

Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting  
March 12, 2009 7:00 pm  
Dripping Springs City Hall  
Dripping Springs, Texas

**Attending:** Present Dixie Camp, Vice Present Ben Adair, Secretary Mary Arizpe, Host Committee Chair Jean McMeans, Past President Dale Shively, Newsletter Chair Art Arizpe, Training Committee Chair Mimi Boelter, Advanced Training Chair Betty Finley, Membership Chair Beth Ramey, TPWD Sponsor Lee Ann Linam, Volunteer Project Chair Walt Krudop, chapter members Leo Butler and Charles O'Dell.

**Not Attending:** Treasurer Larry Calvert, Outreach Committee Chair Susan Nenny, Historian Dorothy Knight.

Dixie called the meeting to order at 7:14. The agenda was approved.

### **Discussions**

Walt led a discussion about chapter governance and the role of the board. The executive board can make any decisions that the full board can make in 2 instances: before the full board is in place and in emergencies. After the full board is in place all members have equal power. The executive board determines the direction of the group and the advisors offer suggestions but do not shape direction. The board discussed reaching decisions by consensus and inviting people with "issues" to bring them before the board.

### **Officer Reports**

#### President

No Report

#### Vice President

Be reported that the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit will be volunteer project #425.

The March 26<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting will be at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. The speaker will be announced and there may be a field trip. Sandy Lucas will help with the program committee.

#### Treasurer

Since Larry was absent Dixie gave the treasurer's report. The board looked over the format.

#### Secretary

Verified contact information for board members.

#### Past President

Dale discussed obtaining mugs as thank you gifts for speakers.

### TPWD Sponsor

No report

### Membership

Beth reported that 80 hours of advanced training had been reported as well as 318 volunteer hours from 27 people. She will send out an email about demographics.

### Advanced Training

Betty approved 10 Advanced trainings this month including a block of 5 trainings from the city of Austin.

### Volunteer Projects

Walt has set up 2 lists of volunteer projects-1 of active projects and 1 of projects with no hours attributed to them. He may add a new column to the projects page to denote in what part of the county a project is located. Our plot of land at Emily Ann Theatre may move. Marilyn Lumia and Mary Ann Whitt will help determine how to develop the additional land.

### Training Committee

Mimi reported the training class has 36 students including a docent from Canyon Gorge. Master Naturalists pay \$5.00 to tour the gorge instead of the usual \$10.00. Board members will attend training class meetings so the class can get to know the board. Art and Mary Arizpe will go to the April 7<sup>th</sup> class.

### Newsletter

Art has contacted the editor of the Wimberley View. HE is willing to work with us and print stories about Master Naturalist events. The editor also owns papers in Buda, Kyle, and Dripping Springs. Larry Calvert will write the April "Naturalist's View for the newsletter.

### Outreach

Susan reported that we have been invited to have a booth at the Builder's Fair in Wimberley. Art will contact Kate Shayler to get the display board and will put a note in the newsletter to ask for volunteers to update the board.

### Host Committee

No report

### Historian

Not attending

The next board meeting will be April 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The location will be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.