

**Hays County Chapter
Texas Master Naturalist
Annual Meeting
November 16, 2007**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dixie Camp.

Training Committee Chair Nancy Turner presented the Class of 2007 – the Madrones. A special presentation was made by Sonny Arnold. Judy Telford presented recertification pins to the following 33 members:

A. Allen	S. Black	K. Hayward	J. McMeans	M. Tull
L. Ancelet	D. Camp	C. Kelley	L. Morgan	T. Tull
K. Archer	C. Cassidy	J. Kinscherff	S. Nenney	N. Turner
M. Arizpe	M. Couvillion	D. Knight	D. Shively	B. Watkins
R. Barnett	R. Franklin	W. Krudop	W. Simon	T. Watson
K. Bartell	G. Geist	J. Little	H. Smith	C. Wernli
J. Black	L. Geist	S. Lucas	J. Telford	

Annual Awards were presented as follows:

<u>AWARD CATEGORIES</u>	<u>Award Recipients</u>
1. <u>Past-President (Outgoing) Award of Service</u> <i>For current HCMN Program President upon the end of his term in office.</i>	D. Shively
2. <u>Years of Service to Chapter (5, 10, etc.) for Certified Members</u> <i>For recognition of certified members of HCMN upon completion of periods of time (5, 10, 15, etc. years)</i>	5 yrs. A. Allen D. Bassett G. Hood W. Krudop J. Telford
4. Volunteer Service Hour Milestones	K. Archer: 250 J. Black: 250 K. Hayward: 250 J. Kinscherff: 500 W. Krudop: 500/ 1000 S. Lucas: 250 J. McMeans: 250 J. Telford: 500
5. <u>Award of Recognition - Training Committee Chair</u> <i>For current HCMN Training Committee Chairperson for each year (or term) of service as chairman.</i>	N. Turner
6. <u>Outstanding Training Committee Volunteer</u> <i>For a volunteer nominated by the Training Committee Chair who excelled in their participation on the training committee based on hours of service, commitment, and service.</i>	KayBeth Williams
7. <u>Significant Contributions to the Chapter (1 or 2 persons)</u> <i>For a certified member who has made significant contributions to HCMN on a continual basis based on years of service, volunteer hours, project participation,</i>	J. Kinscherff J. Little J. Telford

<i>chapter leadership, public relations for HCMN, or other category as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee.</i>	Cara Wernli
8. <u>Outstanding Chapter Volunteer of the Year</u> <i>For a certified member who has made significant contributions to HCMN for the current year based on service, volunteer hours, project participation, chapter leadership, public relations for HCMN, or other category as deemed appropriate by the Awards Committee.</i>	J. McMeans
10. <u>Honorary Member</u> (individual or group) <i>For any individual, group, or organization that has exemplified the standards of a HCMN and have made significant contributions to the continued education and stewardship of the natural resources of their community.</i>	Patsy Glenn Refuge Bryan Davis

Awardee Major Contributions

J. Kinscherff (*)

- Member since 2003
- Sight visits for Bryan Davis
- Training Committee for four years
- Equipment and classroom setup
- Unseen but always there to help with whatever needs doing

J. Little/Cara Wernli (*)

- Member since 2005
- Very significant outreach to schools, now teaching and /or coordinating all third grades in Wimberley
- Major force with the Patsy Glenn Refuge
- Trail and interpretive development at Patsy Glenn

J. McMeans(*)

- Member since 2005
- Major contributor to Training Committee
- Coordinated food for Training and Chapter meetings
- Nominating Committee this past year
- Active and thoughtful contributor to HCMN board

Patsy Glenn Refuge

- Publicized as "An educational program designed and directed by members of the Hays County Master Naturalists and Wimberley Birding Society
- Shares same values and goals as HCMN
- Has provided setting for Training events
- Has provided setting for educational outreach to Wimberley schools
- Many HCMN volunteers have worked there (many hours): Jane Little, Cara Wernli, Jim McMeans, Herb Smith etc.

Bryan Davis

- Chapter advisor for three+ years
- Shepherded the chapter through tough re-vitalization of the chapter over past three years
- Coordinated a number of MN activities and workshops
- Conducts some MN training
- Not trained as a Master Naturalist but unequivocally one at heart and now one in spirit.

Jean McMeans presented the Nominating Committee proposed slate of officers for 2008.

President	Dale Shively
Vice President	Dixie Camp
Treasurer	Winifred Simon
Secretary	Susan Nenny

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed slate by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.