

TMN – COT

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Conference Room – AgriLife Building

Attendees:

Ed Johnson, Neal McLain, Barbara Burkhardt, Ruby Lewis, Dave Brandes, Jerry Krampota, Carolyn Schlein

New Intern Board Representatives:

Dave Brandes reviewed how prior to the intern training changes two years ago, new intern classes elected two interns to sit on the board. He raised the question as to whether the board wants to resume this intern representation. The board all agreed to resume this two elected intern representation with the new 2011 intern class.

Policies and Procedures:

The board reviewed all the proposed changes and corrections. Ed Johnson made a motion for approval, Neal McLain seconded and the board passed to change the Policies and Procedures accordingly.

ConocoPhilips Education Coordinator:

Rich has been asked to be the coordinator but he has confirmed that he will not be able to fulfill this function. With the need to fill this position some names were suggested and Dave will make contacts to attempt to fill this coordinator position.

Committee Reports and Roundtable:

Outreach

Ruby Lewis presented two upcoming activities in which there will be volunteer needs.

(1) Nov. 6th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Brazos Bend State Park – Prairie Heritage Day. Ruby will have a leaf rubbing booth set up. This booth at this event last year was a great success with a lot of visitors and participation.

(2) Nov. 20th, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m, at Hanson Riverside County Park – Family Day - by Brazoria County Parks Department. James (Jimmy) Glover, BCPD, is in charge of the event. Lunches will be provided for the volunteers by the BCPD. This event will also have several other organizations participating with their activities and booths. Ruby Lewis has 3-5 possible activities planned by Texas Master Naturalists: Track Prints, Nature Hikes, Leaf Rubbing, Live Reptiles, Fish Casting. The final activities will depend upon securing volunteers.

Host

Jerry Krampota introduced the idea of having a small Christmas party type of meeting at the Member Meeting on December 8th. This would just be in addition to the annual Hog Wild party that evening. The board readily agreed to this. The Meeting party may include a santa claus, Seed Balls prepared by Carolyn Schlein, and possibly other handouts. It will be announced to all Members to bring Pot-Luck Breakfast / Brunch type buffet dishes.

Intern Training

The training is transitioning back to scheduled training in 2011. This transition from this year's Director to the 2011 Director is expected to be accomplished around mid-December.

Laura Brandes sent a report that there are 4 active interns who are expected to complete certification by the end of this year.

One intern required extension past the 15 months deadline and this has been approved by the board.

Three interns have paid tuition but have not yet submitted paperwork nor attended training classes. The plan is to work with these three and (1) transition their training to 2011, or, (2) refund their tuition

General Meeting Agenda

Included will be awards by Jerry Eppner, the Policies and Procedures changes, Sign-up sheets for the volunteer opportunities at Brazos Bend State Park and Hanson County Park, and announcements from the floor.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.