

MINUTES

HAYS COUNTY MASTER NATURALIST BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 7, 2007
7:00pm – 9:30pm
200 Fischer Store Road
Wimberley (Jean McMeans' Home)

In attendance: President Dale Shively, Treasurer Winifred Simon, VP Dixie Camp, Secretary Susan Nenny, Host Committee chair Jean McMeans, Newsletter Committee chair Richard Barnett, Training Committee chair Nancy Turner, TPWD rep. Lee Ann Linam, Public Relations Committee chair Walt Krudop, Membership Committee chair Judy Telford,

The meeting was called to order at 7:02.

Approval of Agenda

Dale Shively made two additions to the agenda: 1. the membership survey regarding increase in dues and 2) chapter dinner costs. He will try to send a draft out tomorrow. Jean added a project discussion to Volunteer Projects. Walt moved and Nancy Turner seconded that the agenda be approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer

Winifred Simon reported that the chapter has 66 paid members. At the end of May, the chapter account balance was \$2,570.35 and the class account balance was \$4773.70. There are numerous expenses this month. The \$3/month check copy charge has been waived by the bank. Membership Committee chair Judy Telford said the Lisa Arceneaux? needs a badge as does Debby Elliott, Pat Davis, Katrina Hinshaw (Katrina was certified last November but could not attend the graduation) and Ginger and LaRay Geist who have transferred from Harris County. If we can get materials in time for the June 28 meeting, these individuals will be called and encouraged to attend. Nancy has certificate paper and a couple of extra shirts.

ACTION ITEM: Nancy Turner will send names of class members to Judy Telford who will order the badges.

SECRETARY

Susan Nenny reviewed the Wimberley July 4 Parade plans. Bryan Davis will acquire the float, banner, hay bales and will drive the truck pulling the float. She urged the Board to recruit band members and float participants. If there is not a large enough group for the band to march, they will all ride on the float. Dale will make the bookmarks and forward to Susan.

Membership

Chairperson Judy Telford had no report.

Secretary

No report.

Newsletter

Richard Barnett reported that the July newsletter is drafted.

TPWD

Lee Ann Linum had no official news.

Vice President

Dixie Camp has had questions on the content nature of chapter programs. While chapter members may be interested in a more advanced content on topics, Dale noted, public presentations might have a different audience and purpose than meetings attended by chapter members only.

The Board discussed possible topics for chapter meetings and the possibility of planning a specific number of meetings for public promotion. Dixie will try to secure speakers on two topics based on membership interests:

- Water Update - Dr. Andrew Bacchus, Hays-Trinity Groundwater District
- Hummingbirds – Mark Klym,

The Board set the following dates for the rest of 2007 Chapter activities:

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| Aug 23 Thurs | Chapter meeting |
| Sept 27 | Chapter meeting |
| Oct 13-15 | State meeting, San Antonio |
| Oct 26 Thurs | Class graduation/with chapter support |
| Nov 16 | Elections/end-of-year celebration. |
| | Friday 16 th preferred date |
| | Friday Nov 9 Plan B |

Public Relations

Walt Krudop reported that he sent out an announcement about the June meeting to 8 newspapers before receiving Dixie’s revisions. Most newspaper contacts will place an item in the calendar.

Twelve chapters of the 33 Texas chapters responded to his survey 12 about dues across the state. There is a precedent for \$20-25 per year, but most chapter dues are in the \$10-15 range. The Capital Area chapter has no dues, but REI is their sponsor; they also have a donation basket and “a few dollars” from grants. Four chapters charge \$15, 2 charge \$20 and 1 charges \$25.

Nancy Turner moved that the news be raised from \$12 to \$15 per year beginning June 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Training Committee

Class Status: Nancy reported that speakers continue to be scheduled as the year unfolds. This year’s site visits are reformatted to match the state curriculum. Eight site visits are scheduled (and 2 are required for Trainees). Last year 12 people attended most site visits but the numbers have grown with chapter participation. Each qualifies for 2 hours of advanced training for students and chapter members. Jun 14 6pm -8pm is the next site visit with Tom Hausler.

There are still problems with copying class DVDs. Walt will look at the last set of meeting DVDs and see if he can get them copied.

Facility use: The big room has a disappointing acoustic problems. Most classes will continue to be held in the original classroom.

Workshop on establishing new training committee guidelines: The Board will send emails to Chapter members to discuss a workshop on establishing new training committee guidelines and schedule a future Board meeting to address proposed changes.

President's Report

June 28 Chapter meeting: Dixie will place flyers around the community.

Dale reported on the fall State Meeting to be held in San Antonio. Susan will send out an advance notice to the chapter membership.

Date of Next Board Meeting \ Location: To be determined.

Adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted:

Susan Nenney, Secretary