

Hays County Master Naturalist Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
May 12, 6:30 PM
Woodcreek City Hall Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

In Attendance:

Beth Ramey, President

Art Arizpe, Past President

Tracy Mock, Secretary

Beverly Gordon, Advanced Training Committee & Calendar

Judy Burdett, Membership, Records Committee

Jane Dunham, Webmaster

Roxanna Donegan, Host Committee

Dixie Camp, Volunteer Services & State Representative

Helen Bowie, Outreach Committee

Not Present:

Connie Boltz, VP

Larry Calvert, Treasurer

Susan Neill, Training Committee Chair

Mary Dow Ross, Host Committee

Tom Watson, Historian

Candy Spitzer, Willett Grant Committee

Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative

Hope Shimik, Newsletter Editor

Order of business

1. **Call meeting to order – Beth Ramey – the meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.**
 - a. Review & Approve minutes of previous meeting – There needs to be a correction to the time of adjournment and who made the motions. Other than that, the April meeting minutes were approved.

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2. Officer Reports/Announcements

- a. President – Beth Ramey – Nothing to report
- b. Vice President – Connie Boltz (absent)
- c. Secretary – Tracy Mock – The Remarkable Riparian guides we ordered in late March are almost ready. We will probably receive them the first week of June. Buyers will be contacted via email and money will be collected at monthly chapter meetings
- d. Treasurer – Larry Calvert (absent)
 - i. Financial Report – Reviewed & discussion followed
- e. Past President – Art Arizpe – Nothing to report

3. Committee Reports/Announcements

- a. Advanced Training Committee – Beverly Gordon – Nothing to report
- b. Calendar – Beverly Gordon – Nothing to report
- c. Historian – Tom Watson (absent)
- d. Host Committee – Mary Dow Ross (absent) & Roxana Donegan – Planning is underway for the August 13th Social at the Dripping Springs Ranch. Nothing else to report.
- e. Membership Committee – Judy Burdett – Update given on reporting in the VMS. Discussion followed
- f. Newsletter Committee and Editor – Hope Shimek (absent)
- g. Outreach Committee – Helen Bowie – Reviewed April and May Outreach events. Discussion followed
- h. State Representative – Dixie Camp – Report given. Discussion followed
- i. Training Committee Chair – Susan Neill (absent)
- j. Volunteer Services – Dixie Camp – **ACTION ITEMS: Dixie** - Please update the approved volunteer projects list, and save as pdf. **Jane** will post to the website for members to reference & print personal copies
- k. Website Administrator – Jane Dunham – Presentation given about new email list for chapter members. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Dixie to adopt Mailchimp for our chapter email list. This will replace our current Gmail system and will be more efficient. Jane will do the initial creation & setup. Tracy will be a primary Admin, and additional backup Admins will be determined at a later date. Helen seconded, and the motion passed. **ACTION ITEM: Jane** will begin setup and testing.
- l. Willett Project – Candy Spitzer (absent)

4. Advisor

- a. TP&WD Representative – Gordon Linam (absent)

5. Unfinished Business

- a. President's Volunteer Service Awards –
 - i. Update – Tom Watson (absent)
- b. Outreach Event Display – Helen Bowie - Update given
- c. AgriLife Office changes – Beth Ramey – Update given. Discussion followed.
- d. Project update – Camp Cypress – Art Arizpe – EcoBlitz Update given. The event is Saturday, May 21st.
- e. Outreach - Texas State University Wildlife Society – Art Arizpe – **ACTION ITEM** for next month.

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f. Upcoming Board Calendar events – Nothing upcoming until July

6. New Business

a. Chapter Logo – discussion – Dixie Camp - **ACTION ITEM**: Beth will draft a few options for us to review & comment on.

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7. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

8. Adjourn – Beverly made a motion to adjourn, Dixie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.