

Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Minutes

February 11th, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Woodcreek City Hall Meeting Room, 41 Champions Cir, Wimberley, TX 78676.

In Attendance:

Beth Ramey, President

Connie Boltz, VP

Art Arizpe, Past President

Larry Calvert, Treasurer

Susan Neill, Training Committee Chair-2016

Dixie Camp, Volunteer Coordinator & State Representative

Helen Bowie, Outreach Committee

Judy Burdett, Membership Committee

Roxanna Donegan, Host Committee

Jane Dunham, Webmaster

Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative

Tom Watson, Historian

Dick McBride, Christine Middleton, and Peggy Wilfong To discuss special agenda items

Not Present:

Tracy Mock, Secretary

Mary Dow Ross, Host Committee

Beverly Gordon, Calendar and (acting) Advanced Training Committees

Richard Parrish, Extension Agent

Hope Shimik, Newsletter

Candy Spitzer, Willett Grant Committee

- 1. Call meeting to order – Beth Ramey** Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed. Connie moved to accept, Dixie seconded and they were accepted unanimously.
- 2. Officer Reports/Announcements**
 - a. Treasurer – Larry Calvert - **ACTION:** Larry will update the asset list based on feedback during the meeting.
- 3. Committee Reports/Announcements**
 - a. State Representative – Dixie Camp
 - i. Art and Dixie met with the YMCA Camp Cypress Leader and as a result (**ACTION**) Connie will set up a field trip for a group of HCMN volunteers to identify what animals, plants, birds, etc. are resident at the camp site.
- 4. Advisors**
 - a. TP&WD Representative – Gordon Linam
 - i. Flood restoration work by HCMN volunteers was discussed and (**ACTION**) Christine Middleton will contact Michelle to determine if our desire to have HCMN volunteers get volunteer credit for

restoration work even while working on private property in this special case where the project is of such a broad scope.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Operating Handbook Revisions – (ACTION) Beth Ramey/Art Arizpe will make the recommended changes to the COH.
- b. President’s Volunteer Service Awards – Judy made and Roxanne seconded a motion, which was approved unanimously, to give these awards to people having 500 or greater volunteer hours in a calendar year. ACTION Judy will order the “package with pins” for those eligible. ACTION Beth will award the pins at the summer social.
- c. Outreach Event Display – Helen Bowie ACTION Larry will add \$1500 to the 2016 budget for the display items
- d. 2016 Budget – Larry Calvert ACTION Larry will review the 2015 budget to determine if any items are overstated in the draft 2016 budget.
- e. Upcoming Board Calendar events ACTION Larry will file the 2015 income tax report.

6. New Business

- a. Board Service for project related organizations as Volunteer Hours – Dick McBride ACTION Judy working with Dixie will determine what project number the volunteer hours should be reported in.
- b. Board meeting location – ACTION Beth will make arrangements to permanently change the meeting site to the Woodcreek City Hall and inform the County we will no longer meet at Jacobs Well Training Building, and also remove the HCMN tables still there.

7. Adjourn

Tom made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dixie and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM