

Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting Minutes  
Riverside Nature Center  
Monday August 21, 2017 – 2:30pm

Welcome and Review Agenda

Members Present: Brenda Fest, Craig Childs, Ann Dietert, Lisa Flanagan, David Davies, Tom Harrigan, Paula Harley, Reggie Cox

Members Absent: Kris Bobbitt, Claire Mitchell, Michelle Haggarty, Vern Crawford, Roy Walston

Quorum met

**Operational**

Approve Minutes from previous meeting – Kathy Ward for Kris Bobbitt

The minutes were approved as corrected. David made the motion and Ann Dietert seconded.

Approve Treasurer's Reports – Ann Dietert

July Treasurer's report was approved. Kathy Ward made the motion and David seconded.

Vice President's Report on Programs – Craig Childs. The speaker for September is Rev. Dick Powell (\$75.00 donation to Mo-Ranch) Title: "Mo-Ranch: A natural resource for all." He will lead a discussion on the ranch's history, natural resources, environmental initiatives, outdoor education/programming, and volunteer opportunities. Ruth McArthur has set up a bird census at Mo-Ranch. October speaker Bob Howell's topic is "Declines in Native Fauna and Flora: Explanations Based on Freshwater Mussel Studies. We discussed paying for handouts on Zebra mussels (estimated \$80.00 for 100) but decided there was not money in the budget for such items. In November Rufus Stephens and Jan Wrede will present "Attracting Birds in the Texas Hill Country" with book signing. "Advancing Positive Conservation Outcomes in Environmental Issues" at Patrick Heath Public Library (PHPL) plans are progressing well: speakers include Michelle Haggarty, Ben Eldridge, Jaime Gonzalez, Rufus Stephens, Richard Heilbrun, and Craig Childs. Craig will issue call for volunteers via Claire. Deposit was waived by PHPL, check returned to Craig. South Llano River State Park spring outing is planned tentatively for Saturday April 7 or Saturday April 14 to include both AT and service project. Craig explored a potential opportunity for a talk on feral swine co-sponsored by PHPL (Boerne), ABKSNA, and our chapter. It would be open to public, included on the library calendar and their announcements. Date is TBA.

**Strategic Initiatives**

- Second Quarter Budget Report- Ann Dietert The Second Quarter Budget report was approved. Lisa Flanagan made the motion and Kathy Ward seconded. The motion passed.
- Apache Tree Grant Program – request for wire cages – Brenda requested \$800 for cages for 80 native trees the new members will be responsible for planting. Ann Dietert made the motion and Reggie Cox seconded. The vote passed.

**Director's Reports**

- Membership – Lisa Flanagan- Announced that there were 39 in the new class.
- Advanced Training – Tom Harrigan- no news
- Volunteer Projects – Claire Mitchell- no report
- Communications – David Davies 1000 new general rack cards are ready.
- New Class – Reggie Cox reported that all was ready for the new class presentation.

**Resource Development**

Chapter and State TMN Documents

Change in COH, Appendix A. The vote on the COH made last month was rescinded. Brenda went over the changes in the COH, Appendix A that had been made in order to bring it up to date. Last month's version needed to be changed concerning when the new applicants pay their bill for the class. The new version stated that the bill be paid when they apply instead of after acceptance. We are returning to the way it was before last year. Lisa Flanagan made the motion to accept the new version and Kathy Ward seconded. The motion passed

**Nominating Committee**

- Brenda announced that Kathy Ward as Past President was chairman of the nominating committee and Gracie Waggener and Rheda Boardman were on the committee. Lisa Flanagan made the motion to accept the committee and David seconded. The motion passed.
- Holiday Party- The date is Dec. 9. Plans are being made for the place.

**Ideas/Comments that did not fit in?**

Brenda encouraged everyone to attend the State Meeting in Corpus Christi.

Review Decisions-Voted items were reviewed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectively submitted by Kathy Ward, Substitute Secretary for Kris Bobbitt