ECRMN Board Meeting

Agenda

May 7, 2014

Meeting called to order by President Barbara Cromwell, 2:15 at Milano Community Center.

Members present: Barbara Cromwell, Debbi Harris, Katherine Bedrich, Linda Jo Conn, Dorothy Mayer, Cindy Bolch, Don Travis, and Sandra Dworaczyk

Reports:

Communications: Don Travis – Recent newsletter published; will continue to update website.

AT/Volunteer Projects: Kathy Lester – no report

Historian: Debbi Harris – continue sending in photos, articles, etc.

Host: Sherry Colley/Jeannette Patschke – no report

Membership: Dorothy Mayer

 Updated Member list - new list of Chapter members will be sent out to membership.

 Quarterly report: 1917 volunteer hrs. reported from 39 members;

 378 advanced training hrs. reported from 36 members

New Business:

 On June 3rd there will be a meeting to revisit the organization of the Chapter. President Cromwell will contact Chairs about this meeting.

 Katherine

 Ag in Classroom –Chapter members will conduct the water station, and wildlife station.

 Weekly reports – continue to send out weekly events to Chapter members and friends.

 iTigers / - Rockdale Afterschool Program – John Pruett is leader of this program. Subject of program is importance of water. Meeting at Rockdale Elementary School – 4:00-5:30pm; May 28th, June 25th.

 Barb

 Insurance/Liability Waivers – discussion on a note from neighboring chapter. Need to make sure release forms are carefully read before signing.

 Replacing Secretary – Nancy Adcock will be the new secretary.

 Nature Fest

 Cindy – Financial Report – report will be sent out as soon as advertising expenses are complete.

 Don – Survey – notes from the Nature Festival survey were compiled by Don and presented.

Possibility of taking a year off and re-evaluating the structure of the Festival. Discussion on possible programs with the schools; and having booths at county wide events. Will continue to ask for input from Chapter members.

 A motion was made by Cindy Bolch and seconded by Katherine Bedrich to use the Nature Festival supplies at other functions. Motion carried. The Nature Festival supplies will be inventoried on May 22nd. The Treasurer will have the list of supplies available for Chapter use.

 Debbi Harris

 Tree Planting at Fair Park –Minnie Pesl is taking care of free trees from Alcoa; with plans to plant trees next year at Rockdale Fair Park

 Milkweed – plants are on the way. We received a grant for one flat of milkweed, it will arrive in the fall. Donations are for the Milano Junction Memorial Garden.

 Azalea clay pots are also available.

Sandra Dworaczyk – Vice-President -asked for suggestions for Chapter programs:

 On the list are: May –Green Fire movie; June –Don Travis will have presentation on using the website; July – Linda Jo Conn will have presentation on iNaturalist; August –Jay White; flint collection.

Anyone interested in giving a program or know of someone, contact Sandra D. Also, if you want to host a meeting, contact Sandra.

Linda Jo Conn announced she met the new Lee & Fayette County TPWD Wildlife Biologist –Laura Sherrod.

Don mentioned a website – Fundana Bandanas; bandanas available for nature activities.

Dorothy is considering having a new class starting January 2015. If you know of anyone interested in becoming a Master Naturalist, contact Dorothy.

Motion to adjourn by Dorothy Mayer, seconded by Cindy Bolch; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Katherine Bedrich