

Hays County Master Naturalist Board Meeting Agenda
November 14th, 2013 at 6:30 PM
Camp Jacob Watershed Education Center

In attendance:

Art Arizpe, President
Charles Maxcy, Historian
Dixie Camp, State Representative
Beth Ramey, Treasurer
Larry Calvert, Past President
Lin Weber, Training
Richard Parrish, Extension Agent
Tracy Mock, Secretary
Dick McBride, Training
Helen Bowie, Host Committee
Ben Adair, Membership
Kim Ort, Advanced Training
Tom Hausler, Volunteer Service Projects

Not Present:

Lisa Kay, Newsletter
Herb Smith, Webmaster
Lee Ann Linam, TPWD Representative
Leah Laszewski, Outreach
Karen Archer, VP

1. President – **Art Arizpe** – The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.
 - a. Larry made a motion to approve the October minutes. Seconded by Beth. Minutes approved.
 - b. Review action items – The Hours Report still needs to go out to the membership at large.
 - c. Announcements – Lee Ann is retiring, but she will be able to attend the year end gala. Also, regarding the Halloween flood, it would be nice to message out to the membership “Are you Okay?” A good place to do that is the membership forum.
 - d. Board Calendar – There will be no Board Meeting in December.
2. Vice President – **Karen Archer** – Not present. Jan. 23rd speaker is suggested to be Merry Bateman, Climate Reality Leader. Also suggested is training for iNaturalist.
3. Secretary – **Tracy Mock**
4. Treasurer – **Beth Ramey**
 - a. Financial Audit completed. The Wimberley Garden Club donated \$200 to be used for docent training – Interpretive Trails Certified.
5. AgriLife Agent – **Richard Parrish** – Turning in the \$100 invoice for background screenings.
6. TP&WD Representative – **Lee Ann Linam** – Not present.

7. Past President – **Larry Calvert**
 - a. Hays County Birding Update – 31 people have expressed interest in the project.. A 7 person steering team met and will make a presentation to the Commissioners Court on Dec, 17th regarding 20 sites to evaluate, then start to put together costs and set priority list. By April they hope to have a birding blind in place at the trails at Jacob’s Well.
8. State Representative – **Dixie Camp** – Congratulations to Lee Ann Linam who was named Advisor of the Year at the Texas MN Conference in October.
9. Training Committee – **Lin Weber** – Currently there are 26 graduates, 17 will certify, and 8 will double certify. For the 2014 Training class, 38 will be accepted and so far 52 people have expressed interest.
10. Advanced Training Committee – **Kim Ort** – Planning is underway for continuation of “training tracks” in 2014...For example...Plants in San Marcos, Water in Wimberley, Animals in Dripping Springs, plus Snakes & Spiders. The Boerne Rainwater Revival” had over 400 participants and is planned to be held in Dripping Springs in 2014. There have been over 136 hours of Advanced Training opportunities in 2013!!!!
11. Membership Committee – **Ben Adair**
 - a. Hours reporting status – 10,406 hours recorded so far of volunteer + travel time.
 - b. Hours report to State
 - c. Ordering Dragonfly Pins
 - d. Recert list – 73 recertifying so far, 17 of them are trainees.
12. Web Master – **Herb Smith** – Not present.
13. Newsletter Committee and Editor – **Lisa Kay** – Not present.
14. Outreach Committee – **Leah Laszewski** – Not present.
15. Host Committee – **Helen Bowie and Eva Gomez**
 - a. Graduation & Gala Plans – 133 reservations received. Lin is in charge of decorations. Need to pay the caterer a down payment of \$840.00 Larry made the motion, and Ben seconded. Motion passed. We will owe a final payment of \$960.00 which Larry made a motion to pay, and Tom seconded. Motion passed. Linda Calvert and Tom Hausler will act as event photographers. Board members please arrive at 4:30 to help decorate & set up. **ACTION ITEM: Location for the 2014 Gala...will it be at SMAC again, or do we want to move it to the new facilities in Dripping Springs?** The tentative date of the gala is Novebmer 15, 2014.
16. Historian – **Charles Maxcy** – Photos requested for the gala slideshow...pictures are trickling in. This highlights the need for some kind of electronic repository to save pictures throughout the year. **ACTION ITEM: Art will investigate online photo storage?** Physical records have all been stored at the Agricultural Extension Office.

17. Volunteer Services – **Tom Hausler** – New program application – Wimberley Library Naturescape.
18. Calendar – **Tom Hausler** – No changes
19. Adjourn – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dick. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.