

Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Agenda
May 8th, 2014 at 6:30 PM
Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

In attendance:

Art Arizpe, President
Larry Calvert, Past President
Tracy Mock, Secretary
Beth Ramey, Treasurer
Dick McBride, Training Committee Chair
Leah Laszewski, Records & Membership Committees
Dixie Camp, Volunteer Services & State Representative
Gordon Linam, TPWD Representative

Not Present:

Karen Archer, VP
Tom Watson, Historian
Helen Bowie, Host Committee
Susan Kimmel-Lines, Advanced Training
Beverly Gordon, Calendar Committee
Herb Smith, Webmaster
Corrine Grieger, Newsletter
Richard Parrish, Extension Agent

Open Position(s):

Outreach Committee

1. President – **Art Arizpe**
 - a. Approve the April minutes - Leah made a motion to accept the April minutes, Larry seconded, and the April Board Meeting minutes were approved.
 - b. Review action items - The April/May newsletter is ready and about to be published. We need to think about reducing the frequency of the newsletters to quarterly, or perhaps every other month.
 - c. Announcements – Texas Environmental Excellence Awards dinner was last night & was really great. Master Naturalist and Eagle Scouts were the only non-corporate award winners.
 - d. Board Calendar – Reviewed.
2. Vice President – **Karen Archer (absent)** – May chapter meeting will be on Thursday, May 22, 8:30 bat emergence at Bracken Cave. Need details to email to the membership no later than Mon. May 12th.
3. Secretary – **Tracy Mock** – Nothing to report. **ACTION ITEM: Email Herb to have him update officers and “next board meeting” on the website.** Done.

4. Treasurer – **Beth Ramey** – Budget report sent out, any comments? a. **ACTION ITEM** – Beth will pay the \$435 to Texas Metal Tanks, Larry will follow up on the \$160 reimbursement from the County (tours of Jacobs Well). b. In the past, the Board decided to allow checks to be signed by just one signer, but the Bylaws were never revised for this change, so checks over \$500 will still need two signatures until **ACTION ITEM: Larry takes the steps to have the bylaws revised**
5. AgriLife Agent – **Richard Parrish (absent)**
6. TP&WD Representative – **Gordon Linam** – Nothing to report.
7. Past President – **Larry Calvert** – Jacobs Well Natural Area Grand Reopening is this weekend. Bird tour, blessing, officials, luncheon, Q&A in the bird observation area. Very nice birding brochures were created & printed by Susan Nenney and M. Lee Brown.
8. State Representative, Volunteer Services – **Dixie Camp** – a. Was recently appointed to a committee that is enhancing parks and trails in Dripping Springs. b. Removal of approved project usually occurs when no hours are being reported and the project lead does not respond to inquiries. Does not require a board decision to remove from the project list.
9. Training Committee – **Dick McBride** – 37 of the 38 students are still engaged, class is about half way through. Four people already have all their volunteer and advanced training hours complete.
10. Advanced Training Committee – **Susan Kimmel-Lines (absent)**
11. Membership Committee – **Leah Laszewski** – reporting has been steady. Emily Ann 1,030 hours versus 2nd largest project (birding network) which is just a little over 230 hours so far (not all hours are reported yet). The Emily Ann Butterfly project has a lot of travel hours for delivery of butterfly cages to schools. Now delivering to 5-6 counties. Wild Rice Festival was not well attended, but we had a booth there anyway.
12. Web Master – **Herb Smith (absent)** – **ACTION ITEM: Art to speak to Herb about an assistant webmaster to help out**
13. Newsletter Committee and Editor – **Corinne Greiner (absent)**
14. Outreach Committee – **Open** – Leah is interim outreach until someone is appointed.
15. Host Committee – **Helen Bowie (absent)**
16. Historian – **Tom Watson (absent)**
17. Calendar – **Beverly Gordon (absent)**
18. Adjourn – Larry made a motion, Leah seconded, meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm