

TXGA Board Meeting Minutes

March 17th, 2024 7:30 am

Delta Hotel & Convention Center

Wichita Falls, Texas

Attendance:

Brian Erickson (BE Viking) President
Patricia Elkins (MsPatt) Vice-President*
Michael Cash (mikjie) Finance & Compliance Director
Patricia Maldonado (Ca\$hQueen) Secretary*
Teresa Hall (TxHistLady) Membership Director*
Wayne Lind (The Outlaw) Education Director*
William Davis (TerraViators) IT/UX Director
Marcellus Cadd (Atreides) Central Texas Rep
Kevin Boatman (K13) East Texas Rep
Michael McKinney (McKsix) North Texas Rep
Cheri Tummelson (CrazyChickC) South Texas Rep
Elisa Reynozo (GeoReyna) Southeast Texas Rep*
Not Present: Tony Mollhagen (shellbadger) West Texas Rep
*Newly appointed

Introductions and welcome to new Board members.

Business

Financials

TXGA Challenge

- Cash Receipts ~ \$2,000
- CC Receipts – TBD
- Initial Outlays

Membership

Sold out of Coins and PathTags – order more pathtags?

Packages pending to be distributed

Email to get membership coins/packages to Region reps or mailed.

Round up 2024

West Texas – Ft. Davis State Park

Oct. 19

“Take the High Road to the Stars”

McDonald Observatory – Highest paved highway in Texas

Challenge 2025

Floresville GCAMM1H

South Texas hosts

Goal to get Mega Status

Oldest continuous Mega event

Announced at Awards Ceremony today

World’s Largest Peanut

Free Museum

Block Party 2025

Lone Star Roundup – Goal: Mega Status (300 Will Attends)

Southeast Texas Hosts – Researching possible locations.

Promote Blockparty at other Megs (booth).

Education

Wayne presented the idea with partnering with Girl Scouts to educate and promote Geocaching.

Review of Challenge 2024

Brian is looking for feedback on Challenge. He loved the Challenge within the Challenge.

Raffle tickets for next challenge – free vs. paid – were discussed.

The challenge of getting new people in the door was discussed.

Discussion about improving communication channels – goal to get more to get the word out about Texas Challenge.

Next Challenge, make introductions of out-of-town guests and visiting reviewers and Lackeys.

Discussion about promoting Geocaching to Scouting organizations.

Geocaching 101 Classes ahead of Challenge and at Challenge.

Recommendation to end Challenge Sunday events early. Get people on the road by 10:00am.

Appreciation for a job well done for Texas Challenge 2024.

Recommendation to form a committee to advise the next host for Texas Challenge. Proposed committee members to include past, current, and future hosts. Complete a Texas Challenge Manual.

Dallas Totality Event

City of Dallas Event

Geocaching 101/Build a Cache

Samuell Farm

April 8th

Brian is asking for help to volunteer.

State Fair – Texas Parks and Wildlife

Michael has arranged for a booth

October weekend (not OU weekend – maybe first weekend)

Discussion about proper behavior and safety concerns at Challenge.

Website to be updated with new pics/bios of Board Members.