

**Texas Master Naturalist- Hill Country Chapter**  
**Board Minutes**  
**May 18, 2011**

**Present:** Steve Clyburn, Koy Coffey, Cathy Downs, Reidun Hilleman, John Huecksteadt, Susan Longacre, Bob McKinley, Phyllis Muska, Lisa Williams

**Absent:** Anne Cassidy, Vern Crawford

Also attending, Gracie Waggener

President Phyllis Muska called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

**Acceptance of Board Minutes for April Meeting:** The Board reviewed the Minutes for the April Meeting. Cathy Downs moved to approve the minutes, and Susan Longacre seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cathy Downs presented the Treasurer's Report for April. John Huecksteadt moved to approve the report, and Bob McKinley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**New Classes:** Class Director Lisa Williams reported on the progress made by the New Class Committee. The Board thanked her for her work.

**Membership:** Koy Coffey reported that she has at this time received eight applications for the class, and has been contacted by several possible applicants who have expressed interest, but have not sent in applications yet. All applicants will be reviewed for acceptance into the classes at the July Board Meeting.

**Officers and Directors Reports:**

**Past President:** John Huecksteadt asked to review and discuss how awards are presented at the Chapter Meetings. Some have commented that too much time is taken by the presentations. However, some points discussed were the fact that this is a volunteer organization, and the time and efforts of the volunteers should be recognized. Months that have a large number of presentations can be expedited with help from Board Members helping Koy.

John also brought to the Board the idea of presenting the Love Creek Nature Preserve with a Cow Bird Trap, as there have been a large number of Golden-Cheek Warblers and Black-cap Vireos documented as nesting at the preserve. Further discussion with Rebecca Flack and volunteers at the preserve will be pursued to see if the required monitoring can be done.

**President:** Phyllis Muska reported that Kristie Denbow has requested funds of \$72.00 to help pay for signs for Bluebird boxes in the Kendall County Parks. A motion to approve was placed by Koy Coffey, and seconded by Cathy Downs, which carried unanimously.

Phyllis also reported that the Chapter Picnic will be held at the Cave Creek School, with the Pavilion, school house, kitchen and grounds open for the Chapter's use. For those interested there will be hiking at a private ranch across from site. Members will be asked to provide their own meals, and Koy Coffey offered to bring drinks and water. An announcement will be made at lunch for those interested in the hiking trip. Someone will have to be on site to direct members to the right area. Board members will arrive early to set up tables and chairs, and remove the trash after the picnic.

A motion was placed by Bob McKinley that a donation of \$100.00 be made to the Cave Creek School for the use of the property, and was seconded by Reidun Hilleman. With a nine yes, and one no vote placed by John Huecksteadt, the motion passed with a majority vote.

**Vice-President:** Bob McKinley reported that the speaker for the May meeting will be Phillip Wright on the Honey Creek Watershed Study. The speaker for July will be Dr. Tom Arsuffi on invasive exotic water species. There will be no speaker in June due to the picnic.

**Volunteer Projects:** Reidun reported that she is updating the volunteer project lists, and adding more projects.

**Communications:** Susan Longacre asked that those who helped with the communications while she was out of the country be thanked, in particular Bob McKinley and Phyllis Muska.

**Fund Raising:** Gracie Waggener reported to the Board on the status of fund raising supplies on hand, what needs to be ordered, and ideas for new products.

With all Board business discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

The next Board Meeting will be June 22, 2011, at 1:30pm, at the Riverside Nature Center in the Nature Science Lab. All Hill Country Chapter members are always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gracie Waggener, Acting Secretary