

Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting
Minutes
May 7, 2015 Cleburne State Park

Guests

Zach A. Davis, Somervell County Extension Agent, Texas AgriLife Extension Service

Business

April minutes are posted on the website. No corrections noted.

Treasurer's report was presented by Bill Diehnelt in Linda's absence.

Beginning balance = \$9955.54 Ending balance = \$ 9938.13

Honorary membership for Kelly Langdon was discussed. MN Board previously approved. Motion was made, and favorable discussion took place. No vote was taken.

Committee Reports

Training: Robert reported classes are going well

Outreach: Billy Teel noted 1st Saturday Bird Walk will be June 6 at ANC
Wildflower walk was well received with 32 people in attendance.

Karen Langdon reported Nature Run was quite successful. 530 participated with \$14,000 raised for the ANC.

Gail Bradshaw said ANC field trip for 1st graders was successful with good feedback from teachers. Specifically, Ms. Kroger and Ms. Lund commented that they were very grateful. There was discussion of the inclusion of a visually impaired child into the games being directed by the Home School kids. Volunteers were still needed for the rescheduled 3rd grade fieldtrip on May 11.

Dayna said the Reptile Fest was a big success with 100-125 attending. The relaxing boa was a big draw. Mark and Mike said the program will develop, and they asked for suggestions and criticism to help with growing the program.

Maryann Mathews reported that the Burleson Family Campout was successful. Bat houses and bird feeders were built. Robert conducted a reptile walk.

Mary Ann also said Comanche Peak Trail promotion will begin in fall. Geo Caches have been placed, and native art program will be offered.

Dayna commented that the Cypress Basin MN Chapter Star Party will take place and Caddo Lake camping will precede it. All are invited. May 15

Outreach (Continued): Friends of Cleburne State Park has been chartered. Robert Theimer is President. There was a beach cleanup last Saturday (May 2) and a clean up again on 3rd Saturday with Dutch Oven group lunch. This is last Dutch Oven group meeting until the Fall.

Volunteer Services: Ken Coy reports that Chris Paulson is new on the committee.

Newsletter Committee: Billy Teels said **deadline for newsletter contributions has been extended to June 1 from previous date of May 20.**

Program: Speaker was Steve Chamblee, Chief Horticulturist for Chandor Gardens in Weatherford. Steve provided the program "Monarchs to Mexico" or the Spanish title, "Mariposas sin Fronteras" [Butterflies without borders]. He described his trip along the Monarch migration route into Mexico and his interactions with elementary school staff, students, and parents. Steve designed and assisted in construction of a garden while there. Many photographs, both humorous and educational, were provided.

Upcoming Events

May 13	Friends of ANC Meeting at 6 PM
May 15	Caddo Lake Trip
May 19	Star Party presentation for Cypress Basin MN Chapter
June 1	MN's all turn in their hours on time, shocking Wanda Riley's sox off!
June 4	10 Year Anniversary of the RBMN chapter at Langdon's Ranch
June 6	1 st Saturday Bird Walk at ANC, 7 AM
June 27	Ham Radio Club public event at ANC

Announcements

- Be sure to turn in hours in a timely manner to Wanda Riley
- Carol and Gary Gisler will be moving away soon to Santa Fe, NM
- Mid-June is the deadline for contributions to the gift basket for Barron Rector, guest and speaker for July 2 meeting.
- Monarch Event scheduled for Friday, Oct. 16 for schools and Saturday, Oct. 17 for the public. Contact & planning has begun with Acton Elementary School for 2nd grade participation.