

# **Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter**

## **Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting**

**September 11, 2013**

### **Attendance**

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

The meeting was called to order.

### **Chapter Funding**

Jim Crocker said the balance is up a little because of the training class and a donation to offset the Star Party. It's right on track for the budget.

### **Meetings**

It was decided to reschedule the November meeting to November 14 because of the conflict with the Big Bend Field Trip. Robert Theimer will move the speaker accordingly and check on availability at the Somervell Training Center. A decision was made to continue the same three county rotations for meetings in 2014. The El Tesoro Party location needs to be confirmed.

### **Membership and Recruitment**

The Star Party was a good example of outreach and recruitment. Many new contacts with the public were made.

### **Training**

The training classes are going well. Next year Robert Theimer might reverse the training order to enable the aquatics class to be held in the spring. There are opportunities for advanced training coming up. Gary Hinds is working on an invasive plants program, there is a "Snakes of Texas" seminar Saturday Sept. 14 at 2:00 at Charm Christian Academy and an upcoming Stream Team Class.

### **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.

### **State Meeting**

The Rio Brazos Chapter is a Silver Sponsor. Dave Moore read a thank you note from Michelle Haggerty.

### **Recording Volunteer Hours**

It was decided that our chapter does not have a problem with recording travel hours for service projects and we will not limit the travel time hours for those attending the state meeting. There is no need to establish a policy now.

**Website and server host**

Jim Crocker is happy with both. For the photo contest, Mike Balderas will look into it from his end.

**Open Forum**

Dave Moore reported that Scott Carpenter from the Acton Middle School said there are three areas they are working on now for the Outdoor Learning Center: a woodlands area, a grasslands area and a wetlands area. He has plans for a 4-5 acre pond to separate the woodlands and grasslands area. He has a lot of volunteers but wants to meet with some Master Naturalists for technical assistance. Dave Moore will get a group organized to meet with him.

The meeting was adjourned.