**Prairie Oaks Future Master Naturalist Chapter**

**Sixth Organizational Meeting Agenda**

**Date: January 25th, 2017**

Attendees: : Seth Hamby (\*LCC Chair), Rebecca Damron ( LCC Secretary), Marsha Stephens, Josiah Mulvihill, Melissa Hopkins, Gail Bradshaw, Lauren Halbert, Kristyn Stewart, Kenneth Nalley, Barbara Bellow (advisor)

Location: 104 Dick Smith Library, Tarleton Campus

Start Time: 5:17 p.m.

1. Welcome/Minutes
   1. Damron moved to approve; Stephens seconded.
2. Comanche Field Trip Report
   1. Kenneth, Gail and Marsha report—need help at the museum with rocks and minerals and fossils. Will be applying for a grant for air conditioning. Do have a grant currently that has some restrictions. Want to widen the trail. Clean the stream beside the trail. Grant is 80/20 paid is 80, the 20 can be in kind. Gail will keep us updated.
3. Running ad in local papers
4. GBBC Event: Dr. Carol Thompson, Saturday, February 11th, 10am-12pm
   1. To be held at Beans and Franks in the back room.
5. Recruitment/Social Event: Ricky Linex, Sunday, March 19th from 3-5pm
   1. Riparian Management at Agrilife Research Center
6. Plant Sale NatureFest: Stephenville Museum and BRNC, Saturday, April 8th from 9am-3pm. Discussed having Tarleton Outdoors on the same day.
7. Summer 2017 POMN Training: Saturday, May 20th-Tuesday, August 1st Orientation session that will be 1 hour.

Addressed questions from Michelle on Curriculum: Marsha will organize the 5 extra topics: Archeology, Weather and Climate, Ichthyology, Wetland Ecology (Dr. Thompson) and Management and Urban Systems (Kelly Conrad Simons).

Clarification: Certification doesn’t happen after training; only after training, service AND AT.

Field Training has a scheduling conflict with the TMN Annual Meeting

Attendance policy for sessions and AT sessions: Marsha will craft something to the effect that individuals may miss as long as they get their 40 hours (field hours will be included)

1. GBBC Event: the backroom@Beans and Franks costs; Seth is negotiating. Marsha is purchasing birdfeeders for drawing.
2. Recruitment/Social Event: Food—Marsha, Gail, Melissa, Becky. Kenneth will send vegan baked good recipes. Need a presentation re: the chapter—Marsha will do

1. Plant Sale NatureFest: WILL TABLE THIS FOR Next TIME: Brainstormed ideas—activities along the trail; a participatory art project
2. Booths

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1. Tours
2. Outreach
3. Summer Training:
4. Website: Damron—has been in contact with Mary Pearl to get set up
5. Application Form
6. Continuing Education
7. Go over Presenter GoogleDoc

Kenneth presented a list of grants for BRT nature center and fundraising ideas.

NEXT MEETING: Feb 22

Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.

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**Prairie Oaks Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist Program**

**Upcoming Activities**

For more information about any event, call or text \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Backyard Birds Class**

Saturday, February 11, 10:00-12:00

The Chapter will sponsor a Backyard Birds class at 10 a.m. in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ room of the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_building at Tarleton State University, taught by Dr. Carol Thompson. Participants will learn to identify common local birds found around homes and at bird feeders. Information will also be presented on helpful bird identification apps, and how to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, sponsored by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, which will occur during February 17-20. Prairie Oaks members will provide information about upcoming chapter activities, and a drawing for free bird feeders will follow the class. Participation in the class is free and open to adults and children over 10, but registration is required.

**Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Social**

Sunday, March 19, 3:00-5:00

The Chapter invites those with interest in becoming Master Naturalists to a chapter introduction featuring information about scheduled training and service opportunities. The event will feature a guest presentation “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” by NRCS wildlife biologist Ricky Linex, at 3:00 p.m. in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ room of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_building at Tarleton State University. The meeting will include refreshments and a drawing for free \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Nature Walks and Tours**

Saturday, April, 9:00-5:00

The Chapter will provide hourly general nature walks, tours of a prairie restoration and native shrubs planting site, and training class registration and information at the Native & Heirloom Plant Fair at the Stephenville Historical House Museum, beginning at 9:00 a.m.. For more information call or text \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or stop by the Master Naturalist booth at the fair.

**Summer 2017 Master Naturalist Training Class**

May 20 - August 1

The first Prairie Oaks Chapter Master Naturalist Training Class will begin on May 20. The deadline for registration and payment of \_\_\_\_\_\_class fee is April 29. The class content emphasizes the four-county area of the Prairie Oaks Chapter, and includes classroom instruction, labs, and outdoor activities at a variety of local and regional natural and managed restoration areas (see attached schedule).

**For E-T “Out & About” section and The Flash Today**

(Follows format used by E-T notices)

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Saturday, April 29

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The deadline for registration for the Summer 2017 Training Class for the Prairie Oaks Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist program is April 29, with classes beginning May 20. For more information, call or text \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.