

**Balcones Canyonlands TXMN**

**Board of Directors**

**October 13, 2020**

**Call to order at 7:05 pm via Zoom.**

**Attendance:** Larry Root, Gene Janulis, Julian Yates, Sheila Endres, Shayla Fleshman, Johanna Arendt, Sheila Putnam, Kelly Kaye, Amy Robertson

Minutes were approved.

**Julian Yates (speakers):** WizzieBrown is the speaker for the chapter meeting for November. Julian asked for ideas for speakers for next year's chapter meetings from speakers from the annual meeting. Several suggestions were given. [2021 speaker schedule](#)

**Gene Janulis (finance):** Gene reports that accounts balance. He reports that the chapter has an approximately \$2,500 increase from the balance of January 2020. He asked for board approval for a reimbursement to Sheila Endres for \$250 (cost of Starbuck gift cards for speakers.) She lost the receipt for this. The board voted to approve the expenditure. [October Treasurers Report](#)

**Sheila Endres (2020/2021 Class):** Sheila reported that the class is going well and attendance is good. She sent out thank you cards with her prickly pear jam and got lots of great feedback. She shared that some students are getting nervous about volunteer hours. Discussion including that there are volunteer resources listed on the website and in the Reader, as well as students having until December 2021 to complete hours. Johanna also shared that they could use more volunteers at Snowden and discussed whether to open up at Saturday workday to make it easier to attend. Sheila was going to discuss this with the new class.

**Amy Robertson** She has sent out email tips for logging into VMS and recording hours. She is taking training on VMS.

**Stephanie Putnam (Diversity and Inclusion):** Stephanie shared the mission statement for the Diversity Committee.

"The Diversity and Inclusion Committee seeks to broaden membership of the Texas Master naturalist to people with various backgrounds. Our work focuses on education, growth, and attracting (collaborating with?) stakeholders who have been marginalized from environmental groups.. We recognize the urgency

to have well-informed volunteers that can contribute to the environment through our collective knowledge and experience.”

Larry share that Collette completed the Chapter Directory and it will be uploaded to the website. There was appreciation shared for this effort.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55