

Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting
April 16, 2009 7:00 pm
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Wimberley, Texas

Attending: Present Dixie Camp, Vice Present Ben Adair, Secretary Mary Arizpe, Treasurer Larry Calvert, Host Committee Chair Jean McMeans, Past President Dale Shively, Training Committee Chair Mimi Boelter, Advanced Training Chair Betty Finley, Membership Chair Beth Ramey, Volunteer Project Chair Walt Krudop, Outreach Committee Chair Susan Nenney

Not Attending: Newsletter Chair Art Arizpe, TPNWD Sponsor Lee Ann Linam, Historian Dorothy Knight.

Dixie called the meeting to order at 7:08. The agenda was approved.

Discussions

Dixie reviewed the State Annual Report. There was a discussion on the Outreach and Education portion. A direct outreach event means there was an actual hands-on or active teaching component for the majority of the event. The event coordinator is responsible for counting and reporting the number of participants. An indirect outreach event is manning a booth or display and counts as one event. If multiple people explain the project to multiple people, how many unique encounters did you have? It was suggested to call other chapters to see how they handle it.

Project coordinators are responsible for reporting the number of trails miles and acreage impacted.

Dixie will send a note to the event and project coordinators explaining what information is needed and why. Beth and Susan will get together and decide how to report the Outreach and Education information.

Officer Reports

President

No Report

Vice President

Ben reported that the Girl Scouts will build an arbor at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit.

He is talking to the Design, Build, Live organization about being the presenters at the May 28th chapter meeting and also suggested that we look into a partnership with them.

The April 25th chapter meeting will be at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. The topic will be revegetation of areas that have had burn piles.

Treasurer

Larry gave a corrected February report and the March report. He wants to send the reports out by email and ask for corrections at board meetings.

Secretary

No report

Past President

No report

Membership

Beth reported that 149.5 hours of advanced training had been reported, 40 hours of that was from the training class. 576 volunteer and travel hours were reported, 60 of those from the class.

Advanced Training

Betty approved 10 Advanced trainings this month including a block of 5 trainings from the city of Austin. Site visits and class field trips count as AT.

Volunteer Projects

Walt reported that there are 3 new projects: School based education, Red Oak monitoring, and Barsana Dam. We need to provide name tags for training class members at volunteer projects. People who work with children need to have background checks. We can tell the volunteers that they need to get checked but we can't follow up and make sure they did it. The Ag. Agent gets the results and is the responsible party. Walt will get information from Michelle.

Training Committee

Mimi reported that the Freeman Ranch class is coming up. The first site visit is coming up as well.

Newsletter

There is a chapter highlight section on the state website. Art could submit articles that are already written-maybe once a month.

Susan will write the "A Naturalist's View" for the next newsletter.

Outreach

Susan reported that the Wimberley Home Builder's Show was March 28th. 7 volunteers worked the show and talked to approximately 100 people. They talked about plants and the rain simulator. Susan will look for more outreach opportunities across the county. Please email Susan if you know of any.

Host Committee

No report

Historian

Not attending

The next board meeting will be May 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the new commissioner's court and conference building in Dripping Springs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.