

Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Minutes
April 9th, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm

In attendance:

Art Arizpe, President
Larry Calvert, Past President
Tracy Mock, Secretary
Beth Ramey, Treasurer
Dick McBride, Training Committee Chair
Helen Bowie, Outreach Committee
Leah Laszewski, Records & Membership Committees
Richard Parrish, Extension Agent

Not Present:

Karen Archer, VP
Tom Watson, Historian
Dixie Camp, Volunteer Coordinator & State Representative
Beverly Gordon, Calendar Committee
Roxana Donegan, Host Committee
Mary Dow Ross, Host Committee
Susan Kimmel-Lines, Advanced Training
Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative
Herb Smith, Webmaster
Hope Shimik, Newsletter

Open Position(s):

None

1. President – **Art Arizpe**
 - a. Approve previous minutes- Reviewed. Beth made a motion to approve the March minutes. Larry seconded. March Minutes approved.
 - b. Announcements – Reviewed March action items.
 - c. Board Calendar – Reviewed & on track.
 - d. 2014 Survey – Reviewed & discussed results.
 - e. Propose increase in dues – Per review of budget, where are the budget shortfalls. If we are going to put this to a vote at the summer social, then we need to determine the increase at our next Board meeting in May.
2. Vice President – **Karen Archer** – Not present
3. Secretary – **Tracy Mock** – Nothing to report.

4. Treasurer – **Beth Ramey** – March 31st bank statement balance is \$34,074.13 and \$25,000.00 of that amount is Willett Project funds. Available funds are \$9,074.13
We have collected dues from 137 members which is the highest it's ever been at this time of year.
5. AgriLife Agent – **Richard Parrish** – Hays County has confirmed a first case of pecan weevils so on April 28th a specialist will give a presentation at the Extension Office. There is also an Advanced Training on May 2nd Wildlife Management – Blake Hendon.
6. TP&WD Representative – **Gordon Linam** – Not present
7. Past President – **Larry Calvert** – Will provide reference material for website
8. State Representative – **Dixie Camp** – Not present
9. Training Committee – **Dick McBride** – Fourth class is next week. There is one class member who appears to be dropping, so Dick would like to refund her money after confirming this with her.
10. Advanced Training Committee – **Susan Kimmel-Lines** – Not present
11. Membership Committee – **Leah Laszewski** – First quarter hours were reported and they are similar to last year. The Emilyann Butterfly Festival has already reported over 300 hours.
12. Outreach Committee – **Helen Bowie** – Trying to round up Grow Green educational materials. Will also be seeking acknowledgement of value of volunteer time spent on projects in order to elevate the image of the HCMN organization. There is also a deer workshop coming up May 29th.
13. Host Committee – **Roxana Donegan & Mary Dow Ross** – Not present
14. Willett Project Committee – **Merry Bateman & Candy Spitzer** – Not present
15. Historian – **Tom Watson** – Not present
16. Volunteer Services – **Dixie Camp** – Not present
17. Calendar – **Beverly Gordon** – Not present
18. Newsletter Committee and Editor – **Hope Shimek** – Not present
19. Web Master – **Herb Smith** – Not present

20. Adjourn – A motion to adjourn was made by Larry, seconded by Dick – Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.