

# Hays County Texas Master Naturalist



## January 27, 2000 Meeting Minutes

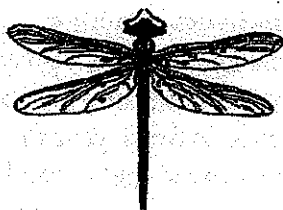
No minutes are available for the January meeting. The meeting was combined with the San Marcos River Foundation, held at the Greenhouse Interpretive Center.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Interpretive plant and wildlife walk (CE credit 1 hour).

No business meeting was held.

*Jeannette Butler*  
Jeannette Butler  
Secretary

# Hays County Texas Master Naturalist



## February 24, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Attendees included: Delbert Bassett, Sherwood Bishop, Jeannette Butler, Gaye Cobb, Bert Cobb, John Duguid, Velma Hasty, Phil Hines, Dell Hood, Gerin Hood, Alice Johnson, Linda Keese, Paul Keese, Julie Krosley, Martha Latta, Dorothy Stinson, Roy Petersen, Joe Piazza and Carolyn Garza. Also in attendance was Billie Kniffen, County Extension Agent.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION: Guest Speaker: Dr. Britt Bousman** from SWT whose field of expertise is on Central Texas Native American Archeology presented a program on 12,000 years of visitation to the headwaters of the San Marcos River (CE credit 1 hour).

### AGENDA TOPIC:

**1. (Sherwood Bishop)** The Greenbelt Planning Committee is working on developing a city wide greenbelt plan to go around/through San Marcos. (See attached map.) Neighborhoods are raising money to purchase 11.5 acres near North LBJ and Holland. This committee is asking for Hays County TMN support to help design natural habitat and native plant garden, etc. **Delbert Bassett** brought it to our attention that according to state rules governing activities for TMN, the chapter could not be involved in fund raising or sponsoring, however, could help after the purchase of the land for the greenbelt.

**MOTION:** It was **MOVED** by **Delbert Bassett**, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that a letter be submitted to the City of San Marcos stating that if the land is acquired the Hays County Texas Master Naturalists would be interested in helping with the planning and development of a native, wildlife habitat.

- 2.** Working on obtaining nonprofit status for our chapter. Cost will be approximately \$150.00. The Chapter will then be able to get a bank account.
- 3.** **Velma Hasty** is working on the bylaws.
- 4.** Discussion was held regarding the time and place of future meetings. It was decided to change the monthly meeting to the First Thursday of each month. Suggestions were made to rotate the place for our meeting and/or move it to a more central

location. **Gerin Hood** will make arrangements for the meetings to be held at the Wimberley Library.

5. **Julie Krosley** said there was an available booth for the Wildflower Days on April 8-9 at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Suggested 2-hour shifts with demonstration of the rain simulator and provision of printed material to the general public.

MOTION: It was MOVED by **Delbert Bassett**, SECONDED and CARRIED that the Hays County Texas Master Naturalists participate in the Wildflower Days.

6. **Sherwood Bishop**, newsletter editor, held discussion regarding the newsletter name, publication date, and submission deadline. It was decided that the *Dragon Flyer* would be published one week prior to the monthly meeting. Articles for publication are to be submitted to **Linda Keese** by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Articles submitted are to be ready for publication. The newsletter shall contain a list of the officers.

The next meeting will be April 6, 2000, location to be determined. There will be no meeting in March.

  
Jeannette Butler  
Secretary

# **Hays County Texas Master Naturalist**



## **March, 2000 Meeting Minutes**

No meeting was held this month.

# Hays County Texas Master Naturalist



## April 6, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Attendees included: Delbert Bassett, Jeannette Butler, Dell Hood, Gerin Hood, Linda Keese, Paul Keese, and Joe Piazza. Also in attendance was Billie Kniffen, County Extension Agent.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION: Guest Speaker: Dr. Lew Hunnicutt**, range professor at SWT, discussed range management and care of the land during drought situations with a slide presentation (CE credit 1-1/2 hour).

No minutes of the business meeting available at this time.

The next meeting will be May 4, 2000 at the Wimberley Village Library.

  
Jeannette Butler  
Secretary

# Hays County Texas Master Naturalist



## May 4, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Attendees included: Delbert Bassett, Sherwood Bishop, Jeannette Butler, John Duguid, Mark Fernandez, Mary Fulton, Velma Hasty, Phil Hines, Dell Hood, Gerin Hood, Linda Keese, Paul Keese, Helen Mehan, Joe Piazza, Buck Scheib and Dorothy Stepken. Also in attendance was Billie Kniffen, County Extension Agent.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION: Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom House**, San Marcos veterinarian, presented a program on plants toxic to livestock and humans (CE credit 1-1/2 hour).

### AGENDA TOPIC:

1. Standing Committees were announced with the list attached showing chairperson (first person listed) and members interested in serving on that committee. This information was compiled from the volunteer interest questionnaire.
2. Discussion was held regarding combining the meetings for Texas Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners and Native Plant Society members. A meeting will be held on May 9, 2000, with four members representing each group to further discuss this possibility.
3. The chapter has received nonprofit status. Federal tax ID 74-2947521.
4. Discussion regarding bylaws with decision to delete the office of president-elect. The chapter will need to provide a copy of the bylaws to the bank to open a checking account.
5. Volunteer opportunities: May 8 & 9 Rain Simulator at Water Training in Bastrop/San Marcos, May 20 Texas Natural booth/display in San Marcos, May 20 & 21 Fly Fishing Show at Aquarena, and June 26-28 Natural Resource Camp in Wimberley.
6. Continuing Education: May 13 Plant Texas Ranch Field Day, May 18 Luling Foundation Ranch Tour, and May 27 Bamberger's Selah Ranch Field Day.

*Jeannette Butler*  
Jeannette Butler  
Secretary

# Hays County Texas Master Naturalist



## June 21, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Attendees included: Delbert Bassett, Sherwood Bishop, Jeannette Butler, Gaye Cobb, Bert Cobb, John Duguid, Joe Elizarde, Velma Hasty, Dell Hood, Gerin Hood, Alice Johnson, Linda Keese, Helen Mehan, Buck Scheib and Dorothy Stepken. Also in attendance was Billie Kniffen, County Extension Agent.

### AGENDA TOPIC:

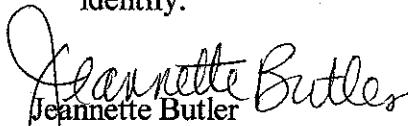
See attached meeting agenda. Further discussion is provided here.

1. Requirements for Certification. Those individuals meeting the requirements for Certification will be recognized on a monthly basis. Procedure for submitting volunteer hours and advanced training hours (CEU's-continuing education units) is to submit the *Volunteer Activity Report* to **Velma Hasty**. Procedure for submitting advanced training hours for approval is to submit the *Certificate of Advanced Training* form to **Dell Hood**. Only advanced training which has not been previously approved needs to be submitted. This may be done prior to participating in the advanced training. If the training has not been preapproved prior to the training, it may or may not be counted as approved hours. **Dell Hood** will compile a list of approved training activities using the information provided in the *Certificate of Advanced Training* forms. After discussion it was decided it is NOT necessary to obtain the instructor's signature.
2. Bylaws. **Delbert Bassett** and **Helen Mehan** will review the bylaws and will present suggested changes/corrections at the next general meeting. They will keep **John Duguid** informed during this process.
3. Volunteer Hours. Discussion was held concerning appropriate activities to be counted for volunteer hours. It was the general consensus that any activity which helps "to provide education, outreach or service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within the community" (taken from the Texas Master Naturalist Mission Statement) may be counted in the volunteer hours. Volunteer hours may include administrative tasks such as helping with registration, etc. Travel time may also be counted in volunteer hours.
4. Discussion was held regarding combining the programs for Texas Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners and Native Plant Society of Texas members. This is to be done to

increase the attendance for guest speakers. Concern was expressed that the programs would be heavily weighted toward plants and not cover the broader areas of interest to the Texas Master Naturalists. An initial meeting had been held on May 9, 2000, with four members representing each group present to discuss this possibility. Two additional planning meetings were held. Attached is a list of proposed programs for the next year.

MOTION: It was MOVED by **Gaye Cobb**, SECONDED and CARRIED that the programs for the Texas Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners and Native Plant Society of Texas programs be combined on a trial basis to be held on the Second Thursday of the month at the Extension Office unless otherwise notified. Each organization will remain autonomous and continue to have separate general business meetings.

5. Coordination of Volunteers and Projects. **Gaye Cobb** will integrate the several lists of volunteers and projects. She will contact individuals to ensure continued interest in the projects and attempt to find a designated project leader. The primary complaint has been that interested individuals have not been contacted regarding projects for which they have signed up to work. Attached is a list of current volunteer opportunities.
6. Continuing Education: 2000 Annual Texas Prairies & Savannahs Conference (July 7-9), Wildlife Management Workshop (July 22), and Prairie Restoration (July 27). The substantive parts of the above workshops have been preapproved.
7. **Sherwood Bishop**, newsletter editor, suggested types of information to be submitted to him to include articles of interest, volunteer opportunities, events to be put in a calendar format, information regarding the next monthly program, etc. The proposed date for the combined (TMN, MG & NPSOT) newsletter publication is the 27<sup>th</sup> of each month. The *Dragon Flyer* may be published separately and mailed at the same time. Submission is requested at least one week prior to the publication date. If information is sent by email put *Newsletter* in the Subject line so it will be easy to identify.

  
Jeannette Butler  
Secretary



# Hays County Texas Master Naturalist



## September 14, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Attendees included: Nym Barker, Sherwood Bishop, Jeannette Butler, John Duguid, Mark Fernandez, Velma Hasty, Dell Hood, Gerin Hood, Laurie Jackson, Alice Johnson, Linda Keese, Joe Piazza, Buck Scheib, and Dorothy Stempken.

Minutes of the June Meeting were accepted as read.  
Treasurer reported a balance of \$195.00.

### AGENDA TOPIC:


1. Greenhouse Interpretive Center. Discussion was held regarding our participation in the Adopt-A-Native Plant Bed Program sponsored by the City of San Marcos Parks & Recreation Department. The wildscape consists of approximately eighteen native plant beds. The written agreement states that the group will participate in planting the bed, weeding once a month and adding compost as needed. This agreement is for a period of one year. Planting will probably begin in October.

MOTION: It was MOVED by **Dell Hood**, SECONDED and CARRIED that we participate in the Adopt-A-Native Plant Bed Program, specifically the native grass bed. **Linda Keese** will be the Committee Chairperson.

2. Nomination Committee presented the slate of officers for the year 2001:

President	Mark Fernandez
Vice President	Dell Hood
Secretary	Jeannette Butler (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Treasurer	John Duguid (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)

3. Vegetation Surveys at the Wildflower Center. **John Duguid** made available information regarding volunteer work at Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Training will count towards continuing education (CE) and hours worked towards volunteer hours.

  
Jeannette Butler  
Secretary

## Hays County Master Naturalists Association

Minutes of Meeting, October 12, 2000

### Present:

Mark Fernandez, John Duguid, Carol Fernandez, Dorothy Stepken, Martha Latta, Gerin Hood, and Dell Hood; Billy Kniffen facilitated.

- The group met in the parking garage of the Alkek Library on the Southwest Texas State University after a program on bats.
- No outstanding matters since the September meeting.
- Treasurer John Duguid will deposit a contribution check. It was identified as a contribution to the Association by a Wimberley area land owner after a consultation by the Hoods.
- Billy reported numerous rain simulators from around the country. He has sent out about 50 sets of plans. He told the San Antonio Master Naturalists that we could build one for them for \$250 (estimates ten hours of labor). Billy mentioned several people who can weld and are willing to support this type of activity. Is \$250 a fair price mark price? It was decided to build one to determine a fair return for the Association. It was agreed that the formation of a committee to build rain simulators should be an item for discussion at the next meeting.
- There is complete agreement that members of the new class are not excluded from participating in the Hays County Master Naturalist Association. The elections will be open to nominations for officers from the floor.
- Newsletters will be mailed every 2 months. Each organization needs to pay its share of postage costs according to the number of its members receiving mailings from the Extension Office. To apportion mailing costs, the Extension Office needs to have current membership/ mailing lists from each group. Main reason for 2 month cycle: Writing and submitting materials for a newsletter, copies, and mailing cannot be sustained at this time.

Submitted by Dell J. Hood

Reviewed by Mark Fernandez

# Hays County Texas Master Naturalist



## November 9, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Attendees included: Jeannette Butler, Dawn Campos, Annice Ellington, Ramon Ellington, Mary Fulton, Carolyn Garza, Jocelyn Guajardo, Luis Guajardo, Dell Hood, Laurie Jackson, Alice Johnson, Julie Johnson, Linda Keese, Martha Latta, Helen Mehan, Joe Piazza, Buck Scheib, Dave Schwartz and Dorothy Stinson.

### AGENDA TOPIC:

1. Election of Officers. It was **MOVED** by **David Schwartz**, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** that we accept by acclamation the slate of officers presented by the Nomination Committee.

President	Mark Fernandez
Vice President	Dell Hood
Secretary	Jeannette Butler
Treasurer	John Duguid

2. Dues. The dues will be \$12.00 annually.
3. Greenhouse Interpretive Center. **Linda Keese** reported that the native grass section of the Adopt-A-Plant Bed Program is almost ready for planting. She will contact those interested in volunteering when the bed is ready to plant.
4. Local Chapter Training. Guidelines for implementing and maintaining a local chapter will be provided by **Michelle Haggerty**, Texas Master Naturalist Program Coordinator, who has agreed to come to San Marcos. This training will be open to any interested member. Date of training to be determined.

  
Jeannette Butler  
Secretary