

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter  
Board Meeting at Riverside Nature Center  
Minutes July 22, 2015

Board Members present: Kathy Ward, Diane McMahon, Liz Ross, Pat McCormick, Judy Gausnell, Paul Person, Sandy Leyendecker, Lisa Flanagan, Brenda Fest, and Bob Wiedenfelder.

1. Sandy Leyendecker presented the status of the Volunteer Management System implementation project. The “people” template is complete. There are 452 members since the beginning of the Hill Country Chapter organization including the Western Edwards Plateau transfer members. She is now working on the “hours” template. Her goal is to be finished by August 1, 2015. The service project categories require an additional code to our project naming standard. Kristie Denbow has created a new list of updated project codes. There is a list of project codes abandoned, projects combined, and inactive projects.
2. Brenda and Lisa presented the candidate applications for the Class of 2015. A roster has been created. There are 36 candidates. Each application was reviewed by the executive board. All 36 were approved. Lisa will prepare the letters of acceptance with an additional phrase to accommodate our new rule that everyone must have a background check. The additional phrase will state that the candidate is accepted upon completion and approval of the background check.
3. Kathy Ward has asked the board to read the Chapter Management Protocol and Operations document which is found on the web site under Chapter Resources then pull down and find “Chapter Documents”. The board is also requested to read the new TMN bylaws on the TMN website. We will be reviewing the changes in the new bylaws and proposing that our chapter approve these changes or additions to our own chapter bylaws. Michelle Haggerty has requested that our chapter adopt the state approved changes.
4. Regarding the Class of 2015, the introduction of the new students will be August 17 at 6:30PM at the Kerr Arts and Cultural Center. Board members will each bring a plate or two of hors d’oeuvres or finger food, sweet or savory to the meeting.
5. The minutes of the June board meeting were approved.
6. The treasurers report was approved.
7. Update from Vice President Paul Person: September 28 meeting program will be “Water 101” by Charlie Flatten, the October meeting is currently open, and the November meeting will be Nov 16, a date change because of Thanksgiving being the following week. Michelle Haggerty will be the speaker at the November meeting discussing the new Volunteer Management System. In addition the November meeting will have a vote for officers and the updated operational protocols.

Respectively Submitted,

Pat McCormick

Taking minutes at the request of our Secretary Sarah Hilburn