

August 26, 2024

Minutes of the Hill Country Chapter Board Meeting

Place: Riverside Nature Center

Time: 2:01 p.m.

Present: Alice King, Lisa Flanagan, Mark Hults, Dot Maginot, Lou Hugman, Carra Milikien, Phil Roberson, Patricia Poore

Absent: David Drake, Jeff Schwarz, Vern Crawford, Carla Stang

Minutes: July Minutes were approved with two corrections. Motion by Carra, seconded by Patricia.

Treasurer: Dot Maginot Account balance \$25,257. TMN state contribution was discussed. Usually \$500. Motion to approve by Alice, seconded by Lisa. Approved. Textbooks for next class should cost around \$800, picked up at the annual meeting. Trip to Bambergers will run \$1,000. The Volunteer Recognition Event will run \$1,600. A check to hold the venue at Camp Capers is \$500. Carra moved to accept the financials, Mark seconded. Approved. Suggested \$200 contribution to Cibolo is tabled for September meeting.

Vice President: Alice King Alice discussed upcoming presenters and possible topics to get speakers for. Suggestion to have someone come in one or two years to talk about recovery from the Mason fires. Ask David about Cibolo ATs/presenters. Discussed possible fundraising options for the Volunteer Recognition Event: Bakeoff with winners for creativity (Master Naturalist themes) and flavor. The baked items can be auctioned off? Raffle – TBD. Seed packets - \$1 seed exchange? Alice will order packets to fill. Carra suggested a Jeopardy game. For the plant sale coming up October 5 Alice mentioned that Becky of RNC is asking for book donations. She will have a table at the sale to make more money for RNC. These monies will be kept separate from our plant sale, and volunteers from RNC will man the table. \$500 for Camp Capers – Lou moved to approve, Carra seconded. Approved.

New Class Director: Carra Milikien The first class went well. Only three trainees were on Zoom. No class will be held on the Labor Day weekend. Good speakers coming up.

Membership: Phil Roberson No significant changes. Of the Class of 2023, only one person did not certify. There will be an outreach table at the UGRA River Cleanup at Flat Rock on September 7.

Communications: Mark Hultz Stats are staying level. Allen got a couple pictures. Catherine recording meeting. Copy Facebook to YouTube, since not everyone is on Facebook? Instagram usage is minimal.

Projects: David Drake Absent, no report.

Advanced Training: Patricia Poore 2024 has exceeded 2023 in number of events offered. Already have 1,400 this year even with no more additions. 2,005 hours posted over 723 last year.

New Business: Regarding Board Members attending New Training Classes: Mentors, Class committee members, and others who are directly involved with the Class are encouraged to attend Wednesday classes. Board members who are not also mentors, etc., may attend a specific class by asking for the Class Director's invitation. There was a discussion regarding whether Board Members have traditionally enjoyed a standing invitation to attend class, with different Board members having a different recollection of this based upon their own experiences.

Mark moved to adjourn at 2:52 p.m. Lou seconded. Passed.

Minutes were taken and submitted by Lisa Flanagan