

## **TXGA Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2025 7:10 pm**

**FULL**

### **On Line Zoom**

#### **Attendance:**

- ✓Kevin Boatman (K13) President
- ✓Patricia Elkins (MsPatt) Vice-President
- XMichael Cash (mikjie) Finance & Compliance Director
- ✓Patricia Maldonado (Ca\$hQueen) Secretary
- ✓Wayne Lind (The Outlaw) Education Director
- ✓Greg Lawn (travelingGeek) IT/UX Director
- ✓Marcellus Cadd (Atreides) Central Texas Rep
- XMichael Chanler (Fire2Water) East Texas Rep
- ✓Michael McKinney (McKsix) North Texas Rep (joined at 21 minutes)
- XCheri Tummelson (CrazyChickC) South Texas Rep
- ✓Elisa Reynozo (GeoReyna) Southeast Texas Rep
- ✓Alicia Mullins (BigDaddy&BabyDoll) West Texas Rep
- ✓Greg Liffick (TexasGreg) Membership Director

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP COIN**

- Unanimous vote on coin design. Texas shape with bluebonnet spinner.
- Update artwork to remove “Camp” (replace with “CITO Across Texas” and add a female geocacher silhouette in addition to the male silhouette on the back.)
- Ordering 250

### **EDUCATION**

- The TXGA YouTube channel is on line!
- Thanks to Greg for working on getting this set up!
- Very useful for the event at Mother Neff State Park.
- Wayne continues to create more videos.
- Suggestion to post on the TXGA Facebook page to promote the videos/channel.
- Kevin will post one video a week on the TXGA Facebook page.

### **FINANCIALS**

- Report postponed to next due to Michael Cash travelling.

## **2026 ROUND UP**

- East Texas
- Location to be determined

## **CHALLENGE**

- Geocache Talk – Marcellus will approach Gary Slinkard when store is up.
- More promotion stuff. Marcellus will take over or find someone else to help.
- More “Will Attends” have been logged. We have 181 right now. Need to encourage more to keep our Mega status.
- Per MsPatt more “Will Attends” are important to out-of-state potential attendees.
- Also important are “Will Attends” to satellite events.
- Package Names
  - Teal Duck – coin + pathtag set;
  - Mallard – 2 coins, t-shirt and pathtag set.
  - Golden Eye – 3 coins + t-shirt + pathtag set.
- Hide Team – Wayne is the Hide Captain. Wayne will provide the list of the whole team. Cache pages started. Need artwork for pages. Geoart hides as well.
- Challenge Competition Activities – currently working on ideas. Suggestions accepted. Homages to old challenge activities may be added.
- Score Team – Mary Buker, Captain. Each Region needs volunteers. Board member in the score room at all times. If no one else, Marcellus will. Greg Liffick will be the backup.
- Derek needs much lead time for images for store. Kevin says they will start loading them up this week. Between now and Friday, information will be sent to Derek.
- Registration for Challenge Competition needs to be set up on the site.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- Membership term change – for now, it will be status quo. It will stay a calendar year.
- Square auto-renewals need to be addressed. [We would need to ask Square how to handle. Could they suspend the auto-renewal until we synchronize and advise the members?]
- Greg Lawn recommended we could even make the Calendar year March to March to coincide with Challenge.
- Estimated cost \$6/\$7 to ship a coin.
- It was agreed to get 2025 coins to Greg Liffick who will mail to members still needing their coins. He offered to do this at his expense. This is to clean up this outstanding issue before we make any changes to membership in 2026.

- 102 coins still need to be distributed. Region Rep inventory is 61. Need to order 41 2025 coins 2025 now.
- Question: Did 2025 Membership include a coin and Pathtag? No Pathtag for 2025.
- Wayne recommends giving the members a choice when they sign up, pick up or mail their coin. [Square could add an item called “shipping” to be added to the cost of the membership for those who want their coins mailed.]
- Marcellus also recommended that we can incentivize people to pick up their coins for a discount.
- Kevin says to include a general price increase that will help with the cost of any shipping of coins not picked up at Challenge.
- January – final decisions on new pricing and terms.

## **CHALLENGE 2027**

- Region – West Texas
- Proposed Location - San Angelo, Texas
- As West Texas Rep, Alicia Mullins is in charge until March (at least).
- Convention Center seats 700
- 2 hotels nearby: Clarion and Best Western
- There are other hotels also close.

## **IT/UX**

Projects:

- TXGA YouTube Account created and educational videos uploaded.
- Challenge store to be readied as soon as info and graphics are provided - need to do asap to give Derek lead time. Kevin said he would send all by this Friday.
- Registration page for Challenge competitors.
- [Troubleshoot Teams Meeting link issues? Kevin says he has a recurring meeting on his calendar. I do not. Does anyone else have it?]

## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

- Cacher of the Month – North
- Cache of the Month – West
- Story Board – Elisa found a story about a trip to the Artic Circle.
- Kevin will do a blurb on starting a new year!

Meeting concluded at 8:35pm