

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

**March 4, 2008 – Extension Office**

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM

**Attending:** [\*voting members]

Dick Benoit Frank Budny\* Shane Ferguson \* Julie Massey\* Cliff Muehe\* Tawy Muehe\*  
Nelda Tuthill\*

**Absent:** Steve Alexander\* Betty Holt Terry Jackson\* Barb Ellisor Sara Snell\* Cheryl  
Henry\*

\* Voting Members

**Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. There was not a quorum, so the items that needed a vote were tabled.

**Minutes:** Since there was not a quorum, the Minutes of the Board Meeting of February 5, 2008 were submitted to Board members for e-vote.

**Old Business:**

1) Green Team Update – Nelda Tuthill

Recommendations from the Green Team

- Water: Water can be made available in pitchers near the coffee service for members' to fill own bottles. Bottled water can be available as needed. We hope to move gradually to the point of discontinuing use of disposable plastic bottles. The Green Team will recycle all plastic bottles as usual.
- Dishes: Members will be encouraged to bring dishes that will be taken home for cleaning. Members who bring their own dishes will be served first at the pot luck dinner. Current supplies will be available for those who do not bring their own dishes, but when the supplies are exhausted no more supplies will be purchased.

Action Item: Nelda will send Green Team recommendation to Shane to distribute for e-vote by the Board.

2) Chapter Picnic – Cliff Muehe

Very few RSVP's have been received. Cliff suggested that we postpone the picnic. Cliff asked that Advanced Training be included in the next picnic and an auction for the scholarship fund. Cliff will send out a notice to persons that had RSVP'd.

## **New Business:**

- 1) Clarification of Columns on Members Report  
Tawy changed the columns to better delineate prairie restoration hours.
- 2) Inventory and cabinet  
GBA MN has a cabinet with some supplies at Joanna Sharp's garage. It can be brought to the Extension Office for Chapter storage. Frank has several years of records at his home. He recommended that the files be brought to the Extension Office for safe-keeping. Julie will check on availability of space. Nelda will call Joanna about coffee pot and coffee supplies.
- 3) Memorial for Don Bass  
Emmaline has requested that we make a donation to the Don Bass Scholarship Fund. Dick recommended that the matter be referred to the Scholarship Committee. Julie will talk to the Scholarship Committee.
- 4) Bay Day Application  
We have been offered a booth for free Saturday, May 17. The item was tabled until next meeting. Deadline is April 18.

## **Committee Reports:**

- 1 President: No report
- 2 Vice President: Shane asked the Spring Class for speaker suggestions. In April Robert & Kay Lookingbill will speak about Raptor Banding. They are members of the Cradle of Texas Master Naturalists.
- 3 Treasurer: Presented Treasurer's report. Alicia Galloway donated nine (9) history books. They were sold for \$15 each. Money was put into Scholarship Fund. Action Item: Vote at next meeting concerning half moons that have been given as speaker gifts. Recommend that the Class budget should reimburse the Scholarship Fund.
- 4 Membership: No report.
- 5 Secretary: Thanked Tawy for doing the minutes in February.
- 6 AT/VS Chairperson: Tawy distributed compilation of Advanced Training Opportunities, On-Going Volunteer Opportunities and Projects of the Month. She included the Reading Schedule for 2008 for the Historical Perspectives Book Study Group. Suggested that the Book Study Group sponsor a presentation by Richard Louv, author of Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder. The Book Study Group studied this book at the first of the year. Julie and Shane will look at offering some of our advanced training to the public.
- 7 CEO: No report
- 8 Sponsor: No report
- 9 Communication Chairperson : Met March 3<sup>rd</sup> to finalize March/April Midden. Discussed how our chapter could include photographs as part of our web site.
- 10 Training class Chairperson: No report.
- 11 Chapter State Volunteer Rep: Oct 24-26<sup>th</sup> State Meeting. Sept. 8-12 National Master Naturalists. Regional Meeting is not scheduled
- 12 Class Reps: No report
- 13 Community Outreach Chairperson: No report. Need Chairperson.

- 14 Advanced Training Chairperson: April 22 - Birding at Moody Gardens, May 9 - Marsh Grasses (Estuarine Smorgasbord). Cliff recommended Alicia Galloway's San Leon trip for Advanced Training.
- 15 Stewardship Chairperson: Dick asked for recommendations for structure of Stewardship Committee.
- 16 Spirit Chairperson: Come early to Chapter meeting for set-up. In April we will have the Master Naturalist Service Fair with volunteer opportunities and chapter activities.
- 17 Historian: No report.
- 18 Sales: Will look into having books available for sale at classes.

Frank moved and Cliff seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelda Tuthill, Reporting Secretary

### **Action Items**

Date	Project	Action	Responsible	Expected Date to Complete	Comments
3/4/08	Inventory & Supply Cabinet	Locate available space for cabinet and supplies.	Julie/Nelda	4/3/08	
3/4/08	Scholarship Committee	Re-establish Scholarship Committee	Julie/Dick	4/3/08	