

Texas Master Naturalist, Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting

Riverside Nature Center

Monday, April 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 2:39 PM by President Lisa Flanagan. A quorum was present.

Members present: Lisa Flanagan, Craig Childs, Cathy Binney, Susan Clark, Reggie Cox, Paula Harley, David Davies, Katy Kappel, Leslie Hannah, Claire Mitchell, Brenda Fest.

Members absent: Vern Crawford, Michelle Haggerty, Roy Walston

Visitors: Charles Laird

Operational:

1. Reggie moved and David seconded to approve the amended minutes at the next meeting. The motion passed.
2. Katy moved and Reggie seconded to approve the financial reports as submitted. The motion passed. A discussion was held regarding ways to balance the budget and the possibility of requiring membership dues. We have received deposits for 7 new class applications at this time.
3. Craig reported that Bob Ditmar, DVM will be our next speaker on Chronic Wasting Disease and he will present the latest data.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. Charles Laird presented information about volunteer training as certified Texas Water Specialists through TPWD. This will be a small group learning session. After a lengthy discussion Brenda moved and Susan seconded to allow Charles to organize a group learning program as per the TPWD guidelines to be approved as AT. The motion passed. Lisa will contact Michelle for more clarification on this matter.

Directors' Reports:

1. **Membership:** Reggie reported that we have had seven new class applications and she has sent them out to all board members. She will have a table at the Llano Birding Festival to encourage new membership. She will be presenting 36 awards at tonight's meeting.
2. **AT:** Paula reported that we have 150 ATs. There was not enough response for a field trip AT so she will not pursue this at this time.
3. **Volunteer Training:** Claire reported that she and Kristie are still contacting project coordinators.
4. **Communications:** David reported that the rack cards have been distributed. Good press releases have been in the papers and Encore radio will repeat our spot. He will check in to Texas Public Radio to submit an ad.
5. **New Class:** Leslie reported that the curriculum calendar is 100% confirmed.

Resource Development:

1. Lisa reported that we have partial equipment for the video project and that interviews can go forward as long as there is no noise distraction. She asked board members to let her know if they want to be interviewers. She will check with Roy to see if we can get an extension on our equipment loan.
2. Lisa has set up direct billing for our insurance which is \$715 per year.
3. The \$300 RNC membership has been paid as well.
4. A discussion was held on ways to use our surplus funds. The free tree program from Apache Oil was discussed as well. It was decided to table discussion of presenters' fees and membership dues until the next meeting.

Susan moved and Reggie seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Clark, Secretary