

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter
Riverside Nature Center
November 28, 2016 at 1:30 pm

Present:

Board Members: Brenda Fest, Rheda Boardman, Floyd Trefny, Kathy Ward, Lisa Flanagan, Liz Ross, Vern Crawford, Claire Mitchell, Diane McMahon, Diana Ambrust, Larry Eskridge, Bridgette Langdale

Guest: Ann Dietert, Paula Harley, Kristine Bobbitt, Thomas Redwine.

Absent: Michele Haggerty, Roy Walston

Quorum Met: 84%

Vice President Floyd Trefny called the meeting to order at 1335.

Operational

- Approval of October 24, 2016 Board Minutes-Rheda Boardman
Kathy Ward Made a motion to accept the minutes.
Lisa Flanagan seconded the motion.
Motion carried
- Approval of Treasure's Reports-Diane McMahon
KCFU Chapter and state holding accounts bank statements, chapter and reconciliation reports for Chapter and state holding account for October
Lisa Flanagan made a motion to accept the October Treasurer's Reports
Kathy Ward seconded the motion
Motion Carried
- Vice-President's Report on Programs – Floyd Trefny
September meeting attendance: 73
 1. November 28, 2016-"Update on ABK's Baseline Data"-James Rice-TWPD (confirmed)
 2. December 10, 2016-"Holiday Party"
 3. January 23, 2017-"Desalination of Brackish Waste Water"-Roberto Macias (confirmed)
 4. February 27, 2017"Rabies", Ray Garcia-Kerr County Environmental Health & Animal Sciences

(Brenda Fest-President conducted the remainder of the meeting)

Strategic Initiatives

- Change of venue for 2017 training class – Brenda Fest
Arrangements and dates have been reserved with Upper Guadalupe River Authority
Volunteer Fair is scheduled for the third Wednesday
Brenda met with Ben Eldridge at Cibolo Nature Center. He informed Brenda the auditorium will not be available for use in 2017 for the class commencement. Possibly class will meet at the Patrick Heath Library with a field trip following at CNC.
Commencement will be held at UGRA.
Diane McMahan will pay UGRA in January for the 2017 monthly meetings expense.
Vern and Brenda will meet with the Lions Camp director and explain the change in the venue for the 2017 class.

- 2017 Budget-Diane McMahan
Discussion in the budget deficit ended with the board recommending an increase in the class tuition to \$200 and a reduction in the Speaker Honorarium to \$340.
Also discussed was possibly in the future to collect annual dues from the members.

Floyd Trefny made a motion to approve the 2017 Budget with the change of class tuition to \$200 and reduce the Speaker Honorarium to \$340.

Vern Crawford seconded the Motion

Following a debate the president called for a vote.

11 yes, 1 nay

Motion Carried

- Volunteer Project leader policy – Claire Mitchell
Because of some recent concerns there was a discussion on the criteria to be a volunteer project coordinator.
- January Board Retreat – Brenda Fest
Retreat will be January 7, 2017, 9a to 1p to be held at Kathy Wards home.

Director's Reports

- Membership – Lisa Flanagan

1. Wings Over the Hills (March) requesting \$50 for a chapter booth.
Lisa made a motion to pay the \$50 fee.
Kathy Ward Seconded the motion
Motion Carried.
2. A new class member with physical limitations was not able to participate in all the required field trips. Possible suggestions were made. It was recommended that the mentor be contacted to find suitable learning experiences and submit to the class director and membership director for approval.

- Advanced Training – Liz Ross
None
- Volunteer Projects – Claire Mitchell
None
- Communications – Bridget Langdale
Bridget will submit news releases for the January meeting.
- New Class – Diana Armbrust
Diana presented an overview of 2015 to 2017 class expenses.
Recommendation: Johnson Ranch to be considered as a replacement for Bamberger.
This will be the duty of the 2017 New Class Committee.
Lisa Flanagan will conduct a “mentor survey” with the 2016 class.

Resource Development

- Financial Audit Meeting – Diane McMahan
The audit committee Diane McMahan, Floyd Trefny, Rheda Boardman, and Larry Eskridge and 2017 treasurer nominee Ann Dietert met on November 17, 2016.
Audited financial accounts for Chapter and Texas Master Naturalist (state)
At the time of the audit eleven of the checks had not cleared. Seven of eleven have now cleared.
- Holiday Party, December 10 – Diane McMahan, Lisa Flanagan, Rheda Boardman, Brenda Fest
December 1, 2016 is the deadline for members to have paid for lunch.
Committee will meet at the Country Club for final planning on December 7, 2016.
- Nominating 2017 Board-Kathy Ward
The membership will be voting at the meeting tonight.
- Ideas/Comments that did not fit in?
Chapter Meeting: Claire Mitchell will take orders and fee from members to purchase the new class book.
Chapter Meeting: Diane McMahan and Rheda Boardman will take reservations and fee for Holiday Party.

Meeting Decisions

- Approved the October 24, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approved the October Treasurer's Reports
- Approved the 2017 Budget with changes.
- Board Retreat: January 7, 2017 9a-1p, Kathy Ward's home
- Approved Wings Over the Hills booth fee of \$50
- New class mentor survey to be conducted by Lisa Flanagan

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned

Meeting Adjourned at 1520

Announcements

Board Meeting: Monday, December 12, 1:00 pm, RNC

No December Chapter Meeting

Holiday Party, December 10 at Riverhill Country Club, 11:30-2:00 pm in Kerrville