

Board of Directors Meeting – minutes
Museum of Natural Science, April 29, 2010

Attendees: Sabrina Chandler, Kevin Nelms, Becky Rosamond, Meg Cooper, Shaun Williamson, Stephanie Hodnett

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Sabrina Chandler

Discussion of board of directors

- Removed Horace Allen, Don Bales, and Melissa Darden (all resigned) from Board of Directors
- Will not fill behind
- Added Kevin Nelms for BoD until 2013
- Rolled over until 2012: Becky Rosamond (Secretary), Stephanie Hodnett (Treasurer), Foster Dickard, Cathy Shropshire, and Shaun Williamson
- Rolled over until 2013: Matt Mallard, Darren Miller, Ricky Cox, Brian Ballinger

Kevin showed samples of t-shirts, hats, and mouse pads through Artman Arts (Kris Artman, www.companycasuals.com/ARTMANARTS, 662-207-0764; 662-265-0273 fax; artmank@bellsouth.net)

Review of 2009 Bear Annual Report – Kevin Nelms

- See attached sheet

Project Updates

- Website – Shauna Ginger
 - Unable to attend
 - Still needs to be filled in
 - Would like to step down
- Black Bear Aerial Telemetry – Sabrina Chandler
 - Brad will be submitting
- BEaR Booth – Kevin Nelms
- BEaR Crossing Highway Signs – Sabrina Chandler
- Mississippi Black Bear SAFE – Kevin Nelms
 - 618 Acres enrolled in FY '09
 - 470.7 acres enrolled to date in FY'10
 - 165 – Coahoma
 - 33 – Holmes
 - 48 – Washinton
 - 224 – Leflore

Discussion of New Projects – Sabrina Chandler

- GDBA Project proposal
 - Proposal from Tommy Shropshire to continue how we have in the past
 - Board members present suggested supporting as in the past
- Administrative Project proposal
 - Necessary to keep everything going
 - Website - \$170
 - Secretary of State (501 c3) - \$50

- P.O. Box - \$70
- Misc.
- MS Wildlife Extravaganza
 - Sabrina advocated drumming up support from membership so not missed again this year
 - Usually 1st weekend in August
- Case Hicks – An Evening of Conservation with TR
 - Proposed doing as an additional presentation while in town for GDBA
 - About an hour
 - Would like to do, possibly as a fundraiser
 - Sabrina will approach Libby about hosting at the museum in evening
 - Other options: library in Jackson area, Yazoo City

BEaR Budget – Stephanie Hodnett

- Current balance: \$4,811.19
- GDBA holding approx. \$23,000 to roll over into GDBA for 2010

New Candidates for Directors and Vice President

- Steven Rimer, USFS – Delta N.F.
- Stephanie Steele, USFS – Chickasawhay N.F.

Direction from Board to Executive Committee

- Kevin suggests working on grant money – suggests Board and Executive Committee get 3 grants this year (not earmarked for a specific project.)
 - Documentary – Meg suggested – MS Humanities Council and MS Arts Commission
 - Entergy – Sabrina has been unable to get information
 - Suggestions – education, research

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.