

**Hill Country Master Naturalist Board Meeting
Riverside Nature Center
October 22, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Flanagan at 2:31 PM. She complimented everyone with new hairdos! A quorum was present.

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

Members absent: Vern Crawford, Michelle Haggerty, Roy Walston.

Visitors: Pam Lienhard

Operational:

1. David moved and Katy Kappel seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed.
2. David moved and Leslie seconded to approve the treasurer's reports as submitted. The motion passed. Cathy gave an overview of the holding account expenses by Michelle. She also stated that our project leaders are using their monies indicating that our projects are working. A discussion was also held regarding preparations and volunteers for the annual meeting.
3. Craig reported that our next speaker will be from Mason Mountain Wildlife.
4. Leslie was asked to tell the new class that RNC needs Riverside Guides.

Strategic Initiatives:

1. Guest Pam Leinhard, a Master Naturalist, presented two concerns and asked for Master Naturalist support for both. First, she asked for a statement to Kerr County Commissioners regarding the Kerr County Landscaping Committee. She would like to be sure that native plants are used. Her second concern was about the timing of mowing in regard to monarch migration. She would like TMN to write a letter to all counties involved to educate them as to the appropriate mowing times. No vote was needed and Lisa will draft the letters. It was suggested that a presentation to the commissioners might be a possibility.
2. The subject of a Class Director Notebook was discussed. It was suggested that this notebook would be useful to new directors and be handed down each year. The website guidelines for class directors were mentioned as well as ways to stream line information to make the process more efficient. It was suggested that this be part of the new class committee duties. Leslie reported that from her own experience this year, she felt that she had all the information she needed in her notebook and has added helpful notes for next year's class director.
3. Brenda expressed a concern that mentors are not attending enough class meetings. It was suggested that this be a topic for future discussion and that a survey be sent to mentors regarding their interaction with new trainees.
4. Brenda updated us on the Apache Tree Project. An e-mail will be sent to the new class committee, mentors, and trainees regarding wire cage construction on Wednesday. The trees will be picked up on the 30th and given out on the 31st. Ten trees are designated for UGRA and will also need cages.
5. Brenda reported on nominations for next year's officers.
 - a. President: Lisa Flanagan
 - b. Vice President: Craig Childs
 - c. Secretary: Katy Kappel
 - d. Treasurer: Cathy Binney

Lisa will announce the slate at tonight's meeting. The general membership will be notified 15 days before the November meeting when the voting will take place. Open Directors' positions will be announced in November as well.

Directors' Reports:

1. **Membership:** Reggie reported that we have 289 active members.
2. **AT:** Paula reported that we have almost 300 AT's. She was complimented on her weekly e-mails updating us on AT's.
3. **Communications:** David reported that the November press releases will be written and he will also train the new director for next year.
4. **New Class:** Leslie reported that she will be recruiting a new class director for next year. Commencement will be on Nov. 14th at UGRA and Craig Hensley, Wildlife Biologist for TPW, will be the speaker.

Resource Development:

1. **Holiday Party and Volunteer Recognition event:** Craig will assemble a slideshow of pictures and include some of Kip Kiphart's 20th anniversary interview. Katy asked each of us to contribute a silent auction item and listed what she already has received.
2. **Storage:** Lisa stated that we have no need for central storage at this time.
3. Cathy will order books for the next class to be picked up at the annual meeting and Lisa will store them in her office.
4. Paula asked for volunteers for South Llano State Park on Thursday and Saturday. Claire will send an e mail to membership.
5. Lisa asked Leslie to be sure new class members are informed about the Holiday Party.

Lisa adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Clark, Secretary

