as Database Manager, and is handling the job with some help from Lee Knuepper.

13. **Communications** Phyllis Muska will continue as Communication Director until the end of the year. At that time a replacement will be found in either current membership, or a member of the new class.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 1:30pm at Riverside Nature Center in the Nature Science Lab. All Hill Country Chapter members are always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Gracie Waggener
Secretary