

Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting
May 14, 2009 7:00 pm
Hays County Precinct 4 Office
Wimberley, Texas

Attending: President Dixie Camp, Secretary Mary Arizpe, Host Committee Chair Jean McMeans, Training Committee Chair Mimi Boelter, Advanced Training Chair Betty Finley, Membership Chair Beth Ramey, Newsletter Chair Art Arizpe, Volunteer Project Chair Walt Krudop, Chapter members Herb Smith and Tom Housler.

Not Attending: Vice President Ben Adair, Treasurer Larry Calvert, Past President Dale Shively, TPNWD Sponsor Lee Ann Linam, Outreach Committee Chair Susan Nenney, and Historian Dorothy Knight.

Dixie called the meeting to order at 7:05. The agenda was approved and the April minutes were approved as amended.

Discussions

There was a discussion on reporting Outreach encounters. Do we want the event coordinator report to Susan by email or do we want a form on the website? After much discussion it was decided that Dixie will train people as to what needs to be reported and Art could put an article in the newsletter about what needs to be reported but we do not want a form on the website at this time.

Officer Reports

President

Dixie is going to training classes and training committee meetings when she can.

Vice President

Tom Housler gave the report since Ben could not attend. Tom is making a list of people we can contact to be speakers for monthly programs. Ben has been in contact with Randy Stephens, a naturalist with a camp for children, as a possible speaker for the May 28th chapter meeting in Wimberley. The June chapter meeting speaker will be Dr. Andy Gluesenkamp. He will give a talk on cave and karst organisms.

Treasurer

Dixie reviewed the budget report since Larry was not in attendance.

Secretary

No report

Past President

Not attending

Membership

Beth reported that 323 hours of advanced training and 287 volunteer hours have been reported so far this year. There is a survey on demographics going out soon. Volunteer project 424, Trail building and maintenance, had been retired but there is now lots of activity on this project since the contact person, Todd Derkacz, is in the current training class.

Advanced Training

Betty approved 4 advanced trainings this month.

Volunteer Projects

Walt asked if we should count planting native plants at churches for example, as a volunteer project or are we just providing cheap labor? Should we have a requirement that plants have labels with the names and some facts so we are providing education to the public? Walt will contact the Ag Extension office and ask where their signs come from. Walt asked if anyone knew if Barsana Dam was a non-profit organization because if not it shouldn't be a volunteer project.

Training Committee

Mimi reported that the class is going well. They have had 2 site visits. The committee is concerned with the number of class members who has dropped out. The class is working on determining a class project.

Newsletter

Art will talk to Jamie or Richard about Canyon Gorge for the spotlighted volunteer project for the next newsletter. He has been getting submissions from chapter members.

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

Outreach

In Susan's absence, Jean reported that they don't know what the next event will be but it will be awesome.

Host Committee

Jean reported that she will keep feeding people.

Historian

Not attending

Dixie reported that Dorothy has resigned as historian. She was hoping that the historian would maintain a scrapbook with a history of the chapter to date with pictures, awards, etc. Mimi will contact Lance Jones about the historian position.

The next board meeting will be June 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm possibly at Jacob's Well. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.