

ACWMA Board Meeting Agenda

Saturday, March 14, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Remote meeting via Conference Call

1. Discussion and possible action: Separating Secretary and Treasurer offices
2. Discussion and possible action: Charging non-members for workshop attendance
3. Discussion and possible action: Adopt-a-Highway program, including acquisition of supplies to support the program
4. Discussion: Sales tax collection requirements – merchandise and signs
5. Discussion: Separating planning and execution of general meetings and workshops, incorporating results from member interests survey
6. Other business

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Call to Order

President Roxanne Hernandez called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. All board members were in attendance: Elvis Hernandez, Vice President; Woody Raine, Secretary/ Treasurer; Doug Marousek, Director; Angela Russell, Director.

1. Discussion and Possible Action: Separating Secretary and Treasurer Offices

MOTION to separate the Secretary/ Treasurer office into two separate offices. Doug Marousek / Elvis Hernandez/ carries.

MOTION to elect Woody Raine as Treasurer and Angela Russell as Secretary – Roxanne Hernandez/ Woody Raine/ carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action: Charging non-members for workshop attendance

Discussion – should workshops be members-only? Should non-members be charged a fee? The issue is postponed until further research can be done prior to next workshop in April.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Adopt a Highway Program, including acquisition of supplies to support the program

Woody Raine reported that he reached out to TXDOT to find out how to set up the program. The only requirement is to give two days' notice before going out to do the cleanup. The stretch of road is west from SH-21 on 1441, which has good visibility for traffic and a need for cleanup. There's an Adopt a Highway sign there to which TXDOT would add the ACWMA name. We would commit to cleaning that two-mile stretch of road four times per year. Look at third weekend in April and prepare a recruitment email to members. There were about 20 people who expressed an interest when this was proposed in the past. It was a different group than those who volunteer for Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

TXDOT provides bags and vests. Volunteers would bring their own gloves and water. Who provides the picker-upper devices? May need to purchase. First aid kit would be something important to have – a basic first aid kit costs \$20. \$50 are already set aside for first aid supplies in the budget. No action is needed.

4. Discussion: Sales tax collection requirements – merchandise and signs

The association is allowed only two sales-tax free sales events per year, during the two meetings. If someone wants to purchase items outside of the annual meeting, sales tax will be collected.

5. Discussion: Separating planning and execution of general meetings and workshops, incorporating results from member interests survey.

Coordinating meetings takes a lot of work, to notify members, coordinate speakers, and ensure the venue is available. Adding workshops adds to it. Proposal is to separate the planning of workshops from planning the general meetings. Workshops are on a single topic. The responsibility includes coordinating the workshop speaker(s), securing a venue, putting together a flyer, and notifying members.

Doug Marousek is willing to put together future workshops. Angela Russell and Woody Raine are willing to assist.

Survey revealed members' preferences for future training topics, either for the annual meeting or workshops. We could do panels at annual meeting – Cari Croft with Lost Pines Habitat Conservation Program could address brush removal and wildlife. Elizabeth Bates with Texas Parks and Wildlife could speak to Safe Harbor Agreement and wildlife tax valuation. Who could speak on rain harvesting? Roxanne can serve as a resource for many of these topics as to who to contact.

The next workshop, *Preparing for the Next Wildfire*, is scheduled for November 7, 2020, from 9-12 pm at the Hernandez residence. It will include fire wise practices and what the first responders are looking at when determining whether to attempt to save your house.

All of the workshops for this year are planned. The best practice is to plan 6 months out to improve chances of getting a venue and speaker.

Pollinators could be a good topic for 2021 general meeting. Beekeeping could be an associated workshop. It would be fun to have panel of experts speak on what's relevant in their area of expertise related to the lost pines and then have a Q&A.

Birds – there are a lot of possible presenters to choose from. Bastrop has become “Bird City Texas” so there are a lot of resources. Bastrop Audubon has spoken for us in the past. A workshop could be good format for this, since a presentation at a meeting has already been given. It could be a half day for those who are more intently interested. Roxanne has a former colleague with Travis Audubon who might be willing to speak.

Other business

No other business was brought forward.

MOTION to adjourn. Roxanne Hernandez/ Woody Raine/ carries.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Russell
ACWMA Secretary