

Hays County Master Naturalist Chapter Board Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2017 6:30 PM
Woodcreek City Hall Meeting Room

In Attendance:

Beth Ramey, President
Connie Boltz, Vice President
Larry Calvert, Treasurer
Art Arizpe, Past President
Dixie Camp, State Representative & Volunteer Services
Jane Dunham, Membership, Records
Susan Neill, Training Committee Chair
Mark Wojcik, Incoming Training Committee Chair
Roxana Donegan, Outreach Events & Host Committee
Lauren Young, Interim Historian

(Continued)

Tom Jones, At Large Member

Not Present:

Tracy Mock, Secretary
Mary Dow Ross, Host Committee
Beverly Gordon, Calendar, Advanced Training Committee & Calendar
Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative
Jason Mangold, AgriLife Extension Advisor
Hope Shimek, Newsletter

Order of business

1. Call meeting to order – Beth Ramey

- a. Beth called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- b. Review & Approve minutes of previous meetings. Larry moved and Roxana seconded to approve minutes as written. Approved by acclamation.

2. Officer Reports/Announcements

- a. President – Beth Ramey
 - i. Recertification awards 5, 10, 15, etc. – VMS doesn't track. Do we want to continue? Discussion. General agreement to continue.
 - ii. Hays County Wildfire Protection plan. Do we want to participate? We should ask for a volunteer.
 - iii. Dana Martensen has agreed to serve as Historian. Connie moved and Larry seconded to approve. Approved by acclamation.
- b. Vice President – Connie Boltz
 - i. Chapter Meetings
 1. Next chapter meeting is a Star Party at Freeman Ranch. Potluck instead of regular food service.
- c. Secretary – Tracy Mock - absent
- d. Treasurer – Larry Calvert
 - i. Larry sent financial reports.
 - ii. Audit not completed prior to the Board meeting but will be completed later in October.
- e. Past President – Art Arizpe
 - i. Nomination committee met and making phone calls. Need to fill President and Vice-President.

3. Committee Reports/Announcements

- a. Advanced Training Committee – Beverly Gordon - absent
- b. Calendar – Beverly Gordon - absent
- c. Historian/Interim – Lauren Young
 - i. Lauren submitted photos for State meeting.
 - ii. Will meet with Dana to transfer info.
 - iii. Lauren will prepare Gala slide show.

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- d. Host Committee – Mary Dow Ross & Roxana Donegan
 - i. No update.
- e. Membership Committee – Jane Dunham
 - i. Got VMS audit report from Cheryl Foster. Working through it.
 - ii. 209 active members, 146 actually turning in hours.
 - iii. 10822 vol, 1642 AT hour so far.
 - iv. 78 members have recertified already.
 - v. Action item – Jane to ask Tracy to send reminder to check hours.
 - vi. Action item – Larry will review recert list and make sure they've paid dues.
- f. Website Administrator – Jane Dunham
 - i. No update
- g. Newsletter Committee and Editor – Hope Shimek - absent
- h. Outreach Coordinator – Art Arizpe
 - i. Outreach Event Coordinator – Roxana Donegan
 - 1. Rainwater Revival – Mary O'Hara, so far, to help.
 - 2. LeeAnn Linam will pick up the Aquifer model to use for a class.
 - ii. Speakers Bureau
 - 1. Jane sent Art speakers info and have contacted them.
 - 2. Received three from Kim Ort.
 - iii. Beautifulhayscounty.org
 - 1. Admin tasks assigned and account set up.
 - 2. Reviewed invoice.
 - 3. Action item – set up a conf call with upbeat mktg to review invoice.
- i. Training Committee Coordinator – Susan Neill
 - i. Just held class #12. Class is finished!
 - ii. 32 to graduate if all get their makeups done
 - iii. 23 already certified
 - iv. 6 more will be done by Gala
 - v. 7 already double-certified
 - vi. Mark – planning meeting starts next week.
 - vii. Mark – need to approve training committee – list handed out. Connie moved and Larry seconded to approve. Passed by acclamation.
- j. State Representative – Dixie Camp
 - i. No update.
- k. Volunteer Services – Dixie Camp
 - i. Project request from a member to create a NPSOT native plant list. Request denied as a new project but work will count as outreach.
 - ii. Cypress Creek Nature Preserve project reinstated, #410. Dell Hood will be coordinator.
 - iii. 5-mile Dam signage project reinstated, #904, Tracy Mock will be coordinator.

4. Advisors

- a. TP&WD Representative – Gordon Linam - absent
- b. AgriLife Extension – Jason Mangold - absent

5. At Large Member

- a. Tom Jones
 - i. Tenure is over and will continue to support the board as needed.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. 20th Anniversary Project Chair/Team
 - i. Set up a booth at Gala.
- b. TMN Operation Docs
 - i. Have not heard back from State org.

7. New Business

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- a. Gala and Graduation – Host Committee – Roxana
 - i. Location – Wimberley Community Center
 - ii. Shared schedule, menu, admission
- b. Gala and Graduation – Program and Agenda – Beth
 1. Show videos from Stephen R. and Lauren, display panels for class posters, class photos from reunion in slide show
 2. New partner – EmilyAnn Theatre & Gardens. Dixie moved and Connie seconded to approve. Passed by acclamation.
 3. Linda Calvert will do program again.
 4. Larry to ask for volunteers to help at reception desk.
 5. Lauren and Beth to coordinate on printing name tags
 6. Action Item – Tracy to send out reminder to get hours entered by Nov 6th to be recognized at Gala.
 7. Beth needs recert list by Nov 8th.
 8. Dixie and Bob C. for 20th anniversary interviews

8. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

- a. Upcoming Calendar events - Reviewed

9. **Adjourn** – Connie made a motion to adjourn, Roxana seconded. Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.