

**GALVESTON BAY AREA CHAPTER – TMN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
January 5, 2010
Extension Office**

The meeting convened at 2:00 P.M.

Board Members Attending:

Verva Densmore, Jim Duron, Diane Humes, Mary Jean Hayden, Terry Jackson, Diane Olsen, Julie Massey

Absent:

Barbara Rabek, Sue Sutterby

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed.

President

Diane went over the meeting schedule for 2010.

Vice-President

Chapter meeting

Kelly Drinnen, Education Specialist from Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary will discuss Coral Reefs in the Gulf of Mexico. The meeting will be at Walter Hall Park in League City.

The April speaker will be Michael Hunt on Dolphin research off the coast of Florida.

Treasurer

No report. Sue Sutterby was in Germany.

Secretary

The Minutes of the Board Meeting of December 1, 2009 were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

Past President

No report

Sponsor Representative

Donations

Julie announced that Hillcrest Foundation donated \$2,525 to the Chapter for education. \$400 was received from State Junior Master Naturalists and Exxon Mobil had contributed \$500 in volunteer grants.

National Oceans Science Bowl

Several teams have been formed for Science Bowl. Forty (40) volunteers are needed for the event which will be held in College Station, March 6, 2010.

Annual meeting

Julie thought the annual meeting went well. She thought the way the awards were handled was delightful. The squares with the tablecloths looked wonderful and Verva loved all the candles.

Membership

Jim passed out the volunteer and advanced training hours report. He discussed time limited for getting required hours.

Chapter Training

Training class planning meetings have begun. The new class begins February 18, 2010. Julie reported there is good interest in the class.

Upcoming AT are:

Sea Turtles – February 27

Hawks – March 8

Amphibian Watch – April 6

Something Fishy – May 20.

A trip to Matagorda April 26-27 is being planned with Nathan as project leader. Participants will stay in a hotel, Rockport Inn or bunkhouse on the Island. There will be a wetlands tour. The Committee is still working on the cost.

The AT committee suggests that all trips be nonrefundable with leftover money to go to scholarships. It was also mentioned the Chapter needs to create a policy regarding family and friends on Chapter trips.

MOTION: All trips be non-refundable and that this be clearly stated prior to sign up. Any monies left over after all financial commitments are met will be donated to the Scholarship Fund. Diane Olsen moved. Jim Duron seconded. Motion carried.

Volunteer Services

Edu-Outreach

No report.

Stewardship

No report.

'09 Class Representative

No report.

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No report

Other Business

The Master Naturalists Standard of Conduct was reviewed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelda Tuthill
Interim Recording Secretary

Action Items

Date	Project	Action	Responsible	Expected Date to Complete	Comments
9/1/09	Grant money use	Check for more details for the Bay Ambassador Program	Frank Budny	09/29/09	
029/01/09	Portable Exhibit	Finalize cost and develop artwork	MJ, Diane, Julie, Frank	09/29/09	