

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

June 6, 2013 – Acton Library

Program: Sonja Swiger, PhD presented “Flies and Forensics”.

Recognition of Guests: Guests were introduced.

Old Business: The minutes from May were approved. A card for thanking the homeschoolers for participating in the Duck Derby was passed around for signing.

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

Training Committee Report: Robert Theimer

- The next session of the new class will be classes on Ornithology, Taxonomy and Botany.
- There will be an invasive insects and plants workshop on June 22, 2013. Becky Strickland from the state will talk about invasive plants and insects.
- Rhett Johnson will talk about grasses and restoration of burned fields for the class on Oct. 17th.

Outreach Committee Report: Billy Teels.

- Billy said there was a Black-capped Vireo seen on the 1st Saturday bird walk.
- Chris and Sarah Paulsen got some Great-horned Owl scat for the touch table.
- No date set yet for Nature Walks for seining at El Tesoro.
- There will be a bird walk at Dinosaur Valley State Park on July 13th led by Billy Teels. It will start at 7:00am at the Cedar Brakes trailhead.
- Homeschoolers: Malea Balmuth was not present.
- There are Summer Fun Camp opportunities to volunteer in Burleson.
- There are lots of summer volunteer opportunities at El Tesoro.

Volunteer Committee Report: Ken Coy

- There were no new submissions for projects.

- The Fun Run volunteer times will be between 6:30 and 10:30. Half of the proceeds from the Fun Run will go to the storm victims.
- The trails at ANC look good for the Fun Run.
- The butterfly garden looks beautiful.

Membership: Wanda Riley

- New people need to sign in.

Newsletter: Billy Teels not in attendance.

Website: Jim Crocker.

- Jim said the calendar server was getting very slow so he changed it and it's much better. He could use more content for the website.

Reminder that the July meeting has been cancelled due to conflict with the July 4 holiday.

Carrie said there will be a Bumblebee workshop, info on list server.

Those going to Haggerman will meet at the visitors center at 8:00am on Sunday.

The next meeting will be at the Somervell Training Center on Aug. 1, 2013.