

ACTION ITEMS  
Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting  
May 6, 2010

Dixie: call Debbie about finalizing Activity Center for the 20th

Walt: talk to Julie Jenkins, Jerry Penick and Carolyn Ford about Dahlstrom Ranch.

Walt: procedure for background checks by next month.

Susan: remind activity leaders to send their numbers. Will re-send indirect/direct hours explanation to everybody.

**Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting**  
**5/6/10 7:00 pm**  
**Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center**  
**Wimberley, Texas**

**Attending:**

President Dixie Camp,  
Secretary Becky Northcut,  
Newsletter Chair Art Arizpe;  
Training Committee Chair Jean McMeans,  
Treasurer Larry Calvert,  
Vice President Tom Hausler,  
Membership Chair Beth Ramey;  
Advanced Training Chair Betty Finley,  
Project Chair Walt Krudop,  
Outreach Committee Chair Susan Nenney;  
TPWD Sponsor Lee Ann Linam,

**Not attending:**

Kasey Mock, extension agent  
Past President Dale Shively,

Dixie opened the meeting at 7:03p.m.

**Minutes and Agenda**

Larry made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Jean seconded.

**Officer Reports**

**President**

Dixie reported that she had spoken with San Marcos activity center about moving the Gala to November 12, 2010. There was a conflict with the kitchen on that day. We could get caterer to not use kitchen or hold the Gala on Saturday, November 20.

Regarding the cost, the Activity Center will not charge us a deposit but there were numerous other charges. Rental fee would be \$220, Additional charges were \$120. Total would be \$340.

Board agreed to go with November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Activity Center and have barbecue catered.

### **Vice President**

Tom said a new field trip had been added for July 28 at Old Tunnel. 70 people can be accommodated first come first serve.

Jean asked what about Westcave, since only 30 can attend. Tom said it will also be first come first serve.

This month's meeting speaker is Billy Kniffen.

Dixie wanted to talk about the last chapter meeting. Larry thought the presentation was good but the title scared people off. Doctor Andrew Z and it was about clay particles. 21 attended. Larry said the church would not have been able to handle a larger crowd.

### **Treasurer**

Larry had nothing specific about the budget unless someone had questions. There were no questions.

Larry did follow through on checking on CDs. Rates had fallen even farther, so he decided not to purchase.

### **Secretary**

Becky asked if timely items could be sent to her personal account. Dixie said she needed the minutes earlier. Becky agreed she would.

### **Extension Agent**

Not present

### **Membership**

Beth did not have the totals with her but she thought there were approximately 400 Advanced Training reported, and 2860 YTD of volunteer reported. This was later updated to the following totals for April and May:

April 1st - YTD:

Advance Training – 385 hours

Vol – 1772 hours

May 6<sup>th</sup> – YTD

Advance Training – 429 hours

Vol – 2362 hours

Larry added he had since gotten 2001 and 2002 membership data and had added to his master list that he had shown the board last month.

### **Advanced Training**

Betty said she knew for sure she had approved three for the month. Dixie asked if members might not be getting duplicate mailings since there are so many mailing lists.

### **Volunteers**

Walt said he had looked at the number of projects that had 0 hours- there were 11 of them. He made an inquiry to them. Of the 11, only four said their projects would be active. Walt removed the other 7. Walt said he'd seen a lot of material from Dahlstrom Ranch but he didn't know of anyone in the membership who could spearhead projects. He thought it would be benefit the chapter to get involved with the activity there, and will call Jerry Penick for more information.

No one in the membership had volunteered to be on their Education Committee as previously discussed. Tom asked Walt if he had heard from Julie Jenkins about volunteering at Dahlstrom. Walt said she was from one of the aquifer groups but was also connected to the ranch.

Walt brought up Rainwater Revival activity in Dripping Springs in October. There will be booths. Billy Kniffen will be present. Event will provide broad education experience.

Walt said he had not yet moved on the background screening for membership. Larry reminded that even if someone already had a background check, and indicates it on the form, the \$10 fee still has to accompany their form. That money may be refunded. Walt asked Jean how class responded. She said there had not been any

pushback. Beth asked how we decide who gets a background check done. Walt said every paid member.

### **Training**

Jean said we had lost one class member, and thought a few more might drop out.

Site visit at Jane Dunham's was best site visit ever had. The visit to Freeman Ranch went well, Baron Richter's presentation went well. Leah and Donna Browning did a nature walk. Next class will be archaeology and plants, and the class will choose their class name. After that is the Knox Ranch class visit.

### **Newsletter**

Art said Tom Watson's piece in the newsletter was really educational. Tom was involved in first passage of the EPA act when he was at University of Montana.

Art said Jane Dunham said she wasn't getting news that newsletter was up. Becky will check on her address.

### **Outreach**

Susan reported that the committee had met regarding their calendar and outreach. Looked at what had been done from April to the end of the year. Also at Jacob's Well Elementary. So much of outreach is personality driven, committee looking to fill in gaps. In May, the committee will put out ad and notices for the Speakers Bureau in area. Committee agreed to skip July and August, will do Brookshire Bros grass table in September, Ecofest and Rainwater Revival in October, as well as State Meeting. In November, committee will do Danforth sixth grade. Nothing is scheduled in December. Only thing already for 2011 is Wimberley Garden Show.

Larry asked that committee plan activities around the two new models. Models have been used a great deal. Dixie asked about presentations at other stores, like Super S in Dripping Springs. Jean suggested doing a grass training at the Rainwater Revival.

## **TPWD**

Lee Ann said presentation to class about tracked species of concern had gone very well. There will be a session at the State Meeting. She had just attended Leadership Advisory meeting at Extension Service, had been planning for visit to Commissioner's Court. Agrilife will be presenting on morning of May 18, and are inviting groups they serve to attend and be at presentation for Commissioners. They may also be calling chapter for information about volunteer hours. People should arrive at 8:30 a.m. There will be a table where Commissioners can visit and ask questions and get information.

Dixie asked about whether there would be regional Expos since the state Expo has been discontinued. Lee Ann said there have been a few.

## **Past President**

Not in attendance

## **Final items:**

Next month photographer will be present.

Betty asked about next meeting date. Error on agenda it will be June 3.

Walt motioned to adjourn. Larry seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:14.