

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

Apr. 3, 2014 – McGregor House

Program: Greg Story, regional coordinator talked about the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network- aka CoCoRaHS which is an approved project.

Recognition of Guests: Paul and Charlie Grindstaff, Sara Gornett and Jim Patak were visiting from the Ellis County Master Naturalist Group.

Old Business:

The minutes from March were approved.

The Treasurers report was read and accepted.

Training Committee Report:

- Robert Theimer said the training is going well.

Outreach Committee Report: Billy Teels.

- The ANC field trip from the public schools in Granbury and Acton went very well and there was a really nice write up with pictures in the Hood County News.
- There was a great bird walk in Dinosaur Valley State Park. Only 6 people showed up but they got great sightings and pictures of the Golden-cheeked Warblers which was the focus of the walk.
- There will be a Wildflower Walk at the ANC on April 19th.
- There will be a 7:00am bird walk at the ANC on April 5th.
- The Fun Run is on April 26th.
- The field trip to Rockport will be May 5-9 and Billy will send out the agenda in late April.
- There will be another school field trip to the ANC on April 18th with 100 students.
- The Burleson camping and fishing event has changed their hours to daytime but there will still be an insect discovery and scorpion walk at night given by Robert Theimer.

Volunteer Committee Report:

- Bill Diehnelt explained to the group that we are building a water feature and have dug the hole, placed the liner and 2 tons of rock so far. The project is being photographed with time lapse pictures to present at the state meeting.

Membership: Wanda Riley said she will be gone for a month but will have her computer so we can continue to submit our hours as usual.

Newsletter: The next newsletter comes out in late May or early June.

Website: Chris Inbody is working on web maintenance issues and updates.

Notices:

- A trip to Caddo Lake will be June 12-14.
- The Big Bend trip will be Nov. 9-16.
- The next meeting will be at the McGregor House in Cleburne on April 3, 2014.
- The State Convention is at Mo Ranch Oct. 24-26.
- Robert Theimer presented the Bullards with their recertification pins.
- The meeting was adjourned.