

Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter  
Board Meeting  
October 22, 2014

Present: Vern Crawford, Sarah Hilburn, Kathy Ward, Priscilla Stanley, Becky Etzler, Liz Ross, Bob Wiedenfeld, Rod Boertje, Donna Oliver-Leep, and Lisa Flanagan.

Absent: Stephen Bishop, Diane McMahon, and Michelle Haggerty

Also present: Jim Stanley

President Vern Crawford called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

Approval of September 17, 2014 Minutes: Becky Etzler made a motion to approve the September 17, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Lisa Flanagan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The holding account had a balance of \$59,002.15.

The regular account had a balance of \$19,274.09.

The audit committee will meet on December 5, 2014 from 1:00-3:00.

Jim Stanley: Jim Stanley recommended that we make the Texas Lions Camp a "Friend of the Chapter". Becky Etzler made a motion to make The Texas Lions Camp a "Friend of the Chapter". The motion was seconded by Kathy Ward. Motion carried.

2014 Class Update: Liz Ross reported on possible candidates for the 2015 Class Director. Several new class members wanted to help with editing the training manuscript. Vern reported that the text is being edited and redone. Liz wanted to know how about the progress of enlarging the names on the name tags.

Nominating Committee Update: Priscilla Stanley thanked the nominating committee for their work: Becky Etzler, Phyllis Muska, and Cathy Downs. The 2015 slate of officers will be: President-Kathy Ward, Vice President-Paul Person, Secretary-Sarah Hilburn, and Treasurer-Diane McMahon.

Commencement Certification Proposal: Becky Etzler reported a couple of new class members wanted to receive their initial certification at the commencement instead of at the November Chapter meeting. The Board decided to recognize the recipients that achieved their initial certification at the commencement but to award them their pin at the November Chapter meeting.

\$325 Donation to the Lions Camp: The donation was approved.

Native Plant Sale Update: Priscilla Stanley reported that our profits were \$715. We had about 20% of the plant inventory left over and the plants were sold at a discount of 30%.

Holiday Party Update: Kathy Ward reported that the party will be at the pavilion in Ladybird Johnson Municipal Park. John Huecksteadt will lead a nature walk before the meal. Kathy is working on the catering. Kathy also reported that Bill Lindemann will receive an honorarium since he is a "Friend of the Chapter". Kathy, Lisa, and Vern will go to dinner at Rails with Bill Lindemann. Bob McKinley and Rebecca Flack will be the speakers at the January Meeting. Jonah Evans will be speaking about "Tracks" in February.

Officers' and Directors' Reports:

Stephen Bishop: Reported in an email that as of September 30, 2014 the Chapter had 24,985 volunteer project hours.

Becky Etzler: Reported Greg Walton has transferred from Austin. The Chapter has had five transfers this year. Becky has already had several people inquiring about the 2015 new class.

Donna Oliver-Leep: Nothing else to report.

Kathy Ward: Wanted to know if we had enough money to cover the \$558 for the 2015 use of the UGRA building.

Liz Ross: Nothing else to report.

Lisa Flanagan: Nothing else to report.

Rod Boertje: The Chapter has had 200 advanced training events to date.

Bob Wiedenfeld: Nothing else to report.

Priscilla Stanley: Nothing else to report.

Sarah Hilburn: Nothing else to report.

Vern Crawford: Nothing else to report.

Meeting Decisions:

\*Approved the September 17, 2014 minutes

\*Accepted the Treasurer's reports

\*Decided to continue to award pins at the Chapter meetings

\*Approved the \$325 donation to the Texas Lions Camp and to make them a "Friend of the Chapter"

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 2:47PM.

The next meeting will be November 10, 2014 at 1:30 at the Riverside Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Hilburn

Secretary