

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter
Executive Board Meeting – 4th Quarter
December 1, 2016 at 5:15 PM
Cleburne State Park

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dayna Inbody Billy Teels Robert Theimer Jim Crocker Dave Moore
Wendy Moore Wanda Riley Scott Taylor Tessa Ownbey-Chenoa

CHAPTER FUNDING:

Jim Crocker, Treasurer, said that more detailed report would be given later. He gave a plan for transition of responsibility to the new treasurer. He said that a separate meeting could be arranged for an audit, or it could be handled at the bank when the new signature cards are done. He said the current signers should meet with the new signers at the bank with a copy of the minutes in which new officers were voted upon.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Dayna said that the Monarch Project that the Bullards have been doing at DVSP was going to be continued. The volunteers are Sara Paulsen, Margi and Dywayne Calder, Nadia Lambert, and Dayna Inbody. She said it is a year round project and 2-3 events/year would be presented. Chapter volunteers would be requested.

Education Committee reported by Wendy Moore. She said we would focus on 3 trunks to start: Birds, Mammals and Pollinators. Trunks are in process of being completed. Bird is almost there. We have determined what we need to complete the others.

Cleburne State Park, reported by Jim Crocker, has a new project proposed to the superintendent in which a partnership with local animal shelters will allow folks to "Take a homeless dog for a hike" with an aim to adoption.

Further consideration will be made by TPWD.

Robert Theimer reported "Moon Madness" event will probably be in May. Dates are to be determined.

Also, Robert announced he and Nancy are moving to Cushing OK to a home on a public golf course. He said Maryann, Dayna, Dave and Wendy would be all helping with the training classes, but we need a lead volunteer as Training Coordinator. All the current classes have scheduled teachers, so the coordinator's job essentially is to deal with the logistics of opening and closing the venue, arranging for the coffee pot and projectors to be set up, etc. It was emphasized that Training Coordinator does not have to teach classes. Robert will email all the current scheduling and information to Dayna and Dave.

Chisholm Trail, Cleburne - Maryann reported that she and Dagmar Higgins had worked at the Chisholm Trail Nature Trail pulling invasive plants. Seed balls have been donated, and some grants would be applied for. She also requested that a budget item be included for the Comanche Peak Trail. It was reported by Jim that under \$500 can be approved by BOD vote. She suggested that we start by identifying and labeling plants. Billy Teels agreed.

NEW OFFICERS

Dave related the process by which new officers would be voted in. He said that if there are no new candidates nominated from the floor, then the slate as the nominating committee suggested could be elected by acclamation. Ballots and pencils are available if there are additional nominations, "so we can do this by the book."

New officer-elect candidates in attendance were encouraged to use their predecessors for any help or to answer any questions they may have about their duties.

Election will take place at the end of the regular business meeting.

No further subjects came up for discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Taylor, RBMN Secretary