

**Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Agenda**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:30 PM**  
**Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center**

**In attendance:**

Art Arizpe, President  
Karen Archer, VP  
Tracy Mock, Secretary  
Beth Ramey, Treasurer  
Tom Watson, Historian  
Dick McBride, Training Committee Chair  
Susan Kimmel-Lines, Advanced Training  
Leah Laszewski, Membership & Outreach Committees  
Dixie Camp, Volunteer Services & State Representative  
Corrine Griener, Newsletter

**Not Present:**

Larry Calvert, Past President  
Helen Bowie, Host Committee  
Ben Adair, Records Committee  
Beverly Gordon, Calendar Committee  
Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative  
Herb Smith, Webmaster  
Richard Parrish, Extension Agent

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

1. President – **Art Arizpe**
  - a. Approval of February and March minutes – Regarding the February minutes, a motion to approve was made by Dixie, and seconded by Beth, approved with one modification per Dixie – clarify the night skies was a MN volunteer project. Feb action items reviewed. **ACTION ITEM: Tracy still needs to reconcile email addresses with the MN directory that Larry sent.** Regarding the March minutes, a motion to approve was made by Beth, Dick seconded, motion approved. Action items reviewed.
  - b. Announcements – take a look at the Jacobs well bird viewing area. It's just beautiful. The "grand opening" is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Board Calendar – All the April items are done. We seem to be in good shape for June & July deadlines
  - d. Texas Environmental Excellence Awards Banquet – May 7<sup>th</sup>. At Art's discretion, he purchased a table at the banquet so that all the seats are filled. Dick makes a motion to spend \$560 to sponsor two tables. Susan seconded. Motion passed.
  
2. Vice President – **Karen Archer** – Recently made contact with Dr. Wilson to make sure the next chapter meeting will work out on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the church in Dripping Springs. Regarding Bracken Cave tour, they are no longer doing it. Bat Conservation Intl can do a tour on a Thursday in May. Brian Davis will be at the August social. September may be with the guy that wrote the book on the history of Pedernales State Park.

3. Secretary – **Tracy Mock** – Nothing to report
4. Treasurer – **Beth Ramey** – Budget report sent out. Realized the outreach budget is a bit too high since it was copied from prior year, and included technology purchases last year. Leah thinks the new outreach chair may want to purchase some banners, but \$500 should be sufficient. Leah made a motion to request \$500, Dick seconded. Motion passed.
  - a. Jacob's Well docent scholarship – recipient changed his mind, so was not awarded.
5. AgriLife Agent – **Richard Parrish (absent)**
6. TP&WD Representative – **Gordon Linam (absent)**
7. Past President – **Larry Calvert (absent)**
8. State Representative, Volunteer Services – **Dixie Camp**
9. Training Committee – **Dick McBride** – 4<sup>th</sup> class last Tuesday. First ever bird walk scheduled for Saturday at Hornsby Bend, and a future plant walk with Minnette Marr. One student dropped for health reasons, 37 remain. Going great. The Bird walk & plant walks were intended for class members only, but since it was published on the AT calendar - Okay for this time, but won't be open to the general membership in the future.
10. Advanced Training Committee – **Susan Kimmel-Lines** – 60+ AT classes added, January through May. 20 added recently in the last email. Tom Watson proposes adding CPR and First Aid training, especially for project leaders.  
**ACTION ITEM: Susan will look into it.**
11. Membership Committee – **Leah Laszewski** – Hours submissions are steady.
12. Web Master – **Herb Smith (absent)**
13. Newsletter Committee and Editor – **Corinne Greiner** – Considering an AT column. **ACTION ITEM: Susan will submit.** Permission to hand out ballots for the newsletter naming contest. **ACTION ITEM: Send a message to the secretary for email blast out to the membership.**
14. Outreach Committee – **Open**
15. Host Committee – **Helen Bowie (absent)**
16. Historian – **Tom Watson** – Researching historian role, talked to Charles Maxcy who has historical documents in pretty good shape except is lacking in the area of photos. Interested in gathering digital images to be stored electronically.
17. Calendar – **Beverly Gordon** – No updates.
18. Adjourn – Motion made by Dick, Leah seconded, motion adjourned at 7:40 pm.