

Meeting of the Texas Master Naturalist (Proposed) El Camino Real Chapter

Pre Planning Committee

Saturday August 18, 2007

At the Lucy Patterson Memorial Library in Rockdale

Attending:

- Mike Mitchell, Milam County Game Warden
- Ann Collins, Brazos Valley Member
- Mary and Jim Waldson, Brazos Valley Member
- Lucile Estell, Milam County Historical Commission
- Nancy & Jeff Soechting
- Lynda Lewis, Little River Basin Master Gardeners
- Katherine Bedrich, Little River Basin Master Gardeners
- Paul Unger, Little River Basin Master Gardeners

The Phase I Petition needs Extension Agent Letter and a signed volunteer form of Lynda Lewis. These two will be collected this week and sent in by Mike for approval by the State Advisory Committee of the Texas Master Naturalist Program.

Bat Conservation International and Little River Basin Master Gardeners were added to the partnership list.

Approval of Phase I Petition by all.

Phase II Tasks:

- a. The next meeting for the Local Chapter Coordinators training will be March 2008 in Johnson City. Mike Mitchell has expressed interest.
- b. Winter 2008 training agenda was worked out by group. Dates, topics, locations and speakers were suggested and charted. Speakers will be contacted by Mike and others.
- c. Possible local volunteer opportunities were discussed.

The media release will be distributed by Mike.

Discussion on cost of program and number of students per class. Suggested program cost \$150.00 and a limit of first 25 students with paid registration.

Two general interest meetings, with power point presentations, are planned.

Background information, application and volunteer form to be part of meeting.

Mike purchased a P.O. Box 790, Cameron TX 76520-0790 for one year at the Cameron Post Office.

Lucile Estell invited all of us to the El Camino Real de los Tejas meeting on September 20th in Rockdale.

Next local planning committee meeting will be Saturday, Sept 8th; 6 - 8pm at the Volunteer Fire Department in Milano TX.

Submitted by:

Katherine Bedrich