

**GALVESTON BAY AREA CHAPTER – TMN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
August 4, 2009
Extension Office**

The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Attending:

Frank Budny, Mary Jean Hayden, Diane Humes, Julie Massey, Sara Snell, Nelda Tuthill, Beverly Williams

Absent:

Terry Jackson, Gib Larson, Barbara Rabek

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed.

President

No report.

Vice-President

1. Meeting speakers
Speaker for the August Chapter meeting will be Michael Eason, Wildflower Center Botanist. He will discuss the Millennium Seed Bank Project from Kew Gardens, UK.
2. Website & Chapter calendar
Carolyn has developed a form to be filled out by members showing activities they want included in the Midden and the calendar on the website. There was a discussion concerning membership use of the calendar on the website. Diane was concerned that members did not know how to use the calendar.
3. Midden
The Midden continues to receive kudos.
4. The annual meeting was discussed. Diane will ask for members of a committee to plan the meeting.

Treasurer

1. Treasurer's report
Frank presented the Treasurer's report for July 31, 2009. With no objections, the report was accepted by the Board.

2. Grants and gifts

Frank presented ideas that have been submitted for suggested use of grant monies. The ideas will be submitted to the committee for consideration. The Board was very pleased with the submissions.

Secretary

1. The Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 2, 2009 were reviewed. Minutes were approved.
2. Nelda told the Board she will be out of town the first two weeks of September. She asked for volunteers to take the minutes of the September Board meeting. She was assured that someone would handle it.

Past President

1. Sara reported that there would be a need for new members on the 2010 Board. Several members are leaving the Board because of term limits. Sara will chair a nominating committee. Two ad hoc positions will be appointed by the president with Board approval.

Sponsor Representative

1. Julie report
Julie reported on National Oceans Science Bowl competition. She wants Master Naturalists to mentor team members from surrounding high schools and accompany the teams to competition at Texas A & M in March. There will be 6 – 12 team members from each school.
2. Julie is working on a proposal for a three-year program concerning climate change that will involve 8th grade students, NASA and teachers.

Membership

1. Membership Report
Terry was absent. She will have the Report for Volunteer Service and Advanced Training Hours at the Chapter meeting.

Chapter Training

1. Advanced Training
The classes are planned for the near future:

Tools of the Trade – August 13
Paddling for TMN – a Kayaking Workshop – September 17, 2009
A Prairie class taught by Tom Solomon – October 8, 2009

Volunteer Services

1. Edu-Outreach
All persons who have power point presentations are asked to give them to Julie to put on the Extension server.
2. Stewardship
Restoration project at Galveston State Park will be August 27.
A dedication for the Henry Criss memorial is planned at Texas City Prairie Preserve.

'09 Class Representative

Nancy Russell is working with digital pictures for a library for Education – Outreach.
The pictures will be available to members working on presentations.

'09 Class Representative

Barbara was absent.

Other Business

The TMN state meeting will be October 23-25 at Mo Ranch in Hunt near Kerrville.
Members have submitted projects for presentation at the meeting.

A suggestion was made to change the time of the monthly Board meeting from 7 – 9 PM
to 2 – 4 PM. All Board members will be canvassed before a decision is made.

Nancy moved and Frank seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelda Tuthill
Recording Secretary

Action Items

Date	Project	Action	Responsible	Expected Date to Complete	Comments
8/4/09	Nomination committee members	President will appoint ad hoc members for Board approval	Mary Jean	09/01/09	
08/04/09	Grant money use	Committee will review submitted ideas and make recommendation	Frank Budny	09/01/09	