

**Hays County Master Naturalist Chapter Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 11, 2016 6:30 PM**  
**Woodcreek City Hall Meeting Room**

**In Attendance:**

Beth Ramey, President  
Art Arizpe, Past President  
Tracy Mock, Secretary  
Jane Dunham, Webmaster  
Beverly Gordon, Advanced Training Committee & Calendar  
Roxanna Donegan, Host Committee  
Mary Dow Ross, Host Committee  
Dixie Camp, Volunteer Services & State Representative  
Connie Boltz, VP  
Larry Calvert, Treasurer  
Susan Neill, Training Committee Chair  
Betty McDonald, Training class liaison  
Sarah Carlisle, Training class liaison

**Not Present:**

Tom Watson, Historian  
Candy Spitzer, Willett Grant Committee  
Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative  
Hope Shimik, Newsletter Editor  
Judy Burdett, Membership, Records Committee  
Helen Bowie, Outreach Committee

**Order of business**

- 1. Call meeting to order – Beth Ramey** - The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm
  - a. Review & Approve minutes of previous meeting – Larry made a motion to accept the July minutes, Susan seconded the motion, minutes approved.
  - b. Introduce new Board Members from Training Class – Sarah Carlisle and Betty McDonald.
- 2. Officer Reports/Announcements**
  - a. President – Beth Ramey – Nothing to report
  - b. Vice President – Connie Boltz –
    - i. August Social – final review of agenda/details. Volunteers will show up Friday afternoon for setup. 19 projects will be represented. 95 attendees have rsvp'd.
    - ii. September 22nd meeting – Lutheran Church in Wimberley, a room has been reserved. October will likely be in San Marcos.
  - c. Secretary – Tracy Mock – Nothing to report

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- d. Treasurer – Larry Calvert
  - i. Financial Report – 159 paid members. Spending reports emailed to the board.  
Current funds available \$9,879.43
- e. Past President – Art Arizpe – Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the San Marcos Activity Center is the Naturescapes Photography Contest. This is the fifth year we have co-sponsored the event.
- f. Willett Foundation report is due. Art is working on a written 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 – Not present
- d. Host Committee – Mary Dow Ross & Roxana Donegan – The summer social has already been discussed. **ACTION ITEM: Mary Dow Ross** – will draft a final social reminder to be emailed to membership.
- e. Membership Committee – Judy Burdett – Not present
- f. Newsletter Committee and Editor – Hope Shimek – Not present
- g. Outreach Committee – Helen Bowie – Not present
- h. Training Committee Chair – Susan Neill – The Ravens class #9 next week. Down to 31 class members.
- i. State Representative – Dixie Camp – Annual meeting in Conroe October 21-22, 2016.
- j. Volunteer Services – Dixie Camp – A request for a volunteer project has been submitted for Blanco State Park. Under review. **ACTION ITEM: Dixie** will draft a request for a project leader for Commons-Ford Park which has now been taken over by Travis Audubon Society.
- k. Website Administrator – Jane Dunham – MailChimp in use. We have about 389 subscribers.
- l. Willett Project – Candy Spitzer – Not present

### 4. Advisor

- a. TP&WD Representative – Gordon Linam

### 5. Unfinished Business

- a. Outreach Event Display – Helen Bowie – Not present. Move presentation of proposal to the September meeting.

### 6. New Business

- a. Speaker contact list request from TxMN - **ACTION ITEM: Beth** will run this past Michelle first before we forward any information.
- b. Non-MN volunteers – discussion followed. **ACTION ITEM: Beth** will ask Michelle.

### 7. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

- a. Upcoming Calendar events reviewed.

- 8. **Adjourn** – Connie made a motion to adjourn, Larry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.