

Hays MN Board Agenda

June 3, 2010

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center

Jacob's Well Natural Area

Wimberley, TX

1. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

2. Officer Reports

President (Dixie)

Volunteer Hours Reporting policy change

2nd Rainfall Simulator

VP (Tom)

Treasurer (Larry absent)

Secretary (Becky)

Other Board Members Reports

Past President (Dale absent)

Advisor (Lee Ann)

Standing Committee Chair Reports

Membership (Beth)

Advanced Training (Betty)

Volunteer Service Projects (Walt)

Background check procedure for members

Training (Jean absent)

Newsletter (Art)

Outreach (Susan absent)

Host (Vacant)

Historian (Dale absent)

3. Announcements

Next Board mtg. 7-1-10 at Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center

Next Chapter mtg. 6-24-10 at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

5. Adjourn

ACTION ITEMS
Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting
June 3, 2010

Becky: Communication to Membership re reporting: Hours for each quarter. Second quarter July 7.

Send out something asking for volunteers for the new rainfall simulator.

Art: Something about new reporting requirement in the newsletter.

Tom: will send something to Becky for membership about the the Bat Tour and Westcave trip in July.

Tom will ask Larry about the missing total for the Host Committee.

Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting
6/3/10 7:00 pm
Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center
Wimberley, Texas

Attending:

President Dixie Camp,
Secretary Becky Northcut,

Newsletter Chair Art Arizpe;
Vice President Tom Hausler,
Membership Chair Beth Ramey;
Advanced Training Chair Betty Finley,
Project Chair Walt Krudop,

Not attending:

Treasurer Larry Calvert,
Training Committee Chair Jean McMeans,
Kasey Mock, extension agent
Past President Dale Shively,
Outreach Committee Chair Susan Nenney;
TPWD Sponsor Lee Ann Linam,

Dixie opened the meeting at 7:06p.m.

Minutes and Agenda

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Betty seconded. Minutes were approved.

Tom noted a correction to the agenda – next meeting at the Extension Office. Peter English will speak. Becky motioned to accept the agenda as modified. Betty seconded. Minutes were approved

Officer Reports

President.

Dixie brought up the new policy about hours being reported quarterly not yearly. Dixie suggested something in newsletter about it, and Becky will send out notice to membership.

Walt asked if anyone knew more about the funding source requirement that has changed the state policy. No one knew for sure. Lee Ann had no further information.

Dixie said she and Larry had attended the AgriLife event at Commissioners' Court.

Dixie brought up second rainfall simulator donated from Geography Dept in Texas State. That simulator has arrived at the Extension

office and Leah has checked it out. Leah proposed rainfall simulator at Camp Jacob. Do we know anyone who can attend to it?

Beth suggested sending out a notice for volunteers.

Vice President

Tom said not much new. 28 people came to last meeting to hear Billy Kniffen. Tom said last meeting in October may be at Nature Center, not yet certain. Speaker will be Mark Klym.

Few have signed up for Old Tunnel tour on July 28. Still well less than 70.

Tom will not be at the next meeting. Brad Krimmel will introduce speaker in his place.

Westcave Preserve on July 22 trip has not yet been sent out to membership. Tom will send something to Becky.

Treasurer

Not present. Larry sent report. Dixie asked if anyone had issues with it or required corrections.

Tom said Host Chapter supplies total had dropped off budget entirely. Nothing else on budget or expenses.

Secretary

Becky has received latest advanced training information from Betty Finley but not yet sent them.

Extension Agent

Not present

TPWD

Training had gone well. Nothing else to report

Membership

Nothing to report.

Advanced Training

Betty has approved thirty advanced training opportunities.

Volunteers Training

Walt said all students have been screened. Originally had intended to ask people three questions with options but with class, no one objected. Dixie and Betty both said prior plan had been agreed on. Dixie said she thought class was different, more eager to comply. Feels strange that board is in not in position to change with so few people present. Dixie feels letter should be changed. Won't sign it as is. Betty suggested saying in letter it is strongly encouraged but won't be mandated.

Lee Ann found minutes from November 2009 regarding letter that went out. Minutes indicated we would keep letters but background info would go to Extension Agent.

Walt concerned that saying "you don't have to do this if you're not going to work with kids" it takes the teeth out of it.

Walt suggested having two forms, one that allows members to decline, the other as is. Board reviewed the letter and language was added to clarify. Participants will have to send one form or another. Agent will maintain forms.

Walt talked with Jerry Penick from Dahlstrom ranch. They are now at point where they are looking for help with their onsite nature education program. Walt said it had been suggested he call Jackie Mattice but he has not yet done so. No coordinator has stepped up.

Walt will follow up further.

Newsletter

Nothing new. Art has contacted Billy Kniffen to do a column but he hasn't gotten back.

Outreach

Not present.

Past President

Not present

Final items:

Next Board meeting here or take a break for the summer? Walt asked when nominating committee need to start- August, so probably time. Walt motioned to accept, Susan Seconded. Next meeting first Thursday in August. August 5.

Meeting adjourned at at 8:19

Tom

Betty