

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

Nov 14, 2013 – Somervell Training Center, Glen Rose

Program: "Texas Horned Lizards", a TP&W Project by Nathan Rains, Wildlife Diversity Biologist

Recognition of Guests: Guests were recognized.

Old Business: The minutes from September were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Training Committee Report: Robert Theimer

- Robert Theimer said 7 students completed their training with 6 becoming certified. The next class will be in the spring.
- Robert Theimer said that spreading classes over time helped instructors and it helped to study flowers in the spring and grasses in the fall.

Outreach Committee Report: Billy Teels.

- The first Sat. bird walk had 8 people from the community participate.
- The Star Party was really successful, and the weather was mostly cooperative.
- Dave Moore presented plans for the bird blind to be built at the ANC. He also discussed the project for new signs at the ANC.
- Dave and Wendy Moore conducted a tour of the ANC for 17 students and 7 adults from the N. TX. Academy (formerly Happy Hills Farm).
- Robert Theimer reported 300 plus monarchs were tagged with approx. 250 attendees. They ran out of nets on Saturday. The event was very successful.
- Dayna Inbody said around 450 people attended the state meeting. There were very good programs and our group talked with some presenters to try and get them to come talk to our group. 12 people attended from our chapter. Robert Theimer said the migratory dragonflies program was incredible- they migrate more than monarchs.

Volunteer Committee Report: Ken Coy was not present.

- The work days at ANC may shift from an every month work day to an as needed basis.
- The Comanche Peak Trail looks great. 8-10 people showed up and Gregg Lee made a big difference with his tractor.

Membership: Wanda Riley

- Wanda said to get hours in for the end of the year report and for getting award pins. Sarah and Chris Paulsen and Robert Theimer received their pins at the state meeting. Robert was recognized for achieving 2,500 hours.

Newsletter: Billy Teels was not in attendance.

Website: Jim Crocker said the website is running smoothly. He has asked Chris Inbody to transition to the position over the next few months

Notices:

- Robert Theimer said the state is looking to change the recording of volunteer hours to a statewide system.
- Chris Paulsen said he, Sara Paulsen and Robert Theimer painted the nature store at Fossil Rim last month. Luminant helped out with supplies and personnel.
- Joe Langdon said you can buy a 1lb bag of Turner Wildflower Seed and the Soil and Water Conservation district gets a \$10 rebate which goes to scholarships for conservation minded kids.

The next meeting will be at El Tesoro on Dec. 5