**CYPRESS BASIN TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 19, 2015**

**ATTENDING:**  25 members - Pat and ViAnn Sawyer, Sue Simmons, Linda Richtsmeier,

Ted and Stella Barrow, Charles Gillis, David Skinner, Phyllis Wilson, Nancy Rheay,

Betty Morgan, Becky Gullette, Kristi Thomas, Vanessa Neace, Susan and Steve Sedberry, Tom

Walker, Kay Watson, Jill Wright, Pamela Andrews, Darrell Hudson, Pam Watts, Barbara Judkins,

Michael Matthews, Karen Williams, and guests Wendy and Dave Moore, Chris and Dayna

Inbody, and Libby Horton.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Stella Barrow.

**WELCOME:**  Stella welcomed 2015 members in attendance Susan and Steve Sedberry, Jill

Wright, Nancy Rheay, Michael Matthews, and Pam Watts. Also welcomed were TMN Rio Brazos

members and guests Wendy and Dave Moore, and Dana and Chris Inbody, and Libby Horton of

Collins Academy.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**: Sue motioned, Linda seconded motion to approve the minutes as issued; member vote via email later approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Karen reported balance of $4,182.00, and with funds from regatta of

$2,868.85 total is $7,047.85. Sue motioned to approve, Linda seconded, and member vote via

email later approved.

**ADVANCED TRAINING:** Dayna Inbody, President of Rio Brazos Chapter of TMN, gave a very

Informative and enlightening presentation on how their chapter has organized and grown an

annual star-gazing party as their group project. Dayna shared pointers and tips that they have

learned as they are approaching the fourth year of this event, answered questions, and displayed

items and photos and a lot of good information for the group.

**PADDLEFISH FESTIVAL: (VO)** Libby Horton of Collins Academy reiterated the fact that

volunteer opportunities are coming up for the Paddlefish Festival 5/20-5/22, detailed events of

each day, and passed sign up sheets around for upcoming events and later opportunities.

**GENERAL ITEMS**

**OLD BUSINESS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES**

**REFUGE TRAIL MAINTENANCE: (VO)** Charles advised that with all the rain trails are still soggy,

so it may be a while before access is possible.

**MARSHALL ELEMENTARY:** Stella praised Betty, Nancy, Sandra, Gary, Deanne, Jerry, Carl,

Charles, Jill, Betty, Ted, Barbara, and Vanessa for making this recent VO such a success, and

acknowledged that this was in large part due to Betty’s superb organization beforehand!

**HISTORIC SITE FREE DAY:** Another successful VO was acknowledged by Stella, thanks to

Barbara, Susan, Steve, Linda, Karen, and Pam!

**KAYAK RAFFLE:** It was decided that the kayak will be set up and remaining tickets sold 5/22 at

the Paddlefish Festival, with drawing to be held and kayak given away at end of the day.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WORK DAY 6/20: (VO)** Next volunteer workday is set for 6/20. Vanessa reported that student

intern Hunter Hanley has arrived and is living in the classroom, so it will be important to make

sure to communicate schedules; Vanessa has his phone number. Becky is to email with details

of what will be available to work on.

**PADDLEFISH FESTIVAL: (VO)** Discussed and made sure everyone who is volunteering has

signed up.

**CHICKEN TURTLE TRACKING: (VO)** Vanessa went over opportunities; one with Laura Speight

Is chicken turtle tracking, another is on native grasses, and there will be an urban dove survey in

Longview. Details will follow.

**ADJOURNMENT:**  with .5 hrs. volunteer time and 1.0 hour advanced training, plus

travel. Social hour with the Rio Brazos guests at Auntie Skinner’s to follow.

**VO = Volunteer Opportunity**

Submitted by Kristi Thomas, Secretary