

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter

Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

February 13, 2013

Attendance: David Moore, Joe Langdon, Billy Teels, Wendy Moore, Wanda Riley, Kenneth Coy, Robert Theimer, Jim Crocker

The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM.

Budget

Jim Crocker submitted a budget for the 2013 year. The line for expenses -donations was deleted since supporting other organizations financially is not the business of Master Naturalists. The amount of surplus was deemed acceptable to support the likelihood of needing a new computer and covering the costs of broken equipment. The budget was approved.

Recruitment

Billy Teels feels the new and existing activities and field trips will eventually pay off for recruiting new students. It was noted that the group can make sure that our brochures are handed out at any activities or outreach opportunities.

Training

There will be an orientation class for the new training class in the near future, but the bulk of the classes will begin in August. Most of that schedule has been worked out. It was discussed that we can run a news release before the start of classes. Robert Theimer said he will continue to look for advanced training opportunities.

Background Checks

The cost of the background checks will be included for the future students in the cost of their class. We will continue to pay for renewal costs. The current ones are good through 2014.

Membership

Wanda Riley passed around a sheet with the coding for proper recording of volunteer hours. After a discussion, a few were combined or added. Using these codes will help the chapter in categorizing where volunteer hours occur and in submitting the state reports. The importance of timely reporting was discussed and it was decided that the president will cover this subject in the new training classes and also make a reminder to the membership. If hours are not turned in by a deadline of January 10, then those hours will be unable to be counted. To remain a member in good standing, dues must be paid by March 31st. Volunteer hours are only counted for members in good standing, per the state guidelines. This will be reinforced at monthly meetings as appropriate.

Meeting Locations

Bill Diehnelt suggested that the board consider having monthly meetings at a single location. After some discussion it was agreed to continue rotating meetings at the three county locations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.