

TMN – COT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Conference Room – Sea Center Texas

Attendees: Ed Johnson, Connie Stolte, Dave Brandes, Mary Helen Israel, Justina Dent, Jerry Eppner, Neal McLain, Ed Barrios

Action Items

President Dave Brandes reported that he sent the The Nature Conservancy a letter asserting the Cradle of Texas chapter's support for TNC efforts to purchase land known as the KNG Prairies.

A letter of support requested by Richard Hurd was also sent to TPWD for Brazoria County Parks Department's historic Truss Bridge County Park.

Safety or Naturalist Culture Moment

Dave observed a citizen stopping their vehicle and moving a turtle across and off the road in the correct direction, that is, the direction in which the turtle was headed.

Annual Meeting Display Topic

Past displays were discussed and new possibilities considered. Connie recommended the idea of a display about the INEOS program activities. Since Marty Cornell is going to the meeting everyone thought it would be good to ask him about doing this, because everyone knows Marty would do a great job. Dave will contact Marty about this matter.

Annual Meeting COT Session

An offer has been made by Dave for COT to lead a discussion about the flexible Intern Training by the chapter. He has not yet had a reply from state coordinator Michelle Haggerty.

Signing Time Submissions

Dave has not received any further responses from Michelle regarding who are the funding sources behind these requirements and a more complete explanation of the requirements.

Dave discussed the agreement to put a statement on the electronic form to satisfy this requirement and presented a possible example of a new form to accomplish this.

For now it seems members will be asked to sign a time sheet form at the end of the year either electronically, or if they submit manually, then a signature and date will be needed on each submission. The chapter will have to save these for seven years.

Intern Update

Three interns are completing training and will be recognized in August. Three other interns from 2009 are still in training. Eight new interns have recently begun training and four more new interns are due to start training in September. That makes 11 interns currently in training and 4 more due to soon.

Curriculum Surveys

Laura plans to send surveys out for evaluation of the flexible training program to try to determine what is working and needs to be kept and what needs to be improved or changed.

Committee Reports, Roundtable

Dave reported that John Battle has informed him that John is going back to work and will need to be replaced as the Environmental Education Committee Coordinator.

The Board discussed giving the speaker, Kathy Adams Clark, an honorarium for her trip expense and fifty dollars was agreed upon and Dave will take care of it.

Connie Stolte reported that Sea Center Texas is expecting its one-millionth visitor around the end of September or the first of October.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.