

**ACTION ITEMS**  
**Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting**  
**9/2/10**

ART

Will send guidelines for newsletter piece to Richard

RICHARD

Will prepare piece for newsletter

WALT

Will Call Richard re rainwater simulator  
w/Beth - put together YTD numbers for audit

DIXIE

Will get more info re price of Chisholm Trail BBQ options (veggies and 3 meats)

LARRY

Will get picture of prickly pear for gala programming (I think)  
Get program template for Linda  
Be available to help coordinate gala

TOM

Will discuss with his committee about ideas board discussed 9/2 re chapter meeting frequency  
and attendance

BECKY

Will send out reminder re November 1 deadline for hours reporting  
Will send info to Dale from newsletter re nominations to go out to membership

LEE ANN

Will coordinate with President, Vice President, and Secretary for audit in advance of annual  
meeting

JEAN

Will send site visit list to Richard

BETH

Will send list/report with YTD hours to membership  
w/Walt - put together YTD numbers for audit

**Hays Master Naturalist Board Meeting**  
**9/2/10**  
**Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center**  
**Wimberley, Texas**

**Attending:** Dixie Camp, Becky Northcut, Art Arizpe; Walt Krudop, Jean McMeans; Larry Calvert, Tom Hausler Dale Shively, Beth Ramey, Richard Parrish, LeeAnn Liman

**Not Attending:** Susan Nenney, Betty Finley

Dixie opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of previous minutes. The 8/4/10 minutes were taken by Beth. Jean had a minor correction: re. the graduation gala, members were supposed to submit list of responsibilities instead of volunteers. Board agreed to approve minutes as modified.

Approval of agenda: approved with no changes.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President**

Dixie introduced new extension agent Richard Parrish.

There was a discussion about the rainfall simulator housed at the Extension Office. Walt had received a call saying the parts were gone. Richard said that all parts were in warehouse. Leah Lazewski had reported that the second one was at the Nature Center. Walt agreed to call Richard about it later.

Next item was the graduation gala at the Activity Center in San Marcos, 6:30-9:00 November 20. The food has been decided on: BBQ. Board agreed by acclamation on Chisholm Trail to provide the food. RSVPs will be necessary for a head count. Dixie will call for more information about vegetable options and pricing for 3 meats rather than 2.

Dixie asked about committee members to help plan the gala. Two people are supposed to call here re decorations. Beth also volunteered to help with them. Jean volunteered to handle the reservations and serve as coordinator. Larry said he would assist with awards.

Dale said he would be handling nominations as usual and will handle awards committee with Beth and Walt.

Becky volunteered to help in general as needed.

#### **Vice President**

Next month's program will be on bluebirds, at the church in Dripping Springs. A discussion followed regarding increasing attendance at the monthly meetings. Suggestions were made, such as having quarterly meetings, using social networking to maintain interest, changes in content. Jean said that typically attendance fell off as people met their training hours requirement. Tom said he would discuss some of the suggestions with his committee and report back to the board.

#### **Treasurer**

Jean asked Larry about the necessity of a budget item for the meals since members pay and the expense is met by the payment. Larry said he wanted to budget it anyway so that the yearly analysis of whether we overbudgeted on certain items would be more accurate. Jean said one of the reasons the figures don't add up is because people do not turn in receipts for the food they've bought to prepare. Larry said he would encourage people to turn in their receipts.

Larry explained a correct re. membership from the last month. He had said there were 95 paid members, and it was actually only 94. He said he wanted to continue to do the membership payments the way he had done them this year – making a copy of the check and date received- because it made it much easier to track. He asked for an item in the November newsletter about dues being paid by the end of the month and paying at the gala.

Dixie asked how many people should she tell the BBQ caterers would be attending. The answer was between 110-120.

### **Secretary**

Nothing to report.

### **Past President**

Dale reminded the board about the upcoming elections and told them to let him know of anyone who was interested in running for positions.

### **TPWD**

Lee Ann said she wanted to remind the board that as we got closer to the Annual Meeting, she would be getting the Audit Committee together. This will consist of the Vice President and Secretary and should occur at some point during the first couple of weeks of November. Larry will have the paper work ready by the time.

### **Extension Agent**

Dixie asked who would be getting Richard the list of site visits. Jean will.

Since it was his first meeting since taking the position, Richard gave the board some information about his experience. He has been in Hays County for 10 years, after working in Beaumont and Kountze.

There was a question for Richard about the state and county organizational structure. He explained that he reported to Cheryl Mason, the District Administrator in Uvalde, and that she reported to Darrel Dromgoole in College Station, who reports to Ed Smith in Agriculture Extension Office.

### **Membership**

Beth reported 959 hours of Advanced Training and 5,119 Volunteer Hours year to date. The deadline for reporting hours in time for the gala will be November 1. Becky will send a reminder to membership. There was a discussion about sending the current report of hours out and whether it was okay to send the entire list to everyone, since it was much more time consuming to send each member just their own items. Larry made the motion to send the entire list, Becky seconded. Dale said it should be sent out in the Vice President's name. The motion passed without that amendment.

### **Advanced Training**

Not present

### **Outreach**

Not present

### **Volunteers**

Walt reminded the board of the upcoming Rainwater Revival. He said he had sent a list to Susan for outreach volunteers for the event.

He also said that the letter regarding screening had still not been sent. Richard was currently looking at it for review. He suggested that the board should consider the logistics and timing of the letter with regard to the gala attendance and membership. It was decided that it should be sent immediately following the gala.

### **Training**

Jean said the class was still going very well.

Next year's committee is almost set and she will bring it to the next meeting.

Applications for next years class will be done as usual through the Extension Office.

### **Newsletter**

Art said Brad Krimmel had done a nice column for the newsletter about the project training committee. Beth will send YTD information on those projects mentioned. Richard will be doing a column for the next newsletter. Art will send him the information he needs.

The meeting was adjourned at (TIME?). approximately 8:30 p.m.