

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

March 7, 2013 – Acton Library

Program: Chris Inbody and Wendy Moore presented Photography 101.

Recognition of Guests

Old Business: The minutes from February were approved.

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

2012 Service Awards: No one who had not received theirs was present.

BOD Meeting: The BOD meeting was held on February 13, 2013. The importance of recording hours was discussed. An approved list of opportunities for volunteer hours was presented. A discussion was had on the importance of carrying and passing out the trifold brochures telling about the chapter. A budget was presented and approved.

Training Committee Report: Robert Theimer was not present.

- Gary Hinds said the Monarch Larval Project will no longer be on March 15, 2013 and may be rescheduled for the Saturday before the work day in May.
- There will be an invasive insects workshop on June 22, 2013.
- Training classes begin in August with an orientation class in May.

Outreach Committee Report: Billy Teels was not present

- Dave Moore said the First Saturday Bird Walk went well.
- There will be a Photography Walk given by Chris and Dana Inbody on March 23, 2013 at ANC at 7:00am.
- There will be a Nature Walk given by Billy Teels at Cleburne State Park on March 15, 2013.
- Dave Moore said the Great Backyard Bird Count and presentation on warblers given by Billy Teels went well.
- **Homeschoolers:** Malea Balmuth

Malea reported that the children were working on projects that give back to the Acton Nature Center. Billy Teels had presented a program for them on Wood Ducks which was followed by class led by Joe and Kelly Langdon and Dave and Wendy Moore where the children learned about hands only woodworking tools and proceeded to build two Wood Duck nesting boxes that will be put up at the Nature Center. They are continuing with making a map for the Tree Trail which will be put in the kiosk located by the bridge and will also be making signs for the center trails. Then they will be constructing two Screech Owl boxes. Malea thanked everyone for their continued help with the children.

- **Burleson Park:** Maryann Mathews

The family campout plans are continuing with the addition of fossil hunts, the Master Naturalist booth, butterfly information and geo-caching.

- **Cleburne State Park:** Jim Crocker

- Jim Crocker will be giving a presentation on the CCC on March 9, 2013 at the park store at 6:30.
- Jim and Cathy Crocker will be conducting nature hikes in the afternoon.
- They will be giving a nature hike following Billy Teels bird walk on March 15, 2013.

- **AmeriCorp at El Tesoro:** Dave Moore

The training of the AmeriCorp volunteers has now completed. They have received lots of help from the Master Naturalists. They will be getting a second group.

- **Ducky Derby:** Malea Balmuth

- Billy Teels gave the project to the homeschool children.
- Dave Moore asked everyone to consider whether the chapter should pay \$50 to have the booth present at the Ducky Derby.

- **Other Dates:**

- There will be a workday at ANC on March 16, 2013.
- The Fun Run is at ANC on June 8, 2013.

Membership: Wanda Riley

- Wanda gave almost everyone a gold star for turning in their February hours on time.
- She reminded everyone to do the same in March and would appreciate those hours being turned in at the earliest time possible for the quarterly reporting.

Newsletter: no update

Website: Jim Crocker said to send more pictures.