

2018 ROCKY HOLLOW RANCH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

TRAILBLAZER RESTAURANT, BURNET, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

10:45

Rocky Hollow Ranch Wildlife Management Association's President, Keith Elwell, called the 2018 Annual Meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

In attendance:

1. Keith and Donna Elwell, lot 4
2. Elizabeth and Dave Donahue, lot 7
3. Robert and Diane Brown, lot 8
4. Bill and Linda Bundy, lot 9
5. Betty and Roy Williams, lot 11
6. Andy Cooper and Chris Doten, lot 12
7. Jim Montgomery and Gizele, lot 13
8. Amber and Garret Hagen, lot 14
9. Ian and Gillian Norton, lot 16
10. Kay and Lynn Jacobs, lot 20
11. Scott Cason and Suzanne Patton, lot 22
12. Cassandra and Bobby Doyal, lot 23 and 25
13. Ken and Sue Tyson, lot 26
14. Nellie and Robert Mathews, lot 28
15. Keith and Barbara Anderson, lot 30

By proxies:

1. Scott and Lauren Ogden, lot 2
2. Cathy and Douglas Jacobson, lot 3
3. Timothy Atkinson, lot 5
4. Jennifer Beaver, lot 6
5. Thomas and Gaylene Boone, lot 17
6. Lindsey and John Hawkins, lot 18
7. Jay and Leslie Carey, lot 21
8. Wanda and Glenn Pittsford, lot 24
9. Bud and Marlee Payne, lot 27
10. April and Jerry Kohutek, lot 29

Numbers sufficient for a quorum were met.

OLD BUSINESS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

RHRWMA Secretary Kay Jacobs had emailed a copy of the February 11, 2017, RHRWMA Annual Meeting minutes to the RHRWMA membership for review and correction. All attending members had received it. President Keith Elwell asked if there were any corrections, additions, questions or comment. None were offered and he asked for the minutes to be accepted as presented. Ken Tyson moved that they be accepted, Bill Bundy seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RHRWMA Treasurer Barbara Anderson presented copies of her report and reported that the beginning balance was \$4438.79. 2017 deposits were \$3200.00, and debits were 3907.88, leaving a current balance of \$3730.91. All dues have been paid as of this date. Keith Elwell asked for questions. There were none. Elizabeth Donahue moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. Ken Tyson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2017 RHRWMA ANNUAL REPORT

Keith Elwell summarized the annual 1D1 report for 2017 as well as the status of the RHR wildlife plan as given to the BCCAD.

- 2017 1D1 Annual report was written and distributed by email. After all membership signatures were obtained the report was delivered to the Burnet County Central Appraisal District on January 16, 2018.
- Keith noted that the annual report has been submitted annually, even though it wasn't required but every three years. Starting with the 2017 report, it will now be required by the county annually.
- The RHRWMA Plan has been updated from the 2005 plan and submitted to the BCCAD. The original plan was a narrative document written by Trey Carpenter at our association's inception in 2005. Keith later learned that a new format was required in 2008. Keith updated a revised and compliant plan which was submitted and accepted by the BCCAD on January 16, 2018. This plan requires some changes in our projects, notably the size of seeding plots. He said that the county is satisfied with our efforts.

Keith asked for other old business. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 DUES

The RHRWMA Board met in January and decided that the dues for 2018 would remain at \$100.00 per lot. Keith asked for questions. There were none. Elizabeth Donahue called for a motion to keep the dues at \$100.00 per lot. Ken Tyson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PROJECTS FOR 2018

- HABITAT CONTROL – Range enhancement (re-seeding)-This will be a spring workday project. Keith and Barbara Anderson are managing and had previously sent out an email to the membership informing them that they would have a choice between short native grasses or a taller variety. All request should be sent to him by March 7th.
- SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD – Food Plots – This fall project is being managed by Donna and Keith Elwell. A final decision about the type of seed to be planted hasn't been made, but will be something like winter oats or annual rye.
- SUPPLEMENTAL SHELTER – Natural Cavities/Snag Retention – Dave Donahue is managing. Three dead or dying trees to be located on each lot; purpose being to provide shelter to a large variety of wildlife. Survey tape will be tied to selected trees which are to be kept in place.

Discussion was entertained with several members asking about other ideas and giving reports of successful efforts. Jim Montgomery has had good success with brush piles left to furnish shelter to multiple species. Diane and Robert Brown suggested half cut cedars as providing good results. They also mentioned their ongoing cowbird control. Keith Elwell suggested as supported by Jim Montgomery's experience to mark on a location map and take photos of each extra project which can be added to the annual report.

WORK DAY SCHEDULE

- Spring work day will be April 7th with a rain date of April 14th.
- Fall work day will be October 13th with a rain date of October 20th.
- Membership will be notified by email prior to each work day
- Work day will only be cancelled in case of heavy rain or storms

PROJECT COMPLETION ALTERNATIVES – As stated on the agenda

- Each lot owner is responsible for the completion of all projects on their lot
- Owners can pay someone else to do their projects, typically \$50.00 per year for all three projects
- Lot owners can do their projects themselves on days other than WMA work days
- Owners can ask another lot owner to do their projects for them
- If projects are not completed by the fall work day or the lot owner has not contacted a RHRWMA board member with a plan and a date of completion, the RHRWMA will hire someone to complete the projects then ask the lot owner to reimburse the RHRWMA. It is necessary that all lots be done or a plan be discussed and approved by the fall work day, October 13, 2018.
- Deadline for completing all projects is November 1st.

ELECTION OF WMA BOARD MEMBERS

Board positions open for nomination are President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Member at Large.

Keith Elwell, who has been WMA President for the past 2-year term, has volunteered to serve another and has been nominated by the board. Keith opened the floor for additional nominations but there was no response. Robert Brown called for the nominations to cease and that Keith Elwell be voted in as WMA President. Bill Bundy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Suzanne Patton is nominated by the board for the secretary position. Keith opened the floor for additional nominations, but none volunteered. He also thanked Kay Jacobs for her multiple term service as board secretary. Bill Bundy called for the nominations to cease and for Suzanne Patton to be voted on for secretary. Robert Brown seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Barbara Anderson volunteered to stay for another term as WMA Treasurer and was nominated by the board. The floor was opened for additional nominations, but there were none. Ken Tyson called the motion to cease nominations and vote on Barbara for treasurer. Bill Bundy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Bundy's position as WMA Member at Large is open. Keith Anderson has volunteered for this position and has been nominated by the board. Keith Elwell opened the floor for additional name. None were given. Ken Tyson called the motion to end nominations and vote on Keith Anderson for the Member at Large position. Bill Bundy seconded and all approved.

The February 2018 through the annual meeting date in February of 2020 RHRWMA Board is:

- President, Keith Elwell, 2018-2019
- Vice President, Robert Mathews 2017-2018
- Secretary, Suzanne Patton, 2018-2019
- Treasurer, Barbara Anderson, 2018-2019
- Member at Large, Dave Donahue, 2017-2018
- Member at Large, Kevin Baker, 2017-2019
- Member at Large, Keith Anderson, 2018-2019

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Keith Elwell asked for additional new business or questions:

- Donna Elwell announced her creation of a Rocky Hollow Ranch page on Face Book and asked interested members to join. Her intent is for it to serve as a source of information for our neighborhood.
- Roy Williams ask the membership to investigate the legislation that is up for vote this coming election, replacing property tax for a consumption tax which would negate our WMA exemption.

PRESIDENT'S "STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION" ADDRESS

Keith summarized for the membership:

- RHRWMA enjoys a good standing with the BCCAD.
- Project requirements are now more specific (intensity levels) and more demanding. He said it required doing more homework to ascertain what is required.
- 1D1 reporting is now required annually.
- Wildlife Management taxation requires that our primary use of our land must benefit wildlife, not as homes.
- Use of utility and recreational vehicles must be responsible and avoid unnecessarily disturbing wildlife; to be used in a responsible manner.
- Serving on the WMA board serves everyone. He encourages all to participate by volunteering to serve on the board.

Discussion

- Suzanne Patton noted the need for new members have the ability to call on knowledgeable members willing to share what they have learned from living in Rocky Hollow. She asks if any would like to do that, perhaps setting up a meeting or group. Donna Elwell said that in addition to that, they might like to contact the Master Naturalist who are willing to come out and walk their property, telling them what plants and wildlife they have. The Bundy's as well as the Anderson's said that it was a good experience working with an exceptional group. He is willing to help other members to contact the Naturalist. All agreed that getting help from neighbors as well others is beneficial.

ADJOURNMENT

Keith called for the adjournment for this meeting. Bill Bundy made the motion, it was seconded and all agreed.