

**Hays County Master Naturalists
Board Meeting
August 5, 2011
Camp Jacob, Wimberley**

Attendance

Jeff Vasgaard
Becky Northcut
Mary Arispe
Art Arispe
Larry Calvert
Lee Ann Linam
Brad Krimmel
Jean McMeans
Lin Weber
Tom Hausler
Dixie Camp

Not attending

Beth Ramey
Richard Parrish

Meeting called to order 6:30

Summer Social:

Jean requests that one more reminder invitation be sent to membership, including request for door prize donations, and reminder to bring meal gear, significant others were welcome. If have not taken training, need to pay \$10 for food.

Jean needs check for \$200 to pay for dining hall.

There have been 41 RSVPs.

No need for board members to arrive before 10 a.m., not much needs to be done.

Brad confirms that speaker (from 10-11 a.m.) will be San Marcos salamander expert Dr. Caitlin Gabor. If members are interested, she is willing to lead tour. Lee Ann says salamanders may not be accessible. After discussion, board agrees to not offer tour.

Art has had 10 responses from project leaders. He has asked project leaders to have a 30-60 second description of their projects. He will remind project leaders to make reservations with Jean.

Lin mentions that wrong date (August 7) for the social was published in the newsletter. Check done during meeting, date not been corrected.

Lee Ann asks Board if okay, since swap meet has been mentioned, to bring books from Naturally Curious store which is going out of business. They could be offered to membership at a discount.

Reports

Membership: Beth not in attendance.

Chapter meetings:

Brad has scheduled Carter Smith for February 23, 2012 meeting in San Marcos.

Jeff mentions notice received from state regarding tracking class with TPWD biologist. Fee is very high: \$2500. Art suggest contacting Travis LaDuke, who could provide similar training at lower cost.

Treasurer:

Larry has nothing new to report. Confirms Linda and he will be collecting info from participating members at Social for previously discussed directory.

TPWD:

Sonny Arnold will be retiring soon. His position has not been filled. Discussion whether the board should prepare something to send. No one is sure whether there is a procedure. Dixie suggests putting call out for any pictures from chapter events. Jeff will get more information.

AgriLife:

Richard not present. Agrilife has oakwilt class coming up.

Secretary

Nothing to report.

Advanced Training:

Mary has approved five trainings for 17 hours. Flo Oxley has upcoming class on plant morphology.

Volunteer Projects:

Art says there are three new approved projects: Bunting Ranch, a water collection project, and Flo Oxley's survey on invasive species.

Re HCMN pieces in Hays County newsletter. Art has spoken with Loreen Kern. Art sent a link to see if possible they can use material we have already put in newsletter.

Training:

Bamberger visit and the West Cave field trips are upcoming.

Photo Contest:

September 10 at San Marcos Activity Center, 5 p.m. Art will be emcee. Jeff will speak, representing the chapter since HCMN is co-sponsor, present award for photo of best natural habitat. Space is available if HCMN wants to do a table.

Jeff reminds board Rainwater Revival in October. Board agrees we should have table there as well.

Calendar:

Tom says he needs more items. Jeff will ask members at the social if they use the calendar and website.

Jeff asks for motion to approve minutes. Jean motion, Brad seconds.

Motion to adjourn, from Becky. Mary seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:20.