

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

June 5, 2014 – Opal Durant Library

Program: Randy Harding Solar Power Talk

Old Business:

The minutes from May were approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Training Committee Report:

- Robert Theimer said the training is now in modular units so new students can join while the class is in progress. The classes are going well and everyone is enthusiastic.

Outreach Committee Report: Billy Teels.

- There will be a First Saturday Bird Walk at 6:30 June 7th at the ANC.
- The Gulf Coast Bird trip had 18 people. Three out of four days had birding excursions and was a huge success. Wendy Moore read a poem about the outing.
- The school field trip on May 23rd had 121 kids. Thanks to all the volunteers, it went really well. Two sets of thank you notes from the previous two field trips were passed around.
- The Star Party will be held on August 2nd with a rain date of August 22nd. The event will need more volunteers. Help will be needed with guides, parking lot help and the Master Naturalist booth. Steve Tuttle will make the presentation and Dr. Hibbs will try to make a connection with Tarleton and the observatory.
- The Monarchs event is scheduled for October 10th and 11th. There will be further information on the website.
- The Burleson camp is coming up on August 4th and needs volunteers.

Volunteer Services Report: Ken Coy

- Ken Coy said next Tuesday on June 10th we will need 2-3 volunteers with weed eaters to work at ANC and work will also be done on the water feature. Work will begin at 8:00am.
- A professional company will put in the concrete foundation for the bird blind and also install the windows. Volunteers can do the framing if enough volunteers.

Membership: Wanda Riley

- Wanda said to make sure and sign in on the sign in sheet. She also said when turning in hours for the rock feature to put them in under the bird blind.

- The State is trying to standardize volunteer hours. They are working on a software program to collect and record hours. Hours are so important because they are used as in kind services provided to help get grant monies. Wanda also need hours turned in every month to submit quarterly reports.

The next meeting will be held at the McGregor House in Cleburne on July 3, 2014.