

Hays County Master Naturalist Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2016 6:30 PM
Woodcreek City Hall Meeting Room

In Attendance:

Beth Ramey, President
Connie Boltz, VP
Larry Calvert, Treasurer
Art Arizpe, Past President
Tracy Mock, Secretary
Roxanna Donegan, Host Committee
Dixie Camp, Volunteer Services & State Representative
Susan Neill, Training Committee Chair
Beverly Gordon, Advanced Training Committee & Calendar
Judy Burdett, Membership, Records Committee
Sarah Carlisle, Training class liaison
Jason Mangold, AgriLife Extension Advisor
Jane Dunham, Webmaster
Helen Bowie, Outreach Committee

Not Present:

Tom Watson, Historian
Candy Spitzer, Willett Grant Committee
Betty McDonald, Training class liaison
Hope Shimik, Newsletter Editor
Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative
Mary Dow Ross, Host Committee

Order of business

- 1. Call meeting to order – Beth Ramey – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm**
 - a. Review & Approve minutes of previous meeting – 2 Corrections noted. Connie made a motion to accept the revised minutes. Larry seconded. Minutes approved.
- 2. Officer Reports/Announcements**
 - a. President – Beth Ramey – Nothing to report.
 - b. Vice President – Connie Boltz –
 - i. Chapter Meetings - Dec. 10 fieldtrip to Longhorn Caverns, \$12 per person. Signup at the gala.
ACTION ITEM: Connie Please draft an email message to the membership.
 - c. Secretary – Tracy Mock – Nothing to report.
 - d. Treasurer – Larry Calvert –
 - i. Financial Report – Emailed to the board. No questions.
 - e. Past President – Art Arizpe – Three photography club winners invited to gala.
- 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

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- d. Host Committee – Mary Dow Ross & Roxana Donegan – Nothing but gala to report
- e. Membership Committee – Judy Burdett – 68 recertifying, 25 students graduating
- f. Newsletter Committee and Editor – Hope Shimek – Not present
- g. Outreach Committee – Helen Bowie – Year-to-date there have been 16 events.
- h. Training Committee Chair – Susan Neill – 31 graduating, 25 certifying, and 3 are double-certifying. 2017 class there are over 73 possible participants on the list. **ACTION ITEM** – Beth will put on the calendar for early next year to review the class application & make modifications about the first come first serve policy.
- i. State Representative – Dixie Camp – Annual meeting in October was a great success.
- j. Volunteer Services – Dixie Camp – Rainwater Revival was also successful. Next year's date is Nov. 4, 2017 at the same location.
- k. Website Administrator – Jane Dunham – Nothing to report
- l. Willett Project – Candy Spitzer – Not present

4. Advisor

- a. TP&WD Representative – Gordon Linam – Not present
- b. AgriLife Extension – Jason Mangold – AgriLife office moving to Wimberley in April.

5. At Large Members

- a. 2016 Training Class Representatives – Sarah Carlisle and Betty McDonald – Nothing to report

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Outreach Event Display – Helen Bowie – Present Proposal
- b. Gala & Graduation– Nov 12th, 2016
 - i. Review agenda and PPT
 - ii. Assistance with awards - Connie and Judy will help.
 - iii. Gala setup beginning at 3 pm. Guests arrive at 6. **ACTION ITEM**: Connie will make sure the PA system is charged & ready to go in case the AV system is acting up.

7. New Business

- a. Art Arizpe – Blue Hole Regional Park wants to host a photography contest next year, so we would like to co-host with them.
- b. PayPal Account – Probably makes sense to set this up not only for annual dues, but also for photography contest entries. Helen made a motion to instruct Art to set up a PayPal account, Beth seconded. Motion passed.
- c. Chapter Partner Recommendation – Dixie Camp – Discussion followed. Dixie made a motion to announce this year's partnership with Hill Country Alliance. Helen seconded. Motion passed. **ACTION ITEM**: Beth will add to the agenda for next year to view the website and clean up all the various links for "partners", "Useful links", etc.

8. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

- a. Upcoming Calendar events – Nothing to review at this time.
- b. No board meetings in December

9. Adjourn – Larry moved to adjourn, Connie seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.