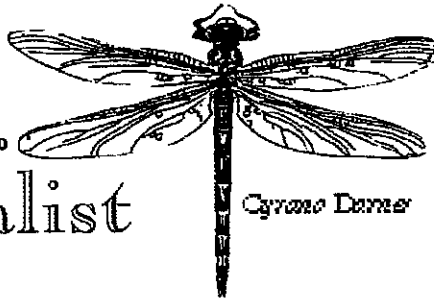


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HAYS COUNTY CHAPTER

JANUARY 18, 2001 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees included: Jeannette Butler, Shirley Danforth, John Duguid, Mark Fernandez, Jocelyn Guajardo, Luis Guajardo, Velma Hasty, Dell Hood, Alice Johnson, Deborah Lewis, Joe Piazza, Buck Scheib, David Schwartz and Winifred Simon.

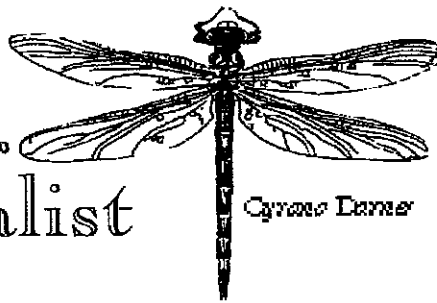
AGENDA TOPIC:

1. Introduction of Officers:
President **Mark Fernandez** Vice President **Dell Hood**
Secretary **Jeannette Butler** Treasurer **John Duguid**
2. Greenhouse Interpretive Center. The native grass plot is ready to plant. **Linda Keese** will coordinate volunteers.
3. New Chapter Coordinators Training. Date for this training was discussed and it was decided it would be held on February 3.
4. Project Initiation Document. A form is available for use to assess resource and volunteer requirements for a project before it is undertaken. The purpose of the form is to evaluate whether or not the necessary resources are available to successfully complete the project. It will also aid in the evaluation of project outcome. These forms are to be used by anyone and are available in the Texas Master Naturalist file in the Extension Office. Submit the form to any officer.
5. Advanced Training. Opportunities were presented by **Dell Hood**. He also provided the guidelines for advanced training hours.
6. Adoption of Bylaws. It was **MOVED** by **Mark Fernandez**, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to adopt the proposed bylaws.
7. Chapter Meetings. The frequency of meetings was discussed. There will continue to be joint meetings with the TRIAD through June at which time it will be discussed whether or not to continue. It was **MOVED** by **Joe Piazza**, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to have general meetings quarterly on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
8. Newsletter. The first issue will be in February. Any news is to be submitted to **Dawn Campos**.

The next general meeting will be held on April 19th.

Jeannette Butler
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Secretary

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APRIL 19, 2001 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees included: Sherwood Bishop, Jeannette Butler, Dawn Campos, Shirley Danforth, John Duguid, Mark Fernandez, Jocelyn Guajardo, Luis Guajardo, Dell Hood, Gerin Hood, Alice Johnson, Roy Petersen, Joe Piazza, Buck Scheib, David Schwartz, Dorothy Stepken and Winifred Simon. Also in attendance was Billy Kniffen, County Extension Agent.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Speaker: Sherwood Bishop, presented an overview of Grant Writing (Advanced Training credit 1 hour).

Dorothy Stepken was acting Parliamentarian.

AGENDA TOPIC:

1. Volunteer Opportunities. Need volunteers for the Rain Simulator at the following events: Geography Dept/Earth Day at SWT (Apr 20), San Marcos Home & Garden Show (Apr 21) and Dripping Springs Founders Day (Apr 20-22). Volunteers needed for planting the first week of May at Elm Grove Elementary, DeZavala Elementary and the State Fish Hatchery.
2. Area Volunteer Coordinators. Discussion concerning the best method of coordinating volunteers and projects. The Area Coordinators will be provided a list of members in their area to help facilitate coordination. There is a need for an Area Coordinator for the Kyle/Buda area. Current Area Coordinators are:

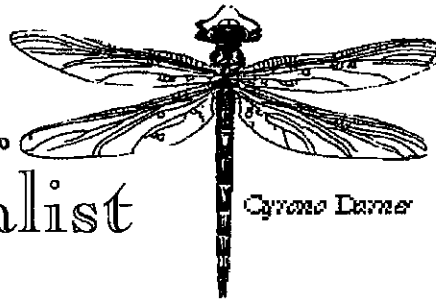
San Marcos	Alice Johnson
Wimberley	Gerin & Dell Hood
Dripping Springs	Delbert Bassett
Kyle/Buda	Delbert Bassett
3. 501c3 Update. Still in progress.
4. Web Master. **Dawn Campos** requests feedback on any problems/suggestions. Forward any interesting articles (must provide source). Suggestion made to add the first class mascot--Roadrunner (with sound)--to the web site.
5. TRIAD. Discussion held regarding continuing our participation with the TRIAD. It was **MOVED** by **Joe Piazza**, **SECONDED** and **CARRIED** to dissolve participation with the TRIAD after June 2001.

6. Chapter Meetings. Discussion held regarding the frequency of meetings as well as the available dates for the Extension Office meeting room. Available dates were the 2nd Thursday, any Wednesday or the 4th Thursday. It was MOVED by **David Schwartz**, SECONDED and CARRIED to begin having monthly meetings. It was MOVED by **Dell Hood**, SECONDED and CARRIED that meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday. It was also suggested that the meetings include a potluck dinner.
7. Financial Report given by **John Duguid**.
8. Advanced Training. **Dell Hood** stated credit would be given for the Water Quality Monitor training by Texas Watch (April 28th) at SWT. Time spent monitoring water quality would count as volunteer hours.

The next chapter meeting will be held on July 26th and the topic will be Archeology.


Jeannette Butler
Secretary

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2001 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees included: See attached list.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Speaker: Dede Armentrout, discussed mountain lions, including a slide presentation. Their biology, habits, requirements for range and prey, and recent appearances in Texas were discussed. It was noted that cougars have been seen in Hays County, on the Freeman Ranch, and perhaps in other parts of the county. Misinformation was dispelled about the cougar taking large livestock. The efforts of some enlightened ranchers working with the Mountain Lion Foundation to protect the preferred cougar habits were described. (Advanced Training credit 1 hour).

AGENDA TOPIC:

1. Kerr Wildlife Management Area field trip was announced for Saturday, September 24th. Members are to meet Joe Piazza at the Extension Office at 7 AM.
2. Nominating Committee. The new slate of officer candidates is to be announced at the October meeting by the Nominating Committee. A request was made for volunteers for the Nominating Committee. No one volunteered.
3. The Second Annual Statewide TMN Meeting & Advanced Training was announced. It is to be held at Camp Balcones Springs in Marble Falls, Tx, October 26-28. Registration forms and information were provided.

The next chapter meeting will be held on October 25th and the speaker is to be Mark Simmons from the LBJ Wildflower Center. The topic will be the competition between introduced versus native species.

Dell Hood
Vice President

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OCTOBER 25, 2001 MEETING MINUTES

Attendees included: Sherwood Bishop, Jeannette Butler, Shirley Danforth, John Duguid, Mark Fernandez, Claudette Gardner Harrell, Velma Hasty, Dell Hood, Gerin Hood, Alice Johnson, Deb Lewis, Roy Petersen, Joe Piazza, Buck Scheib, David Schwartz, Winifred Simon, Dorothy Stepken, Dorothy Stinson, Judy Telford and Betty Watkins. Also in attendance was Billy Kniffen, County Extension Agent.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Speaker: Mark Simmons, gave a slide presentation on the competition between native versus introduced species (Advanced Training credit 1 hour).

Mark Fernandez, President, presided over the meeting.
Dorothy Stepken appointed acting Parliamentarian.

Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed and accepted as read.

Financial report given by **John Duguid.** Discussion held regarding the \$7.00 monthly banking charge to determine if there was a way to reduce or eliminate this charge.


Billy Kniffen announced that he has accepted the Ag Extension Agent position in Menard County and will be leaving effective November 2nd.

AGENDA TOPIC:

- 1. 501c(3) Nonprofit Status Update.** Articles of Incorporation are ready to submit to the Texas Secretary of State (fee \$25.00) to establish the legal entity for the chapter. When notification is received that the articles are accepted as filed, the next step will be to submit the Form 1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption to IRS. **Jeannette Butler** will attend the workshop at the TMN State Meeting to gain the necessary information to facilitate this process.
- 2. Nominating Committee.** The slate of officers for 2002 was presented. **Jeannette Butler** - President, **Dell Hood** - Vice President and **Alice Johnson** - Treasurer. Nominations were open to the floor. No one was nominated for the position of Secretary.

3. **Feedback of Present Meeting Structure.** It was decided to continue with the current meeting structure which is held at the Hays County Extension Office beginning with a potluck dinner at 6:30 PM, speaker presentation at 7:00 PM and concluding with Chapter announcements regarding events and volunteer opportunities and/or a Business Meeting whenever necessary.
4. **Annual Christmas Party.** **Velma Hasty** announced the combined Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 7:00 PM. The Master Gardeners will provide the meat. Remaining foods will be potluck by members with last names beginning A-P providing vegetables and Q-Z providing desserts.
5. **Volunteer Opportunities.** Paired Plot Project at the Freeman Ranch needs volunteers to cut cedar next Thursday, November 1st, beginning at 8:30 AM. Interpretive Center native grass plot needs volunteers to do weeding.

The next chapter meeting will be held on November 29th with election of officers. Speaker to be announced.


Jeannette Butler
Secretary