

**GALVESTON BAY AREA CHAPTER – TMN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

February 5, 2008 – Extension Office

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM

Attending: [*voting members]

Steve Alexander* Dick Benoit Frank Budny* Shane Ferguson * Cliff Muehe* Tawy Muehe* Sara Snell*

Absent: Shirley Foster, Betty Holt, Terry Jackson*, Julie Massey*, Nelda Tuthill*, Barb Ellisor*

* Voting Members

Agenda: No changes to the agenda.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Board Meeting of January 8, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

- 1) Green Team Update = Dick Benoit
 - Drinking water will be available at meetings, but members are encouraged to bring their own water.
 - Kenneth Steblein (a Master Gardener) will have a presentation at the chapter meeting on August 7th on Recycling and Composting.
 - Discussion to develop carpooling guidelines and the criteria for a chapter “Green Award” to be given at the annual meeting.
 - Next meeting will be at ABNC on Thursday. April 3rd. Members interested in working with the Green Team contact Nelda Tuthill.
- 2) Chapter Picnic – Cliff Muehe
 - Saturday, March 15th at Carbide Park in LaMarque 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - Members to bring items for Silent Auction proceeds for Scholarship Fund
 - We need a ‘Cooks’ and grills to cook the hamburgers and hotdogs.
- 3) State of the Chapter Materials for Chapter Meeting – Sara Snell

Sara talked about the handouts of the State of the Chapter and goals that will be presented at the Chapter meeting.

New Business:

- 1) Chapter Coordinator Workshop at Bamberger Ranch, Johnson City, Texas
The Board approved for Shane Ferguson to attend this workshop on March 28-29th.
The Board will pay the \$100 fee + travel expenses. Motion made by Sara Snell and seconded by Steve Alexander.

Committee Reports:

- 1) President: Thanked Board members.
 - 2) Vice President: Shane provided us a list of the topics for future Chapter meetings.
 - February 7 Birding – Ted Eubanks
 - April 3 Raptor Banding - Robert and Kay Lookingbill
 - June 5 Phytoplankton - Antonetta Quigg
 - August 7 Recycling and Composting – Ken Steblein
 - October 2 Clear Creek & Adopt-a-Beach – Rex Ward
 - 3) Treasurer: Presented year-end Treasurer's report. The report will be presented to the Chapter as the year-end report.
 - 4) Membership: Terry was absent.
 - 5) Secretary: Documentation of the vote by the Chapter to increase dues from \$15 to \$20 annually was not included in the December 2007 Chapter Business Meeting minutes. The increase was approved 71-4.
 - 6) AT/VS Chairperson: Presented On-going volunteering opportunities, Advanced Training, and Stewardship Projects of the Month.
 - 7) CEO: No report
 - 8) Sponsor: No report
 - 9) Communication Chairperson: "Kudos" for Nathan Veatch for 'nice looking' Midden. Last date for articles for the March Midden is March 3rd.
 - 10) Training class Chairperson: First training team meeting was held. Tentative agenda is on the website. Currently 17 people have expressed interest in the class. Twenty-one is usually the maximum.
 - 11) Chapter State Volunteer Rep: Working with Sonny Arnold and Michelle about the Regional Meeting. No date has been set.
 - 12) Class Reps: No report
 - 13) Community Outreach Chairperson: No report
 - 14) Advanced Training Chairperson:
 - The Board approved that members will pay \$6.50 entrance fee to Rainforest at Moody Gardens for the AT event on April 22nd there is a limit of 50 participants.
 - The Board approved a deposit of \$300 to reserve the bus from Coach America, the total cost to rent the bus is \$1400 and members will pay \$35.00 x 40 riders will cover this cost. Deadline for registration is March 1st. If we do not have 40 riders by March 1st then the bus will be cancelled and refund the members. *However, if you sign-up and a 'no show' on March 20th there will not be a refund.*
 - 15) Stewardship Chairperson: No change in activities that were presented in January.
 - 16) Spirit Chairperson: Need setup and cleanup help on Thursday, February 7th Chapter meeting.
 - 17) Historian: No report
 - 18) Sales: No report
 - 19)
- Steve moved and Shane seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tawy Muehe,

Action Items

Date	Project	Action	Responsible	Expected Date to Complete	Comments
01/08/08	Community Outreach Job Description	Send Job Description to Shane	Sara	02/05/08	
2/5/08	Inventory & Supply Cabinet	Update inventory supplies and discuss procedures for supplies	Frank / Tawy	3/4/08	