

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter
Board Meeting
Riverside Nature Center
June 26, 2016

Present: Brenda Fest, Kathy Ward, Rheda Boardman, Diane McMahon, Bridget Langdale, Lisa Flanagan, Liz Ross, Claire Mitchell, Diana Armbrust, Larry Eskridge

Absent: Michele Haggerty, Roy Walston, Floyd Trefny, Vern Crawford

Quorum Met: 66%

President Brenda Fest called the meeting to order at 1330

Welcome and Review Agenda

- Larry Eskridge was welcomed to the board. Larry replaced Lisa Barrett. Lisa Barrett resigned due to health issues.
- Policy on make-up of classes missed by new class members will be addressed by Jim Stanley at the August Board Meeting.
- Honorarium discussion August Board Meeting.
- New class reception August 22, 2016
- New board nominations-chaired by Kathy Ward- will be ready for publication October 2016.

Operational

- Approval of May 23, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes – Rheda Boardman
Kathy Ward made a motion to accept the May Minutes
Lisa Flanagan seconded the motion
Motion Carried
- Approval of May 23 Membership Meeting Minutes
Kathy Ward made a motion to accept the May Minutes
Lisa Flanagan seconded the motion
Motion Carried
- Approval of Treasurer's Reports – Diane McMahon
Lisa Flanagan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports
Kathy Ward Seconded the motion
Motion Carried
- Report on Programs
 1. June 27, 2016 "Tawny (Raspberry) Crazy Ants" Robert T. Puckett-Texas A&M Agrilife
 2. July 25, 2016 "Common Spiders of Central Texas" Sheryl Smith-Rodgers
 3. September 26, 2016 "Viticulture" Andrew Labay- Texas A&M AgriLifeAttendance at May Meeting: 82

Strategic Initiatives

- Annual TMN Meeting: October 21, 2016 Conroe, Texas
 1. Bridget Langdale reported she has submitted a presentation proposal for "Ecology of Dark Skies". Brenda and Lisa acknowledged the excellent work Bridget has done with Dark Skies.
 2. Brenda will contact Betty and Steve Clyburn about submitting a proposal for Rain Harvesting.
 3. Brenda has not found a link to submit brochures.
 4. Committee developed to research the possibility of a project board on ABK.
Brenda Fest, Kathy Ward, and Rheda Boardman volunteered for the committee.
 5. Brenda will contact Jack Morgan for his input on a possible Video.
 6. We have \$500 in the budget for the state meeting. \$500 qualifies the chapter for a "Seedling Sponsorship". Diane McMahon will submit the application form and a check to the state office.

Director's Reports

- Membership – New Class applicants and applications – Lisa Flanagan
Applications received: 31
Application deadline is July 13, 2016.
Mentor Training is scheduled for July 28, 2016. 20 members have applied to be mentors. Mentor application deadline is July 23 or 24. Lisa Flanagan will send a blast to members.
- Advanced Training – Liz Ross
No report.
- Volunteer Projects – Claire Mitchell
No report.
Following was discussed by the board:
Lisa Flanagan said she and Gracie Waggener will cover the chapter table at the Kerrville River Cleanup, July 23
Brenda recommended we aim to cover more outreach events in the future.
Recommendation we consider allotting funds for “Outreach Programs” in the future.
Lisa Flanagan said she is working on updating the Tri Fold.
- Communications – Bridget Langdale
Recommendation made to revise class brochure in the fall in order for it to be ready earlier.
Preparing a time line for communication projects is being done.
- New Class – Diana Armbrust
Schedule is set and has been online since April.
48 books have been ordered and will be shipped end of July.
New class member bios with pictures will be handed out at the new class reception.
Larry Eskridge has updated maps for the field trips.

Resource Development

- Honorariums to TPWD speakers To be discussed at the August board meeting.
Brenda will be communicating with Michele Haggerty for more information.
- Holiday Party- December 10, 2016 at River Hill Country Club, Kerrville
Plans discussed. Committee will be working on the event.
- Ideas/Comments that did not fit in?
To be announced at membership meeting: Sandy Pena-past chapter president- presently in assisted living in Kerrville.

Meeting Decisions

- Approved May Board Meeting Minutes and Membership Meeting minutes
- Approved May Treasurer's reports
- Committee to look into a “Project Board” to submit to State Meeting.
- Treasurer will submit form and check to State for a “Seedling Sponsorship”
- Increase outreach programs in future with fund allotment.

Adjourn: 1530

Addendum:

The following was received from Michele Haggerty via e-mail on July 5, 2016

Speaker checks: It's written that I said it was a good idea. My thoughts are that recognizing your class speakers is a good idea. I am still in the middle as to whether recognizing them with checks is the best way to recognize them or not.

Honorary member: should probably be honorary chapter member (vs the honorary member chapter that is written)

License plates: The Alamo area chapter member has been working with our state office. We fully support their endeavors in trying to establish a TMN license plate for our membership.