



Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2010 Called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Melson, Pres. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Lipsett, Past Pres. | <input type="checkbox"/> _____, Pres Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Brennecke, Secy. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Howell, Treas. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faye Wedell, member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Brennecke, member | <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Cox, member | |

Guests: Lisbeth Echeandia

Secretary's Report _____

Amendments: F A R M stands for Fannin Assn. Of Ranchers and Merchants. Approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report _____

\$535.64 balance in a/c.

Reports _____

Hope Community Garden(s) Report – Nathan reported that the land by Tractor Supply is not available for the project. However, two sites are looking possible. 1) An acre is available on Micki Wright's land where she and her husband are installing a rainwater harvesting system. 2) The lots in south Bonham offered by the city are still a possibility. The suggested plan is to have the soil amended this year – to be ready to plant by next spring, or even this fall for selected crops.

After discussion, the board recommends . . .

- 1) . . . That the HOPE Team go after grants. Perhaps city manager Corby Alexander would help, as might Roger Skipper or Randy Moore. Some available grant moneys are considerable - large enough to allow for fencing, signage, etc. However, some have deadlines coming very soon, so immediate action would be required.
- 2) . . . That the Team sit down and create a plan for the garden(s), using the guidelines we provided and any other resources they find. This plan will be essential to pursuing grants.
- 3) . . . That they ask Roger and Randy to do soil testing for both sites.
- 4) . . . That they schedule a cleanup of the sites, inviting volunteers to help.

Paula will send the HOPE team an e-mail outlining the above suggestions.

Home & Garden Expo – March 27th

Not as many folks came as hoped for; conflicting events. Many people interested in our Directory, and many other growers/producers we need to add.

March 27th Films & Forums showing of “Fresh”

Good film and discussion, but low attendance. We discussed whether a different day of the week would work better; not likely. Decided we need to come up with a draw such as a cookout before

the film/forum.

Old Business

Plano Live Green Expo – April 17th –

We decided to keep cost of materials at a minimum by having Katie at Elite Printing give us bids on large quantities of CORE business cards. We will display the detail pages from the Directory, along with any materials our Directory members give us. Nathan will bring his digital photo frame to rotate images.

We will also display the raffle basket with a laminated raffle info/rules sheet {not present to win, estimated value, what's in it, who donated}. Lisbeth has made several contacts with all the Directory members, asking for donations of basket contents, and has come up with several. We will all look for the ready-made two-part raffle tickets stored somewhere. Price(s) for tickets: one for \$2; three for \$5. The winner will be selected and announced (if possible) just before the end of the event.

Preliminary Assignments:

Nathan, Don and Paula will set up the night before ... and cover the booth for a time slot (3 hrs.?)

Faye and Scott will take down ... and cover a time slot

John will cover a slot ... possibly with Allen Richard or Gene Marshall

Others to cover ? ? ? ?

Paula will research their guidelines/timeline, etc., and relay that information to the board. After we have more specifics, we can schedule final time-slot assignments.

Sherman Earth Day Festival – April 24th

Much the same as above. We will have a second raffle basket. The event is 9:00-5:00. Again, Paula will relay guidelines to the board when those are provided.

New Business

Films & Forums – We decided that, rather than have an F&F in May, we will help promote the “Bois d’Arc Goodbye” documentary that will show in Honey Grove on May 1st.

http://www.ntxe-news.com/artman/publish/article_61104.shtml

Lisbeth suggested that, because of low attendance, we might want to repeat some of the films we've shown before – either here in Bonham or in another community. We discussed, but did not make a final decision, that we might see if the Leonard Farmers' Market would let us tie in an F&F with their Tuesday evening market. We could show “Locavore” – which seems appropriate for that market – or show “Fresh” again.

Financial Audits – Paula suggested we consider external audits an unnecessary expense. Audits aren't required by the IRS until a 501(c)(3) has a budget of at least \$25,000. We voted to discontinue external audits.

Long-range Planning Meeting – Paula suggested we have a long-range planning meeting to be sure we're all on the same page. We decided to meet at 6:00 for our May 6th board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Respectfully submitted: _____
Paula D. Brennecke, Secretary