

POMN Board Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2020

Zoom Meeting (Virtual)

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Aho at 6:02 pm.

Board members in attendance: Karen Aho, Katie Moses, Edd Robinett, Ashley Medeiros, Marsha Stephens, Barbara Salter, Bill Hopkins, Colton Claborn, Darrel Murray, Brandon Consalus

The minutes from January 9, 2020 stand approved.

Standing Reports:

1. Karen needs to reach out to an Agrilife advisor to help guide the chapter in implementing new ideas.
2. The December 17th chapter meeting was moved to December 10th
3. Barbara mentioned the need for some sort of process to help new board members accessing information and contacts. All opportunities and news are sent to her and it would be easier if emails could be forwarded to the appropriate individual to help streamline the process.
4. January minutes were approved by Karen.

Officer Reports

1. Katie wants to pick a date for Nature Fest 2020 that will not conflict with TSU calendar events. Options were October 3rd or 10th. The uncertainty of Covid-19 has inspired having a virtual Nature Fest. Planning a simpler version of the fest will help alleviate volunteers in the event that we must cancel. If resorted to a virtual Nature Fest, there was a question regarding maintaining or growing sponsorship. Karen suggested having online banners to support sponsors.

2. Katie said she is willing to organize the Christmas party photo slideshow. She would like to get the word out early so people start collecting photos.
3. Bill said the website template will be changing design. The content will not change, just the look.
4. Bill has a suggested solution for Barabara's issue with email forwarding for new members. We could create a "Google group".
5. Marsha said she had no new news regarding the training class and the fall semester.
6. Darrel mentioned seeding at the Bosque prairie and is waiting to hear what is happening. Karen asked what parts of the grand are flexible and what is named in the grant to plant at the nature center. Also a flooding/drainage issue has occurred since the neighbor has cleared out the hedge area near the center so, what plants could be used to remedy the problem.
7. Barbara asked whose name should be on the permit for educational items. Gail and Lauren will be storing said items and the permit should have their names. Also, Lynn and Linda are interested and would need a permit too.

Old/Unfinished Business

1. Karen needs to reach out to Agrilife advisor.
2. Marsha said if the minutes were sent out earlier, they can be used as a guide of things to do before the next meeting.
3. Karen will send out a doodle to set up a board retreat.

New Business

1. Due to Covid-19, no face-to-face meetings have been extended.
2. No meetings until May 20th as of late.
3. Karen has used her school Zoom account and the Agrilife Zoom account to conduct meetings and needs another option. Bill offered to use his Zoom account to host meetings in the future.
4. Ed said he was not able to collect all due since the pandemic began. He will send out emails and then mail if dues are not collected.

5. Ed asked if the funds from the restricted individual donation will roll over to next year if not all used. Karen said they will roll over.
6. Expenses for this year has been minimal for the Covid-19 but are expected to increase in the fall, mainly due to Nature Fest.
7. Lynn and Linda Wood are shadowing Marsha in order to serve as new training class directors.
8. This will be Marsha's last board meeting as the new training class director.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Minutes were prepared by Ashley Medeiros.