

**July 22, 2024**

## **Minutes of the Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting**

**Place:** Riverside Nature Center

**Time:** 2:04 p.m.

**Present:** Jeff Schwarz, Lisa Flanagan, Patricia Poore, Carla Stang, Dot Maginot, David Drake, Mark Hults, Vern Crawford. On Zoom: Phil Roberson, Lou Hugman

**Absent:** Carra Milikien

President Jeff Schwarz called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

**Minutes:** With no corrections, Alice moved to approve, Carla seconded. Motion passed.

### **REPORTS**

**Treasurer – Dot Maginot** There are three restricted funds, Love Creek, Old Tunnel and the Pollinator Garden (\$12.62 negative balance.) Patricia moved to clear the negative balance, Vern seconded. Motion passed. As of June 30, 2024 our account balance is \$27,293.62. Mark moved to approve the financial report, David seconded. Motion passed.

**Vice President – Alice King** We have the same roster of speakers. Fall plant sale will be October 5, 2024. RNC would like to sell some books at the same time. Suggested that they have their own table with sales right there. Handle their own cash. The banner she wants costs \$31.50 over what she had reported. Carla moved to approve the cost, Mark seconded. Motion passed. Suggested fund raising at our Launch/volunteer recognition event could include a cake walk,

botany ID games, a raffle for a big item, or other suggestions. Cost for significant others attending will be \$20. By next meeting will have better numbers. The chapter will need to provide desserts. We need a signup so we will know how many will come. Lisa suggested trying to book the location for next year now so we will have a better chance of getting what we want.

**New Class Director – Carra Milikien** Carra not present, but sent her report. Everything is in order, reception to be held August 14, 2024 at the Agrilife offices in Fredericksburg. Will be from 5:30 to 7:30. Have Board members present. Mark made motion to spend \$300, seconded by David.

**Membership – Phil Roberson** Total VMS hours are down, likely due to the hot summer. Sandy will be out at the end of August, so all hours for August need to be entered by August 31, no three day grace period. Members need to be encouraged to enter all hours, even after recertification. Member Development Team, Phil will explore and come back with suggestions. Discussion of the first paragraph of Phil's proposal at next meeting.

**Communications – Mark Hults** Dot Maginot is now on the Communications team, as she is taking over the newsletter from Lenore. YouTube numbers good so far. Mark asked if we should have our own computer and camera instead of Catherine Gauldin's phone record the meeting and speaker to post to Facebook. Allen Jehle might be able to set up through 365.

**Programs – David Drake** The request by NISD to provide Master Naturalists at MO Ranch to make presentations is being handled by Phil. He, along with Laurie and Heather, will do the presentations. No real changes in projects. Will look at projects with not much activity, such as at MO Ranch, languishing with not many hours

being reported. How do we know which projects are really not doing well. Purpose of project logs as requested by the state. What training is needed for project leads? Leads need to know what is required of them. Leads will be brought into the training classes to discuss their projects. Ask them to write up what their project does. Possible solutions will be brought to the next meeting.

**Advanced Training – Patricia Poore** The number of ATs has slowed for the summer, though still running ahead of last year's offerings. 1850 ATs logged. Need a third person on the AT committee.

**Motion to adjourn:** Motion made by Carla at 4:13, seconded by Vern. Motion passed.

Minutes were taken and submitted by Lisa Flanagan