

Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Minutes
June 11th, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm

In attendance:

Art Arizpe, President

Karen Archer, VP

Larry Calvert, Past President

Tracy Mock, Secretary

Beth Ramey, Treasurer

Dick McBride, Training Committee Chair

Beverly Gordon, Calendar Committee

Dixie Camp, Volunteer Coordinator & State Representative

Roxana Donegan, Host Committee

Not Present:

Helen Bowie, Outreach Committee

Susan Kimmel-Lines, Advanced Training

Leah Laszewski, Records & Membership Committees

Tom Watson, Historian

Herb Smith, Webmaster

Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative

Hope Shimik, Newsletter

Richard Parrish, Extension Agent

Mary Dow Ross, Host Committee

Candy Spitzer, Willett Grant Committee

1. President – **Art Arizpe**
 - a. Approve previous minutes – Art made a motion to approve the May minutes, Larry seconded, minutes approved. Discussion of May action items followed.
 - b. Announcements – Two trainees lost homes in the flood, as did Herb. Art recently updated bylaws according to guidance by the TMN. Now must be sent out to the membership for review no less than 30 days prior to the vote at the August social.
 - c. Board Calendar – Month of June the only significant items are discussion of summer social, and perhaps begin talks about tuition increase for next year.

2. Vice President – **Karen Archer** – May meeting canceled due to Memorial Day floods. June meeting recently set up for Sat. June 20th at 8 am talk on land management & fieldtrip at Water Quality Protection Lands at Onion Creek – Kevin Thuesen. **ACTION ITEM**: Karen will get a summary together tonight so that an announcement can get out quick – it's less than two weeks away now.

3. Secretary – **Tracy Mock** – I will be out of town June 17-29.
4. Treasurer – **Beth Ramey** – Available balance is \$9,074.13
5. AgriLife Agent – **Richard Parrish** (absent)
6. TP&WD Representative – **Gordon Linam** (absent) – Gordon was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a message thanking MN's for all their outstanding work regarding the riparian repair workshops.
7. Past President – **Larry Calvert** – Nothing to report
8. State Representative – **Dixie Camp** – Nothing to report
9. Training Committee – **Dick McBride** – Class is going well, this is a good group.
10. Advanced Training Committee – **Susan Kimmel-Lines** (absent)
11. Membership Committee – **Leah Laszewski** (absent)
12. Outreach Committee – **Helen Bowie** (absent)
13. Host Committee – **Mary Dow Ross** (absent) & **Roxana Donegan** – In the planning stages for the summer social, however the location will have to change due to John Knox Ranch devastation. Dick suggests San Marcos Rec Center. Karen suggests Bamberger Ranch. Food plans are uncertain at this time.
14. Willett Project Committee – **Merry Bateman** (absent) & **Candy Spitzer** (absent) – Candy was unable to attend, but sent an update. Design template document has been created & submitted to top 5 designers. Asked for a response within 3 weeks.
15. Historian – **Tom Watson** (absent)
16. Volunteer Services – **Dixie Camp** – This month we've had several requests for new projects that were submitted by trainees. It was explained to them it would be best to participate in current projects until they graduate & then they can sponsor projects. There was also a discussion about how other chapters may only allow partial credit for volunteer hours if performed outside their county. **ACTION ITEM:** Dixie will follow up with Michelle and Gordon about guidelines for valid projects, keeping high standards, and also counties counting volunteer hours fully, not partially.
17. Calendar – **Beverly Gordon** – Nothing to report.

18. Newsletter Committee and Editor – **Hope Shimek** – Draft emailed this week for review. Will be published soon.
19. Web Master – **Herb Smith** (absent) & **Jane Dunham** (absent) - The duties have fully transitioned from Herb to Jane. **ACTION ITEM**: Beth will look into how to keep our web hosting going in an automated fashion so that Herb won't have to keep up with it anymore.
20. Adjourn – Larry made a motion to adjourn, Beth seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.