

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

Jan 2, 2014 – McGregor House, Cleburne

Program: “Big Bend National Park Trip” given by members of the chapter

Wendy Moore	human habitation and park herstory
Billy Teels	ecosystem and plants
Bill Diehnelt	camping and accommodations in the park
Chris Inbody	park trails
Jake Balmuth	scorpion walk
Robert Theimer	insects and geology (and first Theimer experience)

Recognition of Guests: Guests were recognized.

Old Business:

- The minutes from November were approved.
- The Treasurers report was read and accepted.
- Awards for service hours were given to those members who had not yet received theirs.

Training Committee Report: Robert Theimer had no report

Outreach Committee Report: Billy Teels.

- The first Sat. bird walk will be held Jan. 4th at the ANC at 7:00 for listening for owls and 7:30 regular start.
- The Crocker’s reported that they had 67 people and 7 dogs and 1 wolf blend for their “First Day” hike at Cleburne State Park.
- The field trip schedule through May will be posted on the website.

Volunteer Committee Report: Ken Coy said that it is too cold for a workday.

Membership: Wanda Riley had no report

Newsletter: Billy Teels said to please have articles for the newsletter to him by Jan. 20th.

Website: Jim Crocker said the website is running smoothly and will be transitioning to Chris Inbody next month. He also asked to have dues turned into him.

Notices:

- Maryann Mathews said that the first outing with “The Outdoor Woman” went well with 16 ladies participating and geocaching.
- It was suggested that everyone make their reservations for the November Big Bend Trip.

The next meeting will be at Somervell Training Center on Feb. 6, 2014.