

**Rio Brazos Master Naturalists
2nd Quarter Board Meeting
April 7, 2016
1st Baptist Church, Glen Rose**

Attendance:

Dayna Inbody
Dave Moore
Billy Teels

Robert Theimer
Wendy Moore
Scott Taylor

Chris Inbody
Linda Diehnelt
Bill Diehnelt

Chapter Funding:

Dues are not all paid as of March 31. E-mails have been sent to the non-paid members. Linda noted all members who had not paid dues, and the list was brought up to date by board members who had knowledge of active or inactive status.

Budget is good, with approximately \$9700 in the bank.

Linda has resigned as treasurer. Jim Crocker agreed to complete Linda's term, as he had been treasurer previously. Discussion took place regarding updating the signature card with First Financial Bank.

Meetings/Events:

ANC Field Trips: Gail Bradshaw is the lead, with Wendy Moore assisting with volunteer recruitment. Dates have been set for April 12 for Acton Elementary 3rd; April 22 for Mambrino 2nd and April 27 and 28 Acton 1st grade classes.

Reptile Event: May 7 from 10AM – 4 PM. Mark Pyle is lead, has asked for about 10 MN's to assist.

Burleson Family Camp Out at Bailey Lake: April 23. Mary Ann Mathews is lead.

Cleburne State Park: Robert Theimer and Cathy Crocker are leads.

Chapter Booth has been used recently and has become popular. 2 requests have been turned down because of conflicting dates for usage. It was noted that some items in the booth require Parks and Wildlife Permitting of members who display them. If member working the booth does not have proper permit, the item(s) requiring permits should be removed. Check with Mary Ann Mathews for permitted items and if there are any questions.

Proposal for next Cleburne State Park meeting date will involve grilling out with members bringing side dishes. Cathy Crocker presented an itemized budget of approximately \$50.00 for hot dogs and fixings for 60 people. The Board approved the expenditure.

Training Committee: Robert Theimer is lead. Nathan Raines will present at the next training.
Topic: Entomology

1 student has dropped from the class, but will continue volunteering as a private citizen.

A second projector was requested at a cost of \$500. The Board approved the expenditure. Projector will be maintained at the Acton Library location.

Replacement of Treasurer:

As previously noted, Linda Diehnelt has stepped down due to moving away from the area. Jim Crocker volunteered to assume the Treasurer's duties. The Board Approved with thanks to Jim for his assistance.

Proposal for a state-wide online MN forum:

Kevin Pajak presented a proposal to develop a forum, which would involve chapters' news and project sharing, and possibly a "hot sheet," a call to action to which Master Naturalists may respond as a group.

Background Checks on Students:

Board was informed that background checks are almost complete. Board agreed to accept current state guidelines. They will be notified of completion via e-mail. Until approval of background checks, students may not enter the VMS, and they must maintain their own records of hours and activities to be entered later. Board was assured that hours would be honored, even if past 45 days, due to delay being precipitated by State office.

Open forum:

TPWD has a pool of possible grand funding. Approval of project is required, and funding is in the form of reimbursement, not up-front.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Taylor, RBMN Secretary