

**Hays County Master Naturalists  
Board Meeting  
July 5, 2012  
Camp Jacob, Wimberley**

In attendance:

Larry Calvert  
Anne Child  
Chris Middleton  
Beth Ramey  
Lin Weber  
Leah Laszewski  
Dixie Camp  
Jeff Vasgaard  
Helen Bowie  
Charles Maxcy  
Vicky Maxcy  
Lee Ann Linam  
Kim Ort  
George Matthews - Trainee  
Jerad Timmons - Visitor

Not present:

Art Arizpe  
Richard Parrish  
Herb Smith  
Eva Gomez  
Tom Hausler

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

The meeting began with a discussion of the annual Texas Department of Agriculture Hog Out Grant. Jared Timmons, an Associate Wildlife Biologist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service, discussed the program which enables Texas counties to compete for funds associated with feral hog control by implementing an educational program and tallying the number of hogs removed from the county from October through December. Various ways the Master Naturalist organization could help with the program were discussed.

Kim Ort agreed get with Art Arizpe to set up a new feral hog volunteer project and to serve as project leader.

Jerad Timmons agreed send Larry Calvert and e-mail that includes a description of last year's project.

Action items associated with the previous month's meeting were reviewed. The following action items are still open:

Beth Ramey agreed to follow up with the Host Committee to ensure they had submitted all receipts for food provided for various chapter activities.

Lee Ann Linam agreed to write something up in the newsletter on the inventory activities at Bamberger Ranch. Lee Ann noted that the article is scheduled to the August newsletter.

Larry is still looking for dates from each board member that need to be reflected on the proposed board calendar. Larry has agreed to consolidate the information.

Lin Weber moved to approve the June minutes and Leah Laszewski seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The liability waiver and how it would be used was discussed. Helen Bowie made a motion to use the waiver in the following ways:

- Starting with next year's class, the liability waiver will go out with the class application which will not be considered complete until the liability waiver has been signed.
- For the current and past classes, the liability waiver will be sent out to the whole membership with three options for turning it in, mailing it to the Master Naturalist P.O. Box, turning it in at the Social, or doing the same at the Gala.
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Anne Child seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anne Child discussed the upcoming social and Helen Bowie discussed the food options. Thundercloud Subs (Dripping Springs) was selected.

Anne Child and Helen Bowie will put together an invitation for the social that requests an RSVP for both attendance and food choice.

Anne Child will put together an e-mail requesting help with set-up for the social and asking people to provide door prizes.

Anne Child will request a mike for the speakers.

Chris Middleton requested that since she will be out of town for the next two months, any e-mails that need to be sent out to the membership be directed to [mnsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:mnsecretary@gmail.com).

Beth Ramey discussed the budget report noting that the Charro Ranch money has been included. She also provided the asset list and noted this effort is now complete.

Dixie Camp provided an update on the state meeting as follows:

- M. Lee Brown will present her Charro Ranch project under the title "Developing a Positive Project Partnership with a City."
- Cindy Luongo Cassidy will provide a short advanced training session titled "Save the Night: Mitigating Ecological Consequences of Artificial Light on Flora and Fauna."
- Chris Middleton will donate one of her bowls to the silent auction.
- The chapter will donate \$500 to the scholarship fund.

Beth Ramey will send a letter informing the state of our plans to donate \$500 to the scholarship fund.

Lin Weber reported that seven training classes have been completed with five more to go this year. The class trip to Aquarena Springs was successful despite the 109 degree temperatures and twenty-eight people went on the field trip to Westcave.

Lin Weber also presented the recommendation of the technology team. After some discussion, Lin made a motion to approve the technology team's recommendation for the laptop, projector, and remote and to give her the authority to select a new, slightly larger projection screen. Leah Laszewski seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Kim Ort who is replacing Becky Northcut reported she and Becky met that morning and that she is now officially in charge Advanced Training. Beth Ramey reported that she is in the process of transitioning her volunteer hours work to Vicky Maxcy.

Herb Smith who was not present reported through Larry Calvert that the web site migration is currently on hold because he hasn't heard from Michelle Haggerty. There was also discussion of difficulties with the current calendars.

All board members were urged to look at the calendars and report any issues they might encounter.

Leah Laszewski reported that the parade provided a great opportunity for outreach and that the speakers bureau was taking off. She said they need more talks and urged anyone who was so inclined to come up with a ½ hour presentation.

Helen Bowie reported that, given smaller turnout for summer meeting, they plan to provide only ice cream and cookies for the July meeting.

Charles Maxcy reported that he had completed sit-down interviews with some members of the first class. He plans to put together a synopsis of the first class and use the results as a template for work on other classes.

Larry Calvert asked Charles, if possible, to provide a few historical photos for the social.

Two topics were suggested for next year's chapter meetings, Hog Counts and Conservation Easements.

Beth Ramey moved to adjourn the meeting and Lin Weber seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.