

Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 7, 2007, 6:30 pm
Wimberley Community Center

Attending: President Dale Shively, Secretary Susan Nenney, Texas Extension Sponsor Bryan Davis, Outreach Chair Walt Krudop, Membership Chair Judy Telford, Treasurer Winifred Simon, Training Committee Chair Nancy Turner, Host Committee Chair Jean McMeans, Vice President Dixie Camp

Not Attending: TPWD Sponsor LeeAnn Linum

Approximately 10 chapter members attended.

Reports

Membership Chair Judy Telford reported that over 4,000 volunteer hours were reported for 55 members for 10 months of 2007. She does not have any class hours. In 2007 the chapter logged 7552 reported hours final total.

The projects with greatest number of hours will be the class, followed by Rick Norwood and WQPL at Onion Creek.

Vice President

No report

Outreach Committee

Walt Krudop reported there were 11 people at the wildflower training. He did an interview at a New Braunfels radio station. He reported on the events of the annual meeting.

Secretary

No report.

Treasurer

Class balance + \$3,394.32 Association balance \$ 2,211.42. Susan will draft a resolution that the treasurer and president are signers on the bank account for action after the elections.

Training Committee

Nancy Turner reported that 2007 graduates absent from the graduation will be recognized at the Gala.

Host Committee

Jean McMeans reported Gala plans are underway and on schedule.

Old Business

Training Committee Proposal

Dale opened the discussion about the proposal for the training class structure and format to be considered for adoption in the Chapter Operating Handbook. He has received some comments by e-mail since it was distributed to the chapter membership in October.

He corrected a notation about north/south/east/west county location for class location. The committee structure is built around comments from the Training Committee chair. A 2/3 vote is needed to pass these and the other proposed guidelines into the Operating Handbook.

Winifred raised the issue of membership notification of proposed changes 10 days ahead of formal board vote. Discussion followed about amendment guidelines and procedure. The group discussed options for distribution and proceeded to the content of the proposal.

Section 1. Committee structure, tasks and primary responsibilities. Dale introduced the section. Discussion followed.

Edit: Add a bullet to 1.1 – Chair can add or modify duties to key positions as necessary.

Section 2. Ad hoc training committees. Dale introduced the section. Discussion followed. Dale noted that this wording is intended to allow the committee to make decisions and move on.

Edits: No changes were made to this section by the Board members.

Section 3. Training Committee membership. Dale introduced the section elements one at a time. Discussion was held around each element.

Edits:

3.1 – no change

3.2 – no change

3.3 – no change

3.4 – no change

3.5 - Change training committee “co-chair” to “vice” chair wherever mentioned; change “in a fair and equitable manner” to read “in a fair and equitable manner and with the assumption that some training committee membership rotation will occur.”

3.6- Change committee member appointment date to read “appointed by the *end* of October.”

Section 4. Class time frame. Dale introduced the section. Discussion followed. No change.

Section 5. Training class location. Dale introduced the section point by point. Discussion followed.

5.1 - Dale described a proposed change that would rotate classes within the training year. Nancy pointed out that only 6 classes required a seminar setting; all other classes now rotate in the field. She also described experience in the past two years using White Wings and the Wimberley Community Center.

Change: Edit language to read “The training class location will rotate geographically within each year to include seminar locations that provide relevant, diverse and effective learning environments to the county population.”

5.2 – Classroom facility. Dale introduced the section.

Change: Delete 5.2.3

6.0 – Future amendments to training committee/class structure. Dale introduced the section. Discussion followed. No changes.

Dale proposed that the changes be made and re-sent to the Board with a recommendation to move to the upcoming board for action.

Dale polled the board members on whether the edited changes comprised any substantive changes to the draft proposal mailed in October. Every board member in attendance (Shively, McMeans, Turner, Telford, Camp, Krudop, Simon, Nenny, and Davis) agreed that no substantive changes were made to the proposal.

The above described revisions to the proposal will be made and sent to the board members for an e-mail vote as soon as possible.

Training Committee Chair for 2008

Dale nominated Jean McMeans as Training Committee chair for 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Gala

Jean McMeans reported that the Gala is on track. Nancy is creating the Powerpoint pre-meeting. Dixie will MC the meeting and will briefly review the year's accomplishments using stats provided by Judy Telford. Jamie is in charge of music. The Gala Committee will help with awards presentations. Dale and Walt are working on those.

Susan moved and Winifred seconded that meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01.

(Attendum on following page.)

Minutes Addendum November 13, 2007

The Board was mailed the revised final proposal on Thursday, November 8 with a request to respond with their votes by Tuesday, November 13, 3:00pm. The board voted as follows:

Jean McMeans	Host Committee Chair	For
Winifred Simon	Treasurer	For
Susan Nenney	Secretary	For
Judy Telford	Membership chair	For
Nancy Turner	Training Committee chair	For
Bryan Davis	Extension sponsor	For
Lee Ann Linum	TPWD sponsor	For
Richard Barnett	Newsletter Committee chair	For
Walt Krudop	Outreach Committee chair	Against
Dixie Camp	Vice President	For
Dale Shively	President	Non-voting

The proposal passed by the required 2/3 majority.