

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter

Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

February 6, 2014

Attendance

David Moore, Joe and Karen Langdon, Ken Coy, Bill and Linda Diehnelt, Wendy Moore, Wanda Riley and Robert Theimer

The meeting was called to order.

Chapter Funding

Checking account balance approx. \$8,600 at the end of January. An upcoming expense will be the background checks. The dues are covering expenses. The audit will be conducted at the next opportunity.

Fun Run

The Acton Nature Center Fun Run has been supported in the past by the Rio Brazos chapter MN's. This year there is a new sponsor- Revolver Brewery. There was a discussion that concluded that Master Naturalists cannot be volunteers and have a beer at the same time.

Membership and Recruitment

The new class starts on March 15, 2014 and the next one will be on April 12th. Robert Theimer has reserved the rooms and is lining up the instructors. He asked for members to look for opportunities to hang flyers for the class around town. Jim Crocker and Dave Moore are updating the mailing list on the web.

Advanced Training

Robert Theimer is working on advanced training opportunities. He has also been certified as a Stream Team teacher and to teach the requalification classes that are required yearly.

Background Checks

Dave Moore informed all that background checks are required for all members. He will be updating the spreadsheet with background check information to remind members when they need to renew and Robert Theimer will see that the new students are provided with the forms on their first day of class.

Angler Educators

Jim and Cathy Crocker are certified now to be Angler Educators. A proposal was made by Dave Moore to spend \$260 plus s&h to get them the equipment needed to teach the course. Bill Diehnelt made a motion and Robert Theimer seconded it. Motion passed. It will be added to the approved projects list.

Bird Blind

Hours working on the bird blind will be listed under Acton Nature Ctr./Bird Blind so that those hours can be separately tallied. It was decided to insulate the interior of the blind, install a room ac and use hardy board on the outside. The project will be documented to be shown at the state meeting.

Open Forum

Wanda asked that members make sure to record volunteer hours as shown on the list.

Dave Moore asked why a member who creates an advanced training presentation does not get advanced training credit for themselves. It was decided that they would.

The meeting was adjourned.