

## MINUTES

### HAYS COUNTY MASTER NATURALIST BOARD MEETING

Monday, 12 February 2007  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Wimberley (Winifred Simon's Home)

In attendance: Winifred Simon, Judy Telford, Walt Krudop, Dixie Camp, Dale Shively, Susan Nenny.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Dale asked for additions to the agenda. There were none, Walt moved and Susan seconded that the agenda be accepted. The motion passed.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

##### **Treasurer**

Winifred described a proposal to charge members without e-mail for mailing of newsletters. Winifred will call all five members who would be charged and propose a \$12 annual charge to cover the cost of the publication and mailing.

Winifred also said she would provide the president with a copy of each monthly bank statement. Dr. Rydl will conduct the annual chapter audit this month.

Current chapter balance \$1,849.29 Current class balance: \$3,060.15

##### **Membership**

Judy Telford provided a copy of the chapter's annual report submitted to the state office.

##### **Secretary**

The chapter meeting Feb 22 currently has 20 members on the RSVP dinner list. Susan will print a membership roster for the Board members.

##### **Training Committee**

Nancy Turner reported via telephone that there are 52 names on the waiting list for the class beginning March 6. The Wimberley Community Center bill for 7 meetings is about \$36 per meeting.

##### **Vice President**

Dixie reported that the April 26 meeting date is set and the speaker will be Dennis Jones, an interpreter at Brazos Bend State Park. The group discussed potential speakers including Jan Wilkerson of Texas Fire Service.

##### **Housekeeping**

- HCMN participation at Earth Day. Wimberley EmilyAnn Theatre/Butterfly Festival – Saturday, April 21, 2007. Dale spoke with Karen Bartell about this event, project #602.

- Judy noted that last year there were also events at the River Center (Aquarena Springs) and at San Marcos Nature Center, but she has not heard from them.
- Dale reported that chapter members who want to purchase the state Training Manual can do so through Bryan's office. Dale proposed that a list could be circulated for those wishing to buy a manual for \$30.

**ACTION:** Susan will circulate a notice of information. Orders must be prepaid. Check on price with Bryan. Provide a month to advertise and send checks to Winifred Simon, 600 Red Hawk Road, 78676. Due March 16 or four weeks from send out.

**Blessing of the San Marcos River**, a Sunday event with booths, etc could be an outreach opportunity. No date available from Judy.

### **First Chapter Meeting, 22 February**

The first chapter meeting is set for February 22 Wimberley Community Center. The speaker is Pauline Tom, President of the Texas Bluebird Society.

### **Discussion on Chapter Volunteer Projects**

The group discussed the process for establishing and approving of volunteer projects. Judy receives them from the web site and forwards to the President. He can approve or disapprove. Disapproved projects can be appealed and approved by 3 votes from the Board. Some projects on the web list have not shown activity in years.

The group discussed whether the chapter should have some primary activity focus for chapter activity at which a number of people participate and the need for a review of the existing volunteer activity list. Judy proposed the possibility of clustering activities such as Outreach to Schools. Questions raised included:

Should we accept every proposal that meets the state criteria?

Should a project drawing a minimum number of hours remain on the list? What about projects with little or no reported activity in years?

Dale supported the concept of 2-3 chapter-sponsored projects, each with a leader who sets and reaches goals.

**ACTION ITEM;** Walt will ask LaRay /Ginger about their interest in chairing a Volunteer Projects committee to assess this system and make recommendations. Tasks will include to asses the current list and evaluate effectiveness based on participation and usefulness. Are there ways to combine some activities?

The web site call for volunteers from Tom in 2006 is still fairly current but needs updating. Dale will address it.

**ACTION ITEM:** The template for awards for the Awards Committee from 2006 will be sent by Nancy Turner to the new committee.

### **Other Business**

The Board drafted a 2007 calendar of events to include chapter meetings every two months, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of those months: April 26, June 21 or 28, August 16, October 25. Alternate months may offer be a project or work day or field trip. The class will graduate Friday, Oct 26. The election must be held in November, maybe November 8 or 15.

Judy distributed new proposals for volunteer projects. 1) bluebirds nests, 2) Negly Community School, 3) curbside outreach. The board approved all submissions and added them to the list for the Volunteer Projects Committee to evaluate.

**Date of Next Board Meeting \ Location**

April 5, 7:00pm. Thursday, 620 Red Hawk Road (home of Winfred Simon and Shirley Danforth)

Next meeting: discuss fundraising ideas.

**Adjourn**

Winifred moved that the meeting adjourn. Judy Telford seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted:

Susan Nenney, Secretary

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