

May 20, 2024

## Minutes for Board Meeting of Hill Country Chapter, Texas Master Naturalists

Place: Riverside Nature Center

Time: 2:07 p.m.

Present: Jeff Schwarz, Lisa Flanagan, Carra Milikien, Alice King, Lou Hugman, Phil Roberson, Patricia Poore, Dot Maginot, Vern Crawford, Carla Stang, Mark Hults

Absent: David Drake

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve: First, Phil, Second, Lou. Passed

### REPORTS

**Jeff:** Share slideshow for the chapter meeting, including certifications, Ats and volunteer projects. Lou asked about a service project out of Austin under a TR code. Directed her to Sandy and David.

**PAST PRESIDENT: CARLA STANG** – No report

**Treasurer: Dot Maginot**

Dot asked about amount needing Board approval for writing checks. Just need two signatures for checks over a certain amount. She discussed income from new class so far. Chapter account balance is \$24,154.87. Motion to approve financial report: first, Carla. Second, Carra. Approved.

**VICE PRESIDENT: Alice King**

Rufus can get \$50 for his presentation now that he no longer works for TPWD. Looking into Camp Capers for volunteer recognition event. Also discussed possibility of having it in November instead of December to have better choices for locations. December is popular for a lot of groups. Maybe Camp Capers November 16<sup>th</sup>. Check into cost of food. Possibly in September have Project Fair, looking into locations, maybe in Gillespie County this year. Plant sale net profit was \$1540.72. Our old computers (wiped) went to Goodwill.

**CLASS DIRECTOR: CARRA MILIKIEN**

42 applications to approve. Almost finished with schedule and speakers. Still looking for some speakers. Carra and Sheryl were interviewed live on The Lead. In the future Lisa also suggested talking to Rick Phipps radio 104.9 to do an interview to help recruit for classed. Non-profit station. Discussed a 63 question survey send to new class directors. Need to involve current committee member to give input. Time consuming. Volunteer fair probably

in September and done like in 2022. Try to connect old and new members. Find ways to engage, highlight projects. Work with David to create a chapter wide fair.

#### **MEMBERSHIP: PHIL ROBERSON**

VMS hours entered YTD 29,8890. Discussed Mentors helping trainees to get certified after classes. Help them do service hours. Also, get mentors to go to classes when able.

#### **ADVANCED TRAINING: PATRICIA POORE**

Discussed numbers of Ats since January and some upcoming opportunities.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS: MARK HULTS**

Reported on social media, including Facebook and YouTube. A new Instagram account was started in May 2024.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Finalizing new class members. Discuss reasons for selections even outside of scoresheet. It was decided to pick 35 with no wait list. Discussed some apps content. Decided to pick the original number of thirty, plus 3 more. Motion to approve: first, Carla. Second, Carra.

Jeff discussed communications and projects. Also, new rack cards for \$175. Motion to approve: first, Phil, second, Carra.

Discussed Apache Tree Project. Goal has moved to public plantings.

Lenore will be traveling a lot. No August newsletter will be published. August and September will be combined. Need to find someone to do newsletter when Lenore is ready to give it up.

Kerr Historical is having a summer camp and will have a Master Naturalist helping present. If someone wants to do something like this under the Master Naturalist name, need to let the Board know.

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.: first, Carla, second, Carra

Minutes taken and submitted by Lisa Flanagan