

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting

May 2, 2013 – Somervell Training Center, Glen Rose

Program: Jim Crocker and Jeff Titus presented their program on the CCC.

Recognition of Guests: Guests were introduced.

Old Business: The minutes from April were approved.

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

Training Committee Report: Robert Theimer

- The new training classes will meet once a month in May, June, July and August and then in mid-September will continue on every Saturday. There are 7 people interested and 2 have paid already.
- There will be an invasive insects workshop on June 22, 2013. Becky Strickland from the state will talk about invasive plants and insects.

Outreach Committee Report: Billy Teels.

- Billy said that the field trips to Cleburne State Park, Dinosaur State Park and the Photography Walk went well and were well attended.
- There will be a Wildflower Walk at Acton Nature Center on May 11th at 8:00am.
- There will be a first Saturday Bird Walk at Acton Nature Center on May 4th at 7:00 am.
- The Fun Run at Acton Nature Center is on June 8th.
- There will be a trip to Haggeman Wildlife Refuge on June 8th and June 9th. Contact Dayna Inbody for more details.
- The Burleson campout was very successful with 73 people either coming to the booth or going on the hikes.
- There are outreach opportunities at The Burleson Summer Camp this summer for about 10 weeks starting in June. They are looking for help from Master

Naturalists for the day camps. The classes will be in 45 minute segments. Contact Maryann Mathews for more information.

- No update for the Duck Derby.
- Homeschoolers: Malea Balmuth was not present

Volunteer Committee Report: Ken Coy

- There were no new submissions for projects.
- There will be a work day at Acton Nature Center on May 18th. The trail surfaces are in good shape but need pruning and there will be mowing, trimming, weedeating and window replacements in the house. Dave Moore will send a reminder to the AmeriCorp group to see if they would like to volunteer. There was a remarkable turnout of volunteers in the butterfly garden for the last workday.

Membership: Wanda Riley

- Nothing new.

Newsletter: Billy Teels.

- The newsletter comes out in May, please submit articles.

Website: Jim Crocker.

No major changes have been made. Jim appreciates all that is sent in. Gregg Lee made a suggestion for a new feature and was encouraged to submit it.

Fossil Rim

Carol Lee said there are baby emus in the Children's Animal Center. Robert Theimer said that Sara will be leading her first tour on May 3rd.

Joe Langdon asked if Hydroponics might make an interesting program and to let him know.

The next meeting will be at the Acton Library on June 6, 2013.