

Texas Master Naturalist - Hill Country Chapter
Board Meeting
December 15, 2010

Present: Laura Baker, Koy Coffey, Steve Dodge, Cathy Downs, John Huecksteadt, Susan Longacre, Sandy Pena, Jim Stanley, Priscilla Stanley, Gracie Waggener.

Also attending: Anne Cassidy, Vern Crawford, Steve Clyburn, Reidun Hilleman, Bob McKinley, Phyllis Muska and Lisa Williams.

President John Huecksteadt called the meeting to order at 1:00pm. John welcomed the incoming Board members, and thanked the outgoing Board members for their service to the Chapter.

1. **Acceptance of Minutes for November Meeting:** The Board reviewed the November Minutes. Bob McKinley moved to approve the minutes, and Cathy Downs seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cathy Downs presented the Treasurer's Report for November. Steve Dodge moved to accept the report, and Susan Longacre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Cathy also reported that she will be meeting with John Huecksteadt and Phyllis Muska to re-organize the reporting forms in 2011.

3. **P.A. System:** Susan Longacre reported on the continuing process of trying to find an affordable, reliable P.A. System. She is waiting on more information, and will continue to look for a system that will fit the Chapter's needs.
4. **Speaker's Bureau:** Susan Longacre also reported for the incoming members on the Speaker's Bureau, how and why it was established, and asked for additional names to be added to the list.
5. **ERSNA:** Friends of the Enchanted Rock State Natural Area would like for the Chapter to adopt a tree that is, or will be, planted in the park. It would be the responsibility of a volunteer to maintain the tree, as many planted now are neglected and die. The Board decided that this could be added under the current Enchanted Rock volunteer project GL-03-A.
6. **On-Line Donations:** The Chapter is listed on the web-site Guidestar as a non-profit organization, which could lead to donations for the Chapter. The Board discussed several options, including adding PayPal to the Chapter website as a way to generate donations. The Chapter's options would be limited by the capabilities of Wordpress. John Huecksteadt will look into the expenses and possibilities for donations for the Chapter.

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7. **Friends of the Chapter:** David Langford will be recognized at the Chapter Holiday Party as a Friend of the Chapter. He will be presented with a plaque, copper dragonfly pin, and a gift card as recognition and appreciation for his contributions to the Chapter. David gives generously of his time and talents, and makes sure that all new students receive a copy of the Sand County Almanac. David is truly a friend to the Chapter.

Officer's and Directors Reports:

President: Incoming President Phyllis Muska asked that the new Board members look at the Chapter Operating Handbook, for their new duties and job responsibilities, and is looking forward to much progress in 2011.

Past President: Jim Stanley thanked the Board for their time, and welcomed the incoming members. He reminded us that our Chapter is an organization of friends, not just people with like interests. His long-standing presence on the Board is greatly appreciated.

Vice-President: Sandy Pena reflected on the meetings of 2010, and the many successes of the Chapter. She expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Bob McKinley has met with UGRA about the meeting room for Chapter meetings, and has already started the process of booking speakers for 2011.

Advanced Training: Steve Dodge reported that the Advanced Training opportunities for 2010 were about the same in number as 2009, with many interesting topics. He has been working with Steve Clyburn, who is ready to take over the position.

Steve Clyburn reported that his goal is to maintain the number, and look for more Advanced Training opportunities, and he has already sent out notices to the Chapter.

Volunteer Projects: Priscilla Stanley, who will also be leaving the Board, expressed her thanks, and welcomed new members.

Reidun Hilleman thanked Priscilla for the guidelines she has established, and looks forward to her new position.

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New Class Committee: Cathy Downs has relinquished all the materials for the new classes to Lisa Williams, the Class Director for 2011.

Lisa has her committee in place, and a schedule of committee meetings set. She looks forward to the new year, and serving on the Board.

Membership: Koy Coffey will be staying on as Membership Director, and feels better prepared for 2011 now that she has 2010 behind her.

Communications: Susan Longacre will also be staying on in 2011. As Communications director, she works closely with all Board members, the newsletter editor, and local newspapers. She is also continuing to work on the Chapter's archives, including how and where those archives are kept.

New Class Representative: Laura Baker thanked the Board, and felt that it was a privilege to serve on the Board.

Vern Crawford is looking forward to serving as the new class representative for 2011.

With all Board business discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

The Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 1:30 pm at Riverside Nature Center in the Nature Science Lab. All Hill Country Chapter members and advisors are always welcome to attend.

As outgoing Secretary, I would like to thank all those I had the honor to serve with, especially for your support and friendship.

Respectfully submitted,
Gracie Waggener
Secretary