

**Rio Brazos Master Naturalists
Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2016
Somervell County Training Center**

Attending officers and board members:

Dayna Inbody	Dave Moore	Scott Taylor
Linda Diehnelt	Robert Theimer	Maryann Mathews

Chapter Funding

Linda Diehnelt provided copies of a proposed budget for 2016 listing projected income and expenses, with a net income of \$85.00. She also gave approximate figures of the bank account for 2015 from \$9000 to \$7000. The change was attributed to anniversary celebration expenses and the purchase of a computer.

Robert Theimer proposed offering an honorarium of \$25 for speakers at monthly meetings and \$35 for those who had to travel extended distances.

Project Committee Openings Filled

Dayna welcomed Maryann Mathews to the board meeting and noted her acceptance of the Chair of the Projects Committee. Henry Bogusch and Chris Paulson will also be on the committee.

Meetings and Events

Dayna said that Feather Fest volunteers are needed and that an events calendar would be kept in the bird blind and possibly in a kiosk near the parking lot of the ANC. Events will continue to be posted on the website.

Maryann asked about the lack of use of the calendar on the website. Dayna said that the calendar was managed by Jim Crocker, not “webmaster” Chris Inbody.

Advanced Training

Opportunities are listed on the website and at the Volunteer Management System (VMS) portal. The Shrike Project is a new one.

State Representative position filled

Maryann asked what the duties of the state representative are. It was explained that the state rep is our liaison with the state organization; and this is a “work in progress,” but basically the state rep serves as an aid to the state organization. Valerie Taber has accepted the position. Duties include: Represent the chapter in state level matters and attend the semi-annual state volunteer representatives’ council meetings. The position is open to suggestions and further development.

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End of Year Reports

Year-end reports have all been submitted to the state organization in a timely manner.

Comanche Peak Trail (CPT) Funding

Discussions are ongoing with Luminant concerning funding for improvements on the CPT. Randy Harding is our current contact. Robert suggested that Mark Clark may be helpful in this, and if the Eagle Scouts are still interested, possibly money can be made available.

VMS (Volunteer Management System) Live as of December 15, 2015

Chapter volunteers are using the system. Current instructions can be viewed on the website. Tutorials are available through the VMS portal.

Change in Chapter Contact Information

The State Trainer for the VMS suggested that we obtain a Post Office Box for ease of communication and to avoid the need for buying new checks at the change of Treasurer's address at 2 year intervals. The idea was rejected by the Board because of the distances involved and the need to choose a central location for the P O Box.

Open Forum

Dayna said all hours have been approved through January 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Taylor, Secretary