

Hill Country Chapter TXMN Monthly Board Meeting  
1/21/21 via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by President Elsa Roberts. In attendance were: Billy Guinn, Elsa Roberts, Vern Crawford, Katy Kappel, Darryl Pitts, Deb Youngblood, Nancy Scoggins, Catherine Gauldin, Sheryl Pender, Carla Stang, Tom Burke and Jeralyn Hathorn.

**Operational:**

1. The minutes from the previous meetings were submitted by Secretary Jeralyn Hathorn. A motion to approve the 12/16/21 monthly board meeting was made by Carla and seconded by Billy. A motion to approve the minutes from 1/06/21 special meeting was made by Sheryl and seconded by Vern. A motion to approve the minutes from the 1/09/21 Annual Retreat was made by Jeralyn and seconded by Nancy. All motions carried.
2. Treasurer Nancy Scoggins presented the financial reports and a motion was made by Katy to accept the reports and seconded by Carla. Motion carried. Carla moved to approve the proposed budget for the Spring Class of 2021 and it was seconded by Darryl. Motion carried.
3. Darryl expressed his opinion that the minutes and financial statements for the Hill Country Chapter should be available by request and not published on the TXMN web site. Katy suggested that the members should be reminded at the monthly chapter meeting that they are welcome to attend the monthly board meetings as per the bylaws. Furthermore, it was suggested that they contact Darryl for a link to attend the meetings if they are interested. Darryl mentioned that since One Drive produces read only PDFs no one will be able to edit info besides the author.
3. Vice President Katy Kappel provided her report and let the board know that the only change to be noted was that Kelly Simon could no longer present on Wildscapes/Growing Native Plants and the new topic is Urban Coyotes.

**Director's Reports:**

1. Membership Director Carla Stang presented her report. During the meeting she indicated that she would like to begin giving away harvested seeds. She also mentioned that she has started pulling data in an effort to provide an analysis containing updated information. Carla also volunteered to reach out to award recipients to see if they would be willing to provide info about their service as a possible interview with Catherine.
2. New Class Director Sheryl Pender provided highlights pertaining to the new class. She indicated that there are a lot of moving parts in play and was pleased to report that a tab has been created for the class of 2021 on the homepage. She pointed out some ambiguities that she found that needed to be addressed regarding editing privileges and what determines a complete bio for new class members. Lenore was available to discuss the issues and explained the process to the board members. At the time of the board meeting there were 29 Bios and Photos that would not be going into the newsletter as written because they did not meet the requirements. Billy moved that Lenore be allowed to contact the students regarding the bios in order to revise and properly format them for the newsletter. Catherine seconded the motion and the motion carried. According to Sheryl the new model appears to be adaptable for people with families and work schedules and the speakers and presenters are excited to participate. Two classes will be offered in order to accommodate the class size safely. She stated that it's a credit to the chapter that these professionals are willing to go out of their way due to the longstanding relationships with the chapter. Sheryl queried the board regarding having one form for each class member to sign that would cover all in person/group activities and study groups instead of individual forms for each one. There were no objections from the board.
3. Communications Director Catherine Gauldin reported that she needs a mic with a wind screen to facilitate outdoor interviews more effectively and asked Darryl to weigh in on what would be best. Vern offered to loan a boom mic w/wind screen if they wanted to try one out. Catherine informed the board that the new class press

releases were sent out. She also mentioned that Regina Wheaten expressed interest in being on the Communications Committee.

4. IT Director Darryl Pitts discussed his weekly tech meetings and also mentioned that distribution lists are being used.
5. AT Director Deb Youngblood provided her report and mentioned that there is an abundance of ATs available. She reminded the board to reach out to her if she saw something that should be on the calendar.
6. Project Director Tom Burke reported that members are finding projects that meet their needs. Elsa asked Tom if he thought any of the project directors would be interested in a table at the Volunteer Fair and he said he'd reach out to them.

#### **Resource Development:**

1. Sheryl told the board that she would like to purchase new portable speakers with a wireless mic for the new class and asked whether she would need to make a motion to purchase. Elsa indicated that there would need to be more information provided. Darryl offered to work with Sheryl to offer a couple of choices. It was decided that if it was within the budget it would be o.k. to purchase.
2. Carla volunteered to man a table at the New Class Volunteer Fair and was looking for someone to work with her.
3. Elsa was invited to a meeting on 2/03/21 at RNC at the request of Mayor Bill Blackburn. Representatives from NPSOT, CVB, UGRA and Kerr Urban Trail were also invited. He's concerned about the influx of people moving into the Kerrville area and he wants to take steps to maintain Kerrville's ecology and train people on how to live there. Elsa asked the board to provide input and talking points regarding what our chapter can contribute. Elsa asked Carla to form a subcommittee to narrow down our priorities and goals. Once Elsa receives the information she will put it to a vote.

#### **Announcements:**

Next monthly board meeting February 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 3:33 p.m.