



Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2009 Called to order at 7:00p

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"/> Mary Strickland, member | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CJ Durbin-Higgins, member |

Guests: ___Ross Griffith and Neal Herron _____

Secretary's Report _____

Corrections: _____ None _____

Treasurer's Report _____

Income \$ _____ Expenses \$28 o/s for P.O. Box _____ Balance in A/C \$562.37

Committee Reports _____

Fundraising – Lake Fannin Lodge is \$75/day. Of available dates, we chose 9/5/09. [Cj made motion/Scot 2nd] Faye will confirm that with them. The plan is to do “Hit the Trail” – Walk, Run, or Mountain Bike on the wooded trails throughout Lake Fannin area. (5 trails available) Dinner, featuring Texoma-Grown Foods. Music in the evening.

Faye brought up an idea for a concert in conjunction with a Thoreau DVD – maybe for spring 2010. She has contact who wants to come do this.

Proposed Bois d'Arc Reservoir – Ross Griffith discussed his research on wildlife that would be affected by a reservoir. He's discovered that the LA Black Bear (a subspecies of the black bear) – a Federally protected species – has been sighted in that area of Fannin County. He will set up photo equipment in attempt to catch a photo of one. (They're very secretive.) Nathan will see if some folks he knows will let him do that on their land, which is farther north than the area that's be logged so far. Scott mentioned that Joan Snider knows about the black bear and might be a good resource.

Scott reported that an Environmental Impact Statement **will** be required. This is in our favor as it could delay the reservoir for a couple of years.

CJ suggested someone contact SE OK University's biology department in hopes they would take on a project to find the American Carrion Beetle, the Least Tern, or the _____ Curlew – other protected species that are likely found in the area.

Films & Forums – For the June event [“The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil” followed by an organizing meeting for local food possibilities] CJ will contact Pam Chambers (Sherman Community Garden) to see if she will be guest speaker. We still plan to specifically invite local elected officials and folks who completed the survey. We’ll have one more board meeting to plan details.

Old Business

Earth Day booth – Brennecke and Faye/Scott reported that our booth went well. Quite a few people stopped to complete the survey and/or learn about the Texoma-Grown Directory – most in the morning hours.

Local Food Project – Neal Herron stated that his main focus in regard to local food is motivated by health – getting away from agri-business. It was clear he’s put thought into this issue, and brought up several ideas he’s come up with. When asked by Faye, Neal agree to head a *Local Food Task Force*. Paula and Don will get the survey information – names and contact info of growers and those willing to help – to him.

New Power Plant – Apparently the plant might not happen for lack of enough natural gas.

New Business

New Category for Texoma Grown Directory – Someone suggested we include local wine producers in the Directory.

Next Meeting Date – Faye will check availability of the May Room and get back with a date for the first week in June.

Adjourned at 9:00p

Respectfully submitted:



Paula D. Brennecke, Secretary