

ACWMA Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting via Conference Call

Invited Guests: Mike Baumann, Lori Baumann, Anne Ross

1. Discussion: ACWMA going forward in the time of Covid-19 (all)
2. Discussion: Cisco WebEx capabilities for remote programs (Elvis)
3. Discussion: Brainstorming remote learning opportunities (all)
4. Discussion: Immediate future of Adopt-a-Highway program
5. Other

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Presiding: Roxanne Hernandez, President

In attendance: Elvis Hernandez, Vice President; Woody Raine, Treasurer; Angela Russell, Secretary; Doug Marousek, Director

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

The group discussed how ACWMA will, in the time of Covid-19, continue the business of the association while protecting vulnerable members and following issued governmental orders and guidelines. It is likely that social distancing guidelines will continue through at least the end of the year.

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) Program may resume in Fall 2020 with restrictions for participants having proper PPE (gloves, face coverings), social distancing, and the host not providing a meal. The association may need to invest in PPE for NHN and the Adopt-a-Highway program, but they could likely go ahead with PPE and other restrictions in place.

A November Wildfire Mitigation workshop is planned and should be able to be held as long as PPE is required and social distancing is observed.

Cisco WebEx is a forum that participants can use by either dialing in by phone or accessing with their computer. This is a platform that can be utilized for Dr. Forstner's presentation that would have been presented in person in August. Prior to having the meeting, the association will send instructions to users in a Word or pdf document, along with screenshots to direct users about how to use WebEx. A host will run the technological aspects of producing the meeting, a cohost will introduce the speaker, and Dr. Forstner will do the presentation.

Roxanne posted several webinar resources on the ACWMA website with links to forestry, wildlife, and invasive species.

The group discussed other potential webinars or podcasts, such as a 30-minute conversation with Daniel Lewis regarding pine sawfly larvae. Another interesting presentation would be Rachel Bauer with Texas Agrilife Extension for brush management, or Greg Creacy on how Bastrop State Park has been recovering since the 2011 fire. There could be a Q&A panel discussion with experts. We could look at doing a quarterly newsletter. Lost Pines Master Naturalists could be a resource for webinars - Woody will check those out and propose what might be of interest to this group.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.