**Prairie Oaks Master Naturalist**

**14 December 2017 Business Meeting Minutes**

1. **Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Hamby at 6:10 p.m.
2. **Attendance**: 12 Chapter members were present; 7 guests were present for meeting and/or program

1. **Treasurer’s Report** was summarized by Chairman Hamby; Salter was reimbursed for textbook and tablecloth purchases; supplies were purchased. There will be a $100 refund to a Tarleton student who signed up for both training and credit bearing course. There is $1,686.49 in the account.
2. **Minutes** from 16 November 2017 which were taken by Stephens because Damron was absent, were read aloud to the membership; Hamby asked if membership had any corrections and none were offered; motion to accept by Starbird, seconded by Leopold(Mitchell); Hamby declared minutes approved by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcements** were made by Hamby: Welcome to Jimmy Shipp who transferred from the Big Country chapter. Kristopher Chandler has transferred from Rio Brazos. Mike Miller, former TPWD advisor and LCC treasurer has moved on. Devi~~o~~n Erxleben TPWD biologist and project leader for the Cross Timbers and Prairies Ecosystem Management Project (which includes the McGillivray and Leona McKie Muse WMA in Brown county and the new Roger R. Fawcett WMA in Palo Pinto County) has agreed to be our new advisor.
4. **Old Business:** 
   1. **Officer Nominations**: Hamby read the rules for nominating and voting for officers. Nominations were taken for
      1. President: Seth Hamby, by Peggy Tolboom. Hamby was unanimously voted in.
      2. Vice President: Alisa Starbird, by Doris Hasten. Starbird was unanimously voted in.
      3. Secretary: Rebecca Damron, by Barbara McKnight. Damron was unanimously voted in.
      4. Treasurer: Doris Hasten, by Peggy Tolboom. Hasten was unanimously voted in.
   2. **Chapter Operating Handbook**: Stephens proposes to table voting on the COH because the state has proposed updates to ~~d~~ both the Chapter Operating Handbook and the Chapter Management and Operations Protocols handbook.
   3. **Spring Class**: Stephens handed out the syllabus and class location for the spring. There are 16public members registered and 10 students enrolled in the Tarleton course. Stephens reminded members that those who have done the training already are welcome to attend any training sessions; that there will be opportunities for AT throughout the semester; and that there may be a possibility for AT hours in the 8:00-8:30 time frame at the end of each class which will contain interpretation and outreach information more advanced thanoffered in the regular training.
   4. **VMS Announcements:** Salter thanked those who had returned the Volunteer Participation Survey and reminded the membership that the survey was designed to help folks find their niche in the chapter. She announced that members do have until December 31 to get hours in to recertify and that there is a 45-day window to get opportunities logged.
5. **Social:** Hamby declared a break for a 10-15 minute social.
6. **New Business**:

**Awards Ceremony:** Hamby and Damron handed out official Texas Master Naturalist certificates and initial certification pins to

Joyce Bramlett

Charles Ditmore

Doris Hasten

Kelsey Leopold (who married last weekend and is now Mitchell)

Recertification pins were awarded to

Gail Bradshaw

Rebecca Damron

Seth Hamby, who also earned a 250 hour pin (to be presented at a future meeting)

Kenneth Nalley

Barbara Salter

Kris Chandler also qualified for recertification but was not present for pin award

1. **Announcements and Events**:

**Spring training participants** were asked to introduce themselves by Damron.

1. **Adjournment**: Hamby declared business meeting adjourned at 7:17
2. **Advanced Training Program**: Doris Hasten and Barbara Salter presented Jesse Oetgen’s power point on Qualifying Agricultural Appraisal Land for Wildlife Management Use.