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**GALVESTON BAY AREA CHAPTER – TMN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
September 1, 2009
Extension Office**

The meeting convened at 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Attending:

Frank Budny, Mary Jean Hayden, Diane Humes, Julie Massey, Sara Snell, Beverly Williams, Terry Jackson, Gib Larson, Barbara Rabek

Absent:

Nelda Tuthill, Nancy Russell

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed.

President

Nomination for Advisor of the Year was submitted.

Grant letter of support sent for Scenic Galveston's Reitan and Virginia Point Wetland restoration.

Vice-President

Our last speaker was interesting, however a few glitches, will work to ensure speakers use microphone. Our next speaker is Anna Armitage from TAMU who will discuss Wetlands and Wetlands Restoration.

The annual meeting was again discussed. Four people have volunteered to help, an e-mail will be sent through Alan asking for more volunteers.

At the last chapter meeting Diane asked for a show of hands as to how many people used the web calendar – out of about 80 people, only 5 raised their hands.

The Midden is ready. The State Meeting will have a Newsletter contest this year and the Communication committee is reviewing past Middens for one to submit.

Treasurer

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

There are still three submissions for use of the grant funds that we have received. **A motion was made for the chapter to purchase the portable exhibit vinyl roller shade and associated**

artwork required up to \$800 versus using the grant money. A committee will come up with the artwork and present to the board.

Frank will communicate with the submitter for the Bay Ambassador Program for more details. The committee will again review the remaining two submissions.

Secretary

The Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 4, 2009 were reviewed. Minutes were approved with the change of "No Report" included under the President.

Past President

Thus far there are candidates for two elected positions. The committee of Mel Measeles and Elsie Smith will meet on 9/2 to continue the search for the other two board positions.

Sponsor Representative

Julie will not be attending the ANROSP conference this year.

Julie reported on National Oceans Science Bowl competition. The competition will be on 3/6/2010 in College Station. She will be asking for volunteers to help and she may have to request a donation from the MN's.

Sea Camp has asked for a letter of support for their wetlands center that was destroyed by Hurricane Ike. **Motion made that the board send a letter of support.**

Membership

We currently have 167 paid members including the Spring 2009 class. November 23 will be the due date for turning in volunteer house for the annual report.

Chapter Training

Tools of the Trade was very well received.

Upcoming AT are:

Paddling for TMN – a Kayaking Workshop – September 17, 2009

A Prairie class taught by Tom Solomon – October 8, 2009

Bus trip to Shangri La in Orange – November 12

Taxonomy – January 16, 2010

Sea Turtles – February 27

Hawks – March 8

April – Fish Identification

Volunteer Services

Edu-Outreach

Jr. Naturalist program will have guest speakers this next year to help with the transition. Mel Measeles and Mary Jean have built an aquifer for use with the education outreach programs.

Stewardship

A thank you note was received from Brazos Bend State Park for help with their summer camp program and continued support for the Jr. Angler Program.

A dedication for the Henry Criss memorial is planned at Texas City Prairie Preserve on September 15 along with a wiener roast and prairie ride. This will be the kick off for the work group to start back up.

'09 Class Representative

Barbara will work with Beverly on the upcoming training class.

Other Business

Suggestions were made for the recipient of the State Meeting scholarship. **Motion was made to supplement the rest of the cost of the registration for the recipient.**

Sara agreed to be the coordinator for those attending the State meeting.

We will again present two presentations at the State meeting this year. Mary Jean is submitting the Jr. Naturalist program for the program fair.

Three requests for GBAC support were received:

- 1) from the Galveston Tree Committee asking for us to be listed as supporters (we already have people working with the group with approved VS, no problem)
- 2) Galveston Unitarian Church in their elimination of the use of plastic bags recycling effort (they have MN's as members who can help with their program)
- 3) MN from another chapter for Intercoastal Cleanup on 9/19 help – Mary Jean will send out through Alan with who to contact for those who might want to help

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Snell for 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	