



## **Rio Brazos Master Naturalist Chapter Meeting Minutes**

**May 5, 2016**

### **Camp El Tesoro, Acton**

**After having a good meal of covered dish delicacies, our program was begun.**

Program: Tanner Rhone, Camp Director, presented information on the history of the camp and the current upgrades and changes. He presented a video tour of the camp and explained how we can plug in and get involved in the programs as volunteers.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended and posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Balance = \$9519.15. Ending Balance = \$9614.28, all bills were paid.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Training;** Robert Theimer reported that the classes are ongoing and that there will be two classes in May to catch up on the subjects.

**Outreach;** The first Saturday bird walks are going well, the next one is Saturday 5-7-16. The wildflower walk went well with 19 in attendance.

The newsletter is published and on the web site. Thanks to all that contributed.

The annual Reptile Day will be Saturday 5-7-16 at the ANC. If you can stay and help set up after the bird walk that would be appreciated.

**Friends of Cleburne State Park;** The Bio Blitz was done on April 30 and Rebecca will report on the findings at the July 7 RBMN meeting. Several events are scheduled in May and June, see the Facebook page for details.

The next big public event is the "Swoon to the Moon in June" scheduled for June 18 starting at 5 or 6 PM, stay tuned for details.

**Homeschoolers Group;** The programs and outings are ongoing,

**Education;** We received a thank you card from the third graders, some of the notes were precious. We are getting more requests for the Acton and Granbury schools, so we need more volunteers for these events.

We received a thank you from the Comanche Schools for our support.

**Public Events;**

The Baily Lake camp out was attended by 35 families and was well appreciated. Thanks to all the members that supported this event. There will also be an event in the Fall.

The ANC Nature Run was attended by 497 runners and raised about \$10,000.00 for the Nature Center support. This event was well supported by our Chapter, thanks to all involved.

The Prairie Rose Chapter Earth Day event in Glen Rose was successful and several of our members helped.

The Shrike Project is still collecting data; Tessa will give a report when the final data is collected.

**Reptile Day at ANC;** Mark Pyle gave an overview of the event and solicited volunteers to help set up, help with the displays, and help clean up.

**The BRIT Mushroom Training** is Saturday May 7, 8 am to Noon. Valarie is planning to go, see her for details if interested.

**The Master Entomology Training** is scheduled for September 26 to 29, in San Antonio. See the State MN web site for details.

**ANC Work Day;** Dave Moore is scheduling the work days and putting them on the RBMN Web site calendar.

**Membership Committee;** the VMS system is working well and our latest class students are being set up.

Dayna discussed the proposed Master Naturalist license plate proposal. The State will design the plate and use a dragon fly on the plate. The State needs a commitment from the chapters to fund the initial phase. Our Chapter would pay \$175.00 to support that effort.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the funding, and the motion was approved.

**Website Committee;** The calendar is now operational and your event can be noted, see Chris Inbody for details.

**Reminder that the next meeting is at Cleburne State Park at the Dining Hall. The Chapter is providing hot dogs so bring a side dish or desert to share. June 2, 2016.**

There was no additional new business presented

Reminder to look at the RBMN Web site for information on events and volunteer if you can.

Meeting adjourned by consensus.

Respectively submitted by Robert Theimer for Scott Taylor.