

LRMN BOARD MEETING
Thursday, February 6, 2020
Agrilife Office

Officers present: Sharon Lamoreaux, Joanie Kochanek,
Brenda Marshall

Committee members: None

Members: Fred and Elke Lyons

The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Lamoreaux at 10:05 AM.

Joanie reported that in January 19 members had paid their dues totaling \$190.

Expenditures: \$17.58 to Lori Horne for plaques

\$29.91 to Joanie for supplies

\$75.00 for booth at Azalea festival

There was discussion concerning the price of the booth since it had gone up approximately \$30.00. Joanie said that Don Fralick has reserved it, but she would look into the possibility of getting a discount since LRMN is a service organization.

The update on E. O. Siecke State Forest is that Ben will be contacting James Pulliam and his fellow scouts members for trail maintenance.

Sharon shared the brochure that she had made for E. O. Siecke. The brochure was very well done highlighting ecosystems, plants, animals, and trails as well as a brief paragraph about the park. (This is waiting for Ben's approval.)

Some members went to David Bellow's land, and they were impressed with it so there may be a possible field trip in the spring.

Randall Kroll's nature class is pending because emails to him have not been answered. The location is still reserved though.

Members present suggested that other additional classes could be held at that location. Some suggestions of presenters were Dale Parish and his wife. They are working on an eel project, and she is a geologist. There are possible presenters from the list we had at the fall festival.

The Azalea Festival will be March 21, 2020. The theme for the booth will be "Reducing our Carbon Footprint". A suggestion was made for everyone to think about adding new activities for children. Sharon said she would like for the Eagles to be emphasized also because they are once

again becoming endangered because of lead poisoning. Not only is this dangerous for wildlife but also for humans. Fred said that lead batteries could be taken to the metal scrap yard in Jasper, and that removal of batteries from vehicles no longer in service could also be taken there.

Garry Lamoreaux found a sound system with 3 different microphones at Walmart for less than \$170.00 including tax. Sharon said that it could be used on hikes also. Joanie made the motion that the sound system be purchased, and Fred second it.

New Business:

The February meeting presenter will be Donna Work who will be speaking on Trees and Wildlife.

Sharon finished VMS training while Laura retook it. While working together they discussed ways to promote the website. Ideas from members at the board meeting for promoting the website included, members given a question in which the answer could be found on the web page, look for a certain icon on the webpage, or a member's name could be on the webpage. If he/she finds any of these, an inexpensive prize could be given.)

Scheduled date for McQueen's Landing is Saturday, March 7, 2020. Joanie said she would check on the status of it beforehand. Possible substitutes could be boat ramps on hwy 63 or 255, and the parking lot at Sam Rayburn Dam. (Laura will make a map to McQueen's Landing).

TMN Inaturalist/Texas Tracker Bio Blitz on April 3rd/4th

We will meet on Friday night at the fellowship hall of Trinity Baptist Church north of Jasper.

Saturday's location will be decided by LRMN members at a monthly meeting

Adopt a Highway cleanup will be Saturday, February 8, 2020, at 8:30 AM. Meet at the Jasper Jr. High on 211 2nd street and park behind the school on West Houston.

Brenda requested that a list be made of hours needed for certification and recertification, how many hours are counted for meetings, and when do we count hours for driving. Sharon said she would take care of it. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Marshall