

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter

Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting

September 4, 2014

Attendance

David Moore, Joe Langdon, Ken Coy, Bill Diehnelt, Wendy Moore, Wanda Riley, Billy Teels, Jim Crocker and Robert Theimer

The meeting was called to order.

Chapter Funding

Checking account balance approx. \$8,000 at the end of January. There are no major changes needed.

Meetings

The October meeting will be held at the Langdon's ranch. Jim and Cathy Crocker proposed a different meeting place for December. Cleburne State Park invited the chapter to hold its December meeting at the State Park at the Cedar Lodge. There will be no charge for the building use or entry fees. It was decided to accept the invitation and Jim will firm up the arrangements. It was also decided to move the January meeting from Jan 1 to Jan 8 to avoid New Year's holiday conflicts. Meetings in 2015 will follow the same rotation sequence between the 3 counties.

Training

Robert Theimer said the new class will begin in the spring and having monthly training classes has been well received.

State Meeting

Robert and Nancy Theimer will be attending and possibly the Lee's.

Officer Elections

As per the bylaws, a nominating committee chaired by the past president was formed. Robert Theimer and Billy Teels agreed to serve on the committee and Bill Diehnelt chairs.

Membership and recruitment

Robert Theimer had excellent success in attracting 7 new members to CoCoRaHS after getting an article in the local paper. It was agreed that getting articles about the Master Naturalist program into all 3 county papers would be beneficial. Bill Diehnelt will talk to Chris Inbody about getting information onto the website about opportunities for potential Master Naturalists from adjoining counties taking some or all of their training with our chapter.

Background Checks

Wendy Moore said that the majority of members have had their background checks completed but that a small number are still being processed. All have been submitted to the extension office. She is following up on why the process is taking so long.

New Project

A new project with the City of Cleburne is being approved. Henry Bogusch will be the contact to Grace Clanton for this project. It will be logged as "McGregor Park". The kind of help needed will be consulting on their environmental learning center.

Open Forum

None

The meeting was adjourned.