

Friends of GTMNERR

Minutes of Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2003

Members present: Steve Harrison, Kramer Upchurch, Daryl LaBello, Joe Hutnan, Bill McQuilkin, Bill Dudley, Judy Sulser, Darrell Vole, Janet Zimmerman, Pierre Pierce, Anita Pierce, Carl Hampp, Agnes Danciger, Ken Berk, and George Getsinger.

1. *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.*
2. *Comment on minutes from last meeting:*
 - Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting made by Joe Hutnan.
 - Seconded by Judy Sulser.
 - The motion was approved by a voice vote.
3. *Members dropping off Board:*
 - Bob Hanna
 - Pat Zaborski
 - Lou Donnegalo
 - This brings us to the proper number of board members according to the by-laws.
4. *Mission Statement – Steve Harrison*
 - Passed out statement for review.
 - Cultural stewardship – deals with history, artifacts of human interaction with the lands.
 - Discussion was made to change wording to “stewardship of natural and cultural resources.”
 - Add GRM to NERR.
 - Discussion about the words “surrounding the NERR” as meaning the lands around / effecting / involving the GRM Estuary water shed.
 - Change to “scientific research conducted by GTMNERR through” ... discussion to leave out “conducted” to end up “scientific research of the GTMNERR...”
 - Motion to accept Mission Statement by Agnes Danciger
 - Seconded by Carl Hampp
 - Passed by voice vote.
5. *Bylaws*

- Discussion about membership
 - o Board members not voted by general membership
 - o Voted by the rest of the Board.
 - o Directors need to be members of corporations
- Discussion about purpose
 - o Discussion about “support of candidates”, 501(c)(3) cannot support specific candidates but they can support “issues”.
 - o Steve recommended that the “governance” committee review the by-laws and bring recommendations to the next meeting.
 - o Anita asked for clarification of the word members because it has several different meanings as used in the by-laws.

6. *Committees*

a. *Stewardship.*

- Added Barbara Blender
- Had the first meeting
- Discussed open position for Stewardship Coordinator. 93 applications.
- Committee will wait until coordinator is in place before beginning work.
- Work on survey next meeting.
- Bill McQuilken appointed as the Chairman.

b. *Research*

- No meeting yet.
- Would like to have Rick Gleason address committee to provide an overview of the current status and projects.
- Ken has graduate fellowships that will be coming on board soon and they will be able to assist.

c. *Volunteer Administration* – No Report

d. *Finance* – Kramer Upchurch

- Needs Executive Officers to sign signature cards.

e. *Development* – No Report

f. *Governance* – Agnes Danciger

- Passed out Board Member Profile sheets to be completed.
- Working on by-laws and will meet with Committee Chairs.

g. *Education* – No Report

7. *Website*

- Domain name GTMNERR.org
- Requested input for content

- Requested review of existing site
- Send input to Daryl LaBello (dlabello@cfl.rr.com)
- Can have multiple editors, future development through Education Committee

8. *Other Business:*

- a. Guana School Site – meeting was held December 8, 2003 about proposed site.
 - At the meeting, Ken made a statement but was unable to answer questions.
 - Land exchange for development rights flawed due to zoning. Not a good deal.
 - Was a setup for a media campaign in favor of the school.
 - Will end up in court.

- b. MAG Rep. – Management Advisory Group to GTMNERR
 - Bob Hanna was the representative but is stepping down.
 - Steve is going tomorrow at 6 at GTM office.
 - Need a new representative from FOR.

- c. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.