

TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST, HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER BOARD MEETING

Riverside Nature Center

February 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Elsa Roberts at 2:35 p.m.

Members present were: Elsa Roberts, Katy Kappel, Nancy Scoggins, Jeralyn Hathorn, Carla Stang, Deb Youngblood, Sheryl Pender, Catherine Gauldin, Vern Crawford, Frank Garcia, and Lisa Flanagan. Members absent were: Michelle Haggerty, Tom Burke, and Roy Walston. Guest: Pat Lucas from the New Class Committee.

Operational:

1. The minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Katy Kappel, and seconded by Catherine Gauldin.
2. Vice President Katy Kappel reported that the speaker for the Chapter Meeting, Craig Childs, had declined dinner and suggested meeting up with other members at El Sombrero instead. She is preparing a grant application for the Cailloux Foundation and provided info on various equipment options.
3. Treasurer Nancy Scoggins presented the financial reports. A motion to approve was made by Carla and seconded by Jeralyn.

Director's Reports:

1. Membership Director Carla Stang informed the board that she will be providing info about the chapter to 20 prospects for the 2020 class. In January she had reported that she had received 3 applications, but has since learned that they were not applications but prospect forms.
2. AT Director Deb Youngblood reported that she's logged 141 AT events so far. She also informed the board that two calendars exist on the website due to an old email address. A new calendar was created and events were rolled over from the original calendars and checked for accuracy.
3. Communications Director Catherine Gauldin presented the new 2020 rack cards and provided information on press releases and distributors. She also discussed having a table at Bandera Market Days and will look into the cost for non-profits.
4. Project Director Tom Burke was out of town and there was nothing to report.
5. Class Director Sheryl Pender reported that the AgriLife building is not available for the 9/16/20 class. The LBJ Municipal Park Pavilion was suggested as an alternative. Sheryl will find a meeting place and send out an email vote. She is putting all her efforts into meeting the March 1 deadline for the new class Dates, Topics, and Speakers report and confirming the 3 presenters who are currently unconfirmed.

Resource Development:

1. Katy Kappel will facilitate co-sponsoring a grant writing workshop with other organizations.
2. Carla presented the board with information on banners and sandwich boards that could be purchased from the State to be used at events. Lisa Flannigan made a motion to purchase a set for \$350 and the motion was seconded by Deb Youngblood.
3. The board determined that no street banners would be purchased for this year. It will consider budgeting it for 2021, although it is a competitive process and may need to be paid for now.

4. Carla pointed out that the NPSOT/TMN Plant Sale was scheduled for the same weekend as the Boerne Plant Sale. Nancy agreed to take the info to Boerne.
5. Katy expressed her opinion that the \$1500 for the Volunteer Appreciation Party should be included in the Cailloux grant request. Elsa Roberts made a motion to submit a grant application up to \$2500 to the Cailloux Foundation. Lisa Flannigan seconded the motion and the motion carried.
6. Deb requested that anyone who has an AT or "Fun" event fill out the opportunity form and send it to her.
7. Kristie is adding chapter history to the web page and requests that the board members review and provide input. The 2019 Annual Report is now available on the website as well.

The next board meeting will be March 23, 2020 at 2:30 at RNC. The decisions were reviewed and the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Jeralyn Hathorn
Secretary