

# **Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting**

**April 4, 2013 – McGregor House, Cleburne**

**Program:** Billy Teels presented “A Master Naturalist Visits Costa Rica.

**Recognition of Guests:** The AmericaCorp group of students from El Tesoro were introduced.

**Old Business:** The minutes from March were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The treasurer’s report was read and accepted.

**Discussion:** It was voted on to skip the July meeting since it fell on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Training Committee Report:** Robert Theimer.

- There will be an invasive insects workshop on June 22, 2013.
- Robert passed around the proposed training schedule. The first class is May 18<sup>th</sup> with one class each in June, July and August and the rest on every Saturday in September and after until completed.

**Outreach Committee Report:** Billy Teels.

- Billy said that the field trips to Cleburne State Park, Dinosaur State Park and the Photography Walk went well and were well attended.
- There will be a Wildflower walk at Acton Nature Center on April 13<sup>th</sup>
- There will be a first Saturday Bird Walk at Acton Nature Center on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fun Run at Acton Nature Center is on June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The field trip for May is still under consideration.
- There are outreach opportunities at The Burleson Summer Camp in June for about 10 weeks. They are looking for help from Master Naturalists for the day camps.
- Beth Martin of the Montessori Academy is looking for help with the 3-5 year old group at Acton Nature Center on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Bonnie Colvin has volunteered and could use another person or two.

- The Burleson campout is on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Master Naturalists will meet at 4:00 and stay until dark. They will man the booth and help with nature walks, fossil hunting, geocaching, and catching things from the stream to identify.
- Malea Balmuth has the duck for the Duck Derby.
- Homeschoolers: Malea Balmuth was not present

**Volunteer Committee Report:** Ken Coy

- There were no new submissions for projects.
- There will be a work day at Acton Nature Center on April 20<sup>th</sup>. The trail surfaces are in good shape but need pruning.

**Membership:** Wanda Riley

- Reminder to pay dues and submit hours.

**Newsletter:** Billy Teels.

- The newsletter comes out in May, please submit articles.

**Website:** Jim Crocker.

- Jim said there are lots of new things on the website including Billy Teel's Costa Rica pictures, photos from the Photo Walk, and pictures from the field trip to Cleburne State Park.

**El Tesoro**

- There is a new building and a new equestrian center. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 1<sup>st</sup> and the Master Naturalists are invited. See details on the website.

The next meeting will be at Somerville Training Center on May 2, 2013.