

Hill Country Chapter TXMN Special Board Meeting
January 6, 2021 via Zoom

A special board meeting was held at 9:30 a.m. to vote on proposed revisions to the 2021 New Class Training Protocols and Preparedness Plan previously prepared for the 2020 New Class on June 16, 2020.

Board members present were Sheryl Pender (New Class Director), Elsa Roberts (President), Carla Stang (Membership Director), Vern Crawford (State Representative), Deb Youngblood (AT Director), Catherine Gauldin (Communications Director) and Jeralyn Hathorn (Secretary). Katy Kappel (Vice President) voted by email.

The following motions were made by Sheryl Pender:

MOTION ONE

I move that the 2021 revisions to the Chapter Practice Protocols and Preparedness Plan as presented be approved. Proposed changes to the motion discussed and made include:

Amend #6. B. "Participants will be asked to bring snacks/lunch and beverages + container for the day; coolers if needed for cold drinks" to "Participants will be asked to bring snacks/lunch and beverages + container for the day; in coolers if needed, at select venues."

Remove all of #7. "DESK/CHAIR SEATING IN CLASSROOM VENUES A. UGRA: remove chairs in break room. Establish 6' separation seating in Lecture Hall B. KWMA and Texastopia Farms: capacity is 30 participants. Social distancing and seating plan will be maintained; pre-arranged with facility speaker. Seating separation at outdoor tables for lunch at KWMA will be for each venue. D. RNC capacity for Advanced Trainings to be determined and limitations to attendance designated. C. Class Committee members to have Set Up Crews to have guidelines announced to class." and add #7(C) "Class Committee members to have Set Up Crews to have guidelines for each venue" to #1(A) to now read as "1. CONTROLLING CAPACITY based on varied limitations/restrictions of our many venues: A. Limit the number of people present in class lectures, outdoor tour and treks, field trips and small group meetings to the students, Class Committee members with designated functions, and chapter members with specific duties. Maintain TPWD and TAMU Agri-Life capacity limitations at the time of the event. Select indoor venues that will meet the most restrictive capacity limitations. Class Committee members to have Set Up guidelines for each venue. Carla seconded the revised motion. Motion carried.

MOTION TWO:

I move that the Hill Country chapter waiver of liability relating to COVID-19 constructed by Billy Guinn be approved for new class members to sign once at the beginning of the training schedule. This motion required the correction from Class of 2020 to Class of 2021. Jeralyn seconded the amended motion. Motion carried with amendments.

MOTION THREE:

I move that the COVID-19 Screen Checklist be revised to eliminate temperatures being taken at each event and question #3 be replaced with a Yes-No question: Do you currently have a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees? Deb suggested adding "Have you lost your sense of taste or smell recently" and "I will contact the class director if I believe I have been exposed to or if I show symptoms of COVID-19". After some discussion by the board members present Sheryl moved that the COVID-19 Screening Checklist be revised to eliminate the temperature being taken and question #3 be replaced with a yes or no question – "Do you currently have a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees?" Seconded by Carla, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12