

## **Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Agenda**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 PM**

### **Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center**

President - Art Arizpe, present

Vice President - Karen Archer, present

Past President – Larry Calvert, present

Secretary - Tracy Mock, present

Treasurer - Beth Ramey, present

Historian – Charles Maxcy, present

Training Committee – Lin Weber, present

Host Committee – Helen Bowie & Eva Gomez, not present

Advanced Training – Kim Ort, not present

Outreach – Lean Laszewski, present

Membership – Ben Adair, present

Volunteer Projects – Tom Hausler, present

State Representative – Dixie Camp, not present

TPWD – Lee Ann Linam, present

Webmaster – Herb Smith, present

Newsletter – Lisa Kay, not present

Extension Agent – Richard Parish, not present

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm by President, Art Arizpe

The June meeting minutes were reviewed. Larry made a motion to accept the minutes. Lin seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

#### **Review action items -**

**Announcements** – Art gave a Naturescapes update. Participation is up. So far, 34 photographers have submitted 200 pictures. Last year there were 28 photographers who submitted 150 pictures. Submissions will be judged this weekend. The 60 entries selected for the show will be announced in early August.

**Board Calendar** – Notable dates coming up - quarterly reports, and collection of photos for the upcoming State Conference.

#### **Training Committee – Lin Weber**

Lin made a motion that we approve Dick McBride as Training Coordinator for next year, Larry seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Vice President – Karen Archer**

Regarding plans for the Summer Social meeting, Karen got in touch with Blake Hendon, topic will be prairie grass, grass restoration, quail, etc. The Speaker time is usually slotted for lunchtime. September meeting speaker and location is still being arranged. Barron Rector will be the speaker for the October meeting, probably in Wimberley, exact location to be determined.

#### **Secretary – Tracy Mock**

Possibly switching the secretary's email account from gmail to one that Herb set up. I've logged in & looked around. Will need to either enter or import all of our contact list. Art asked if all of the other board members are getting blasts from TMN list serve. **ACTION ITEM – Subscribe the Secretary's email to the Tx Master Naturalist listserv.**

#### **Treasurer – Beth Ramey**

Budget report sent. From last meeting, donations ear-marked for 'scholarship fund' which Beth suggests amending the budget and setting up a budgeted line item for this reason. This line item will be addressed in the next budget meeting.

#### **AgriLife Agent – Richard Parrish**

Richard is not present.

#### **TP&WD Representative – Lee Ann Linam**

Lee Ann announces that she is going to retire this fall after 30 yrs. service with TP&W. She won't be able to attend the summer social, but plans to attend the year-end gala.

#### **Past President – Larry Calvert**

Nothing to report

#### **State Representative – Dixie Camp**

Not present

#### **Training Committee – Lin Weber**

31 students are on track to graduate. The last meeting was at Aquarena, excellent meeting. Class #8 coming up on Tuesday evening in Wimberley. Barron Rector is scheduled to speak. Coming soon is a list of naturalist relevant apps & survey to send to the membership. **ACTION ITEM – Secretary to send out APP list and survey to the membership.**

#### **Advanced Training Committee – Kim Ort**

Not present

#### **Membership Committee – Ben Adair**

Hours recording and reporting update – Ann Child helped get data entry up to date and sent quarterly reports to Michelle Haggerty yesterday.

YTD AT hours reported = 770.75

4738.5 volunteer hours + 653.35 travel hours

Trainee status report given to Lin.

AT calendar question – for Kim, how often is the calendar updated? Ben will be out of town most of August. Individual reports still need to be blasted to membership by the secretary. **ACTION ITEM – Ben will send to Tracy both of the mid-year hours reports for volunteer time and advanced training so they can be blasted out to the membership.**

### **Web Master – Herb Smith**

Web page feedback? Has been all positive. The website went public. Google search of our site works great, the only hitch is with scanned documents. Members directory is online, but pw has not been sent to members yet. Some of the contact information needs to be updated. **ACTION ITEM: Art will recruit a volunteer to be the 'Director of the Directory'**. Wait until after the social so that we start with updated information. Herb is getting ready to announce the mobile version of the website...haysmn.org/mobile/ is designed for mobile devices, less graphics.

### **Newsletter Committee and Editor – Lisa Kay**

Not present

### **Outreach Committee – Leah Laszewski**

Lots of SM events coming up this summer, river awareness day, foodstock concert, & more. Leah will send out requests for volunteers soon. Leah has four precinct maps with floodplanes for us to mark at the social with stars where we live & work to demonstrate how widespread MN's are in the county.

### **Host Committee – Helen Bowie and Eva Gomez**

Not present

Summer Social Update – asking for rsvp by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Will discuss set up needs at our August board meeting.

### **Historian – Charles Maxcy**

Received a number of historical documents (newsletters & some combination chapter/board meeting minutes, labeled "Business Meeting Minutes") that have been forwarded to Herb & posted on the website.

### **Volunteer Services – Tom Hausler**

Summer Social Update – 8 projects signed up for the social. Will accept two more for a total of 10. Need to find out about tables, electrical, wi-fi. Projects – talked to Karen & reworked Cypress Creek film project, which was then approved. General project will be set up for US Fish & Wildlife to encompass all the variety of smaller projects.

#### **Calendar – Tom Hausler**

**ACTION ITEM:** Karen needs to send chapter meeting information to Tom to put on the website calendar.

Tom made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Beth seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.