

Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter  
Board Meeting  
August 20, 2014

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

**Absent:** Michelle Haggerty

**Also present:** Jim Stanley

President Vern Crawford called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

**Approval of July 23, 2014 Minutes:** Diane McMahon made a motion to approve the July 23, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Becky Etzler. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no activity for the holding account and the balance is \$17,669.07.

The regular account had seven checks cleared for a total of \$1514.50 and \$5142.10 was deposited in the account leaving an ending balance of \$20,486.81. Most of the transactions were tuition payments and refunds.

Sarah Hilburn made a motion to approve the treasurer's reports. The motion was seconded by Kathy Ward. Motion carried.

**Approval of 1-Stop Invoice:** Becky Etzler and Diane McMahon reported that the invoice has been paid.

**Booth at Gillespie Fair:** Becky Etzler sent an email to members requesting help to man the booth, but no one responded. Becky called the Gillespie County Fair representatives yesterday and told them that the Hill Country Chapter would not have a booth at the Gillespie County Fair.

**2014 Class Update:** Liz Ross reported that they had a smooth first class and she had a great team working with her. Vern Crawford stated that the reception went well and it flowed smoothly.

**Officers' and Directors' Reports:**

**Stephen Bishop:** Reported that our Chapter had 19,562 volunteer hours as of July 31, 2014. Stephen asked if we could have another recruitment event for volunteer projects for San Saba and Menard counties. One project could be the San Saba Nature Center. Stephen will try to get a place to hold the meeting on October 14, 2014, possibly the Menard Library.

**Becky Etzler:** Shared an example of a project fair recruitment event from another chapter from the Texas Master Naturalist Facebook page as a possible Chapter activity. Becky had a complaint from a mentor that some of the mentors took too long on their introductions. Michele Haggerty is asking each Chapter to donate at least five items for the silent auction at the annual conference. Becky will mention this at the next Chapter meeting. We have a new transfer, Beverly Weidenfeller from the Alamo Chapter.

**Donna Oliver-Leep:** Nothing else to report.

**Kathy Ward:** Handed out a list of our speakers and asked how many we had attend the "New Class Reception". Becky reported that we had 80. Kathy asked if any Board member had any speaker suggestions.

**Liz Ross:** Nothing else to report.

**Lisa Flanagan:** Nothing else to report.

**Bob Wiedenfeld:** Nothing else to report.

**Diane McMahon:** Needed information from Becky. Diane shared that she looked over the application and suggested that we add a statement explaining that an applicant cannot use the Master Naturalist name for business purposes. Becky shared she is working on a revised application that she will present to the Board at a later date. Becky also suggested that the Board may want to add more members to the 2015 class or possibly have two classes. Diane will be out of town for three weeks and is giving the checkbooks to Vern Crawford in her absence.

**Priscilla Stanley:** Is completing a document that lists duties for specific Board members who will speak to the new class on August 17, 2014. Priscilla also shared a thank you to Becky for filling in for other directors at the next class meeting.

**Sarah Hilburn:** Nothing else to report.

**Vern Crawford:** Read a thank you letter from Bill Lindemann. Bill thanked our Chapter for the monetary and volunteer hours contributed to the "2014 Wings Over the Hills" event.

**Meeting Decisions:**

\*Approved the July 23, 2014 minutes

\*Approved the Treasurer's reports

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49PM.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2014 at 1:30 at the Riverside Nature Center.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Hilburn  
Secretary