

**GALVESTON BAY AREA CHAPTER – TMN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES  
May 5, 2009  
Extension Office**

The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

**Board Members Attending:**

Frank Budny, Jim Duron, Mary Jean Hayden, Diane Humes, Terry Jackson, Julie Massey, Sara Snell, Verva Densmore

**Absent:**

Nelda Tuthill, Beverly Williams

**Others Present:**

**Agenda:** Agenda was reviewed.

**President**

1. ANROSP Conference

Mary Jean reported that she had not submitted a proposal to the conference which will be held Sept. 28-Oct 2 in Virginia. Discussion followed about whether or not Julie might want to submit one if she wants to attend the conference.

**Vice-President**

1. Meeting speakers

Anita Teller will talk about the conservation of rare and endangered native plants in Texas. Mary Jean suggested that we include the Master Gardeners for this presentation and Diane will send Julie information about the Chapter Meeting which Julie will use to extend an invitation through William Johnson.

2. Website & Chapter calendar

Diane said that she would like to have more items for the calendar. Diane then reported that Carolyn Miles would like to put tenner tests on the site for self-improvement and information purposes. There was general agreement that this is a good idea and Diane will move forward with it. Julie told The Board about Camtasia – a resource that allows us to easily post photos and short videos and said that the Extension Office can get rights to the program fairly inexpensively. Mary Jean said if we decide to use this program we would need a committee responsible for developing and/or screening items prior to posting. Diane will tell Carolyn about this program.

3. Midden

The Midden will be mailed on 5/20/09 so that people get it by the 21<sup>st</sup>, two weeks prior to the Chapter Meeting.

## **Treasurer**

1. Treasurer's report  
Frank presented the Treasurer's report for May 5, 2009.
2. Grants and gifts  
Defer to June meeting.

## **Secretary**

1. The Minutes of the Board Meeting of March 31, 2009 were reviewed. Two corrections were noted: Gib Larson's name was misspelled, and the title of John B. Anderson's book is Formation and Future of the Upper Texas Coast. Terry made a motion, seconded by Sara, and the minutes were approved with corrections.
2. Nelda will continue working on a list of past board motions.

## **Past President**

1. No report

## **Sponsor Representative**

1. Julie report  
Julie reported on an "instant survey" system that can be done on the WEB and could be used for general surveys, advanced training surveys, new class speaker evaluations, etc. The board was enthusiastic about the possibilities. Diane will pass this information on to Carolyn.
2. Sea Camp thank-you gift  
Julie showed the board a Sea Camp gift made by one of the students as a thank-you for the MN sponsored scholarships. She will talk to the scholarship committee to see if they want to recommend another Sea Camp scholarship this year.

## **Membership**

1. Membership Report  
Terry distributed the comprehensive report she submits to Extension each month. She noted that of the 164 paid members only 70 have turned in service hours. Terry will send an email mid-year to encourage reporting.

## **Chapter Training**

1. Training Class  
Verva reported that the new class is doing well. Two students have already qualified for certification, or nearly so, according to Terry. The next class will be held at Galveston Island State Park.
2. Donations Training Class Facility use  
Terry made a motion and Sara seconded that we donate \$50 to the Friends of GISP for use of the facilities. Frank asked that the motion be amended to also approve \$500 for ABNC, \$100 to St Matthews Methodist Church on High Island, \$50 to the Baytown Wetlands Center. The motion carried as amended. After the motion was voted on,

discussion followed about developing standards for these donations. Verva and Beverly will work with next year's Training Class Committee to develop and recommend standards.

3. Advanced Training

AT is looking at going to Sea Center, TX, Brazosport Museum, and Shangri La. There were two AT classes last week.

### **Volunteer Services**

1. Completed events

Gib reported that he attended the education meeting today. He also reported that Earth Day was well organized, the Junior Naturalist Feather Fest booth was a great success, and that Mary Beth Arnold did an Earth Day booth for Boeing this month.

2. Up-coming events

There will be a Bay Day Booth on the Kemah Boardwalk on May 16<sup>th</sup>, Mary Jean will organize it. Julie will be in charge of a Little Bay Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> in Bacliff. Treasures of the Bay will be June 16-19

3. Camp Wild

Friends of Galveston Island State Park will fund up to \$5,000 for Camp Wild. The Grant proposal that usually funds this event was not accepted this year.

4. Stewardship

Gib reported that there was nothing new except what will be in the Midden.

### **'08 Class Representative**

1. Records retention – Jim Duron

Jim reported that he is making good progress and that he will meet with Frank Budny and Julie Massey to continue gathering information.

### **'08 Class Representative**

1. Verva reported that the Henry Criss memorial has been completed and paid for. She will bring it to the Chapter Meeting so that those who contributed can see it.

### **Other Business**

1. Member Retention - This initiative is on hold.
2. Review Forms Compendium – deferred.
3. Website & Calendar - This was discussed during the Vice President's report.

Terry moved and Julie seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Verva Densmore for  
Nelda Tuthill, Recording Secretary

### Action Items

Date	Project	Action	Responsible	Expected Date to Complete	Comments
1/6/09	Records retention	Develop records retention policy	Board/Jim Duron		
02/03/09	Grants and Gifts	Suggestions for uses of funds	Board	03/03/09	Action referred to committee 3/3
3/03/09	Develop guidelines for grant/gift proposals	Refer to committee	Frank Budny, Verva Densmore, & Bev Frannea	03/31/09	
5/5/09	Invite Master Gardeners to the June Chapter mtg.	Send info to Julie so that Julie can extend an invitation through Dr. Johnson	Mary Jean Hayden and Julie Massey	5/20/09	
5/5/09	Develop standards for facility-use donations for New Class sessions	Refer to committee	Beverly Williams and Verva Densmore	2/01/2010	Work with New Class Committee to develop standards before class begins next year.
5/5/09	Camtasia program and Instant Survey system	Work with Carolyn Miles	Diane Humes and Julie Massey	6/2/09	