

**Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter  
Board Meeting at Riverside Nature Center  
June 17, 2015**

**Present:** Kathy Ward, Paul Person, Vern Crawford, Sarah Hilburn, Judy Gausnell, Pat McCormick, Brenda Fest, Diane McMahon, Liz Ross, Bob Wiedenfeld, and Lisa Flanagan.

Quorum met: 100% present

**Absent:** NA

**Also present:** NA

President Kathy Ward called the meeting to order at 1:32PM

**Strategic Initiatives**

**Hill Country Chapter/VMS:** The committee meeting will be on July 2, 2015.

**New Chapter Management and Operations Protocols/Bylaws:** Kathy Ward asked Vern Crawford to head up the committee to revise our bylaws. Vern will ask Tom Hynes and Floyd Trefny to serve on the committee. The revisions will be presented at the November general membership meeting.

**Resource Development**

**2015 Class Update:** Brenda Fest reported that the committee is on schedule, notebooks are assembled, and resource materials are ready.

**Membership Applications:** Lisa Flanagan reported that we had seventeen applications to date. Tony Plutino offered to recruit in Mason County. KWSP Radio is running radio announcements during the day. We have \$1500 left for scholarships for the Western Edwards Plateau applicants.

**Operational**

**Approval of May 20, 2015, Minutes:** Paul Person made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Vern Crawford seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Treasurer's Reports:** Lisa Flanagan made a motion to accept the treasurer's reports. Liz Ross seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Vice president's Report on Programs:**

June-Jessica Alderson, "Wildlife Conservancy in Texas"  
July-Michael Murphy, "Invasive Plants and Insects"  
August-New Member Reception  
September-Charlie Flatten, "The Future of Water".  
October-open  
November-Michelle Haggerty, VMS  
December-Christmas Party

## **Director's Report**

**AT:** Liz Ross reported there is a decrease in activity in the summer. July 25 from 9:00-2:00 will be the field trip to "Cave Without a Name", \$16.00 per person with a minimum of 12 attending.

**Membership:** Nothing else to report.

**Volunteer Projects:** Pat McCormick reported that we have three new projects, two in San Saba and one in Comfort.

**Communications:** Bob Wiedenfeld reported that the July announcement has been sent out.

**2014 Class Representative:** Judy Gausnell reported that she had a firm offer from the YO Ranch Hotel, \$18.25 per person. Vern Crawford made a motion to have the Christmas Party at the YO Ranch Hotel on December 12, 2015. Paul Person seconded the motion. Motion carried. The 2014 class is looking into field trips at The Native American Seed Company, Kerr Wildlife Management Area, and a private ranch in San Saba.

**Kathy Ward:** Brenda Fest will contact Jodi to rescheduled our visit to the Kerr County Youth Exhibit Center on August 19, 2015.

**Sarah Hilburn:** Pat McCormick will take the minutes for Sarah on July 22, 2015.

**Diane McMahon:** Nothing else to report.

## **Meeting Decisions:**

- \*Appointed Vern Crawford to chair the Chapter Management and Operations Bylaws Revision committee
- \*Approved The YO Ranch Hotel to host our Christmas Party in December
- \*Approved the May 20, 2015 minutes
- \*Approved the treasurer's reports

## **Announcements**

The next Chapter meeting will be June 22, 2015.

The next Board meeting will be July 22, 2015 at 1:30 at the Riverside Nature Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sarah Hilburn  
Secretary