

**Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Agenda**  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 PM**  
**Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center**

1. **President – Art Arizpe** – The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.
  - a. Approval of the May minutes – motion to approve Larry, seconded Kim
  - b. Review action items – Tracy needs to follow up with Ben on possible inactive members (undeliverable emails), **what is the newsletter timing and is it possible to include Advanced Training items? ACTION ITEM: Art will follow up, when are contributions to newsletter due?** Ultimately we would like to see AT items on website and in newsletter.
  - c. Announcements – someone reported to Art that someone was using the MN title on their business cards. Heirloom Blooms, Melody Rose seeking volunteers? But it's a for profit business, so we can't endorse. **ACTION ITEM: Art will reply.** Flo dissertation defense. Email will go out when location is clarified. (Done).
  - d. Board Calendar – summer social is not mentioned, but is scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>. If this will be an annual event, then please add it to annual calendar. **ACTION ITEM – Tom will add an action item for October to determine if a summer social will happen & who is in charge, and get board approval for expenditure AND reserve a location for the following summer.** The Events calendar needs to be updated to reflect this annual event.
  - e. **ACTION ITEM: Ben – Please run the year-to-date hours and send the report to the Secretary to distribution to all members.**
  
2. **Vice President – Karen Archer**
  - Plans for the June & July Chapter meetings –
  - June will be 27<sup>th</sup>, Tim Cole, Austin Reptiles at the SM Extension Office. Tim is bringing 60 snakes.
  - There will not be a chapter meeting in July.
  - Future planning..Sept will be Dr. Tews...Oct was planned to be Barron Rector, but Lin nixed because he is already doing a classroom training so Karen will find an alternate speaker (Dr. Ribble?).
  - **The Cave tour was success, but only 22 ended up coming. The AT ended up being 2 hrs instead of 1 hour...ACTION ITEM: Tracy will send this to Ben so he can adjust.**
  
3. **Secretary – Tracy Mock – n/a**
  
4. **Treasurer – Beth Ramey** (not present) – budget report sent.
  - Trainees background check fees are coming out of the Training Budget...haven't these come from the General Budget in the past?
  - We received a \$25 donation from Jacobs Well and \$25 from DS Community Foundation. Per Larry, a motion was made that these donations be earmarked for the Scholarship Fund. Kim modified the motion so that ALL donations received this year will go towards scholarships (if not designated for some other reason). Tom seconded. Motion passed.
  
5. **AgriLife Agent – Richard Parrish** (not present) – Small Acreage Landowner Mgmt series, Kim needs this to determine if AT. There are a total of 5 workshops

at \$15 each, or all sessions for \$50. Once Kim has reviewed, then it will go out to the membership. First session is July 5. **ACTION ITEM: Tracy will send to membership. (Done).**

6. **TP&WD Representative** – Lee Ann Linam – There was an email recently regarding the “Status of Samaritan Volunteer System”? Lee Ann speculates that maybe this email was sent to Art in error, ie...Kris Shipman (sender) may have assumed the email blast went only to tpw staff. Is there a Michelle Haggerty update? **ACTION ITEM: Lee Ann will follow up.**
7. **Past President** – Larry Calvert – n/a
8. **State Representative** – Dixie Camp – n/a
9. **Training Committee** – Lin Weber
  - There are 35 trainees currently.
  - There was a wonderful site visit last Tuesday evening...160 acres on Red Hawk. Aquarena class is coming up next. Two stations, glass bottom boats & turtle expert, then dinner, then Andy Sansom talks about water.
  - Regarding next years training coordinator, suggestions being reviewed.
10. **Advanced Training Committee** – Kim Ort – this month we approved 28 hours of AT. So far this year 342 hours have been approved (wow!). Kim will revisit/get back to the “AT tracks” (mammals, plants are continuing, webinars are ongoing, etc.)
11. **Membership Committee** – Ben Adair (not present)
12. **Web Master** – Herb Smith -
  - a. Web page report – new design of the webpage revealed, slightly different color scheme, more subtle. [Haysmn.org/test/html](http://Haysmn.org/test/html) which includes a members only directory login & will be Pw protected. The site search is very powerful and very useful. There needs to be a single point of contact for the general public...We will use “President” for now and then we can review for future. Art-will we be able to add a photo gallery in the future? Link to Flickr maybe? **ACTION ITEM: Art will look at setting up a photo gallery account for the chapter.** Herb is ready to go live. Herb will let us know when the test page is ready for review. (Done & LIVE, whoo hoo!).
13. **Newsletter Committee and Editor** – Lisa Kay (not present)
14. **Outreach Committee** – Leah Laszewski (not present)
15. **Host Committee** – Helen Bowie and Eva Gomez – Social, John Knox chef has presented the various options. AV equipment is available. We have a confirmed reservation of the space from 9 am – 3 pm. Our cost is \$10 per person which will include “lunch” plus an early set up of juice with light breakfast options for the early arrivals. The reservation form will go out 1<sup>st</sup> week of July. The menu needs to be decided – we trust Helen to finalize. Do we want to charging something for the social? A discussion of \$5 per person was proposed. We prefer to keep it no

charge but we have a problem of wasted money & food for folks who rsvp'd and didn't show up. **ACTION ITEMS: Door prizes-Lin will do this. Survey-Art will do this.**

16. **Historian** – Charles Maxcy (not present)

17. **Volunteer Services** – Tom Hausler –

- There has been a request to create a project for the production of a dvd about cypress creek. Feedback indicates it's not a suitable volunteer project. Fundraising for other organizations is definitely a problem. Answer is no with our concerns. They could possible reformat and present it again.
- Calendar – Events, needs to be updated.
- The contact person for Westcave Preserve has changed, ACTION ITEM: Please update the approved project list.

18. **Calendar** – Tom Hausler

19. **Adjourn** – Tom made motion to 8:18, seconded by Herb. The meeting was adjourned.