



Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2014 Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

Attendance: Elrey Ash, Olivia Ash, Jim Balthrop, Susan Balthrop, Susan Barba, Jo Anne Bates, Laura Biddle, Dwight Bohlmeier, Amanda Chau, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Elizabeth Crompton, Katharine Cupps, Jackie Girouard, Terry Junek, Melissa Kamerbeek, Rick Laughlin, Sarah Laughlin, Madge Luquette, Charlene Lusk, Charlene Manning, Alberto Manterola, Jane Manterola, Sue McBeth-Welfel, Mark McDermott, Greg Pitts, Barbara Pritchard, Jay Pritchard, Janet Quiram, Amanda Schwede, Steve Simcik, Michael Stecher, Betty Vermeire, Mary Dabney Wilson.

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. Outgoing President – Olivia Ash – Called meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Thanked everyone for support last year. Summary of just events last year, not including junior naturalists, 1108 adult contacts and ~500/600 children in 2013. Also has storage room keys and gave post office box keys to Sarah Laughlin.
- B. Members vote in the 2014 BVTMN new officers (#1-4): Jim Balthrop and Nominating Committee announced 2014 potential officers below. Floor opened to new nominees. Joyce Conner moved to accept the below slate of officers. Seconded by Amanda Chau. New slate of officers passed unanimously. Floor given to new president Sarah Laughlin.
 - 1. President - Sarah Laughlin - announce choices for 2014 committee chairs
 - 2. Vice President - Bruce Neville -
 - 3. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of Aug and Nov 2013 meeting minutes
 - 4. Treasurer- Amanda Chau –
 - 5. Committees-Sarah Laughlin listed her slate of chairs below...
 - A. Outreach – TBA, Chair –Sarah Laughlin seeking a chair
 - B. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair –
 - C. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –
 - D. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - E. Host/Social – TBA, Chair – Sarah Laughlin seeking a chair
 - F. Historian – Terry Junek, Chair –
 - G. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - H. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
 - I. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, Chair –

- ### **II. Proposed operation handbook changes** (Here are the two changes proposed: Addition: 10. Web Committee a. Provide a seamless and fun web experience and up-to-date information for our TMN group as well as the general public. b. Update and maintain our BV TMN Google Calendars. c. Assist Membership Committee with updating and maintaining our BV TMN Google Group. d. Update and maintain our txmn.org/brazos site. e. Create and maintain training class, committee, outreach, and resources pages on our txmn.org site. Deletion: 7e. Builds and supports a chapter web page from the duties of the Outreach Committee)-Amanda Chau spoke to these and Sarah Laughlin repeated them. JoAnn Bates proposed to pass. Seconded by Jackie Girouard. Motion passed unanimously.

- III. BVTMN membership signs up for committees**-reminded by Sarah Laughlin
- IV. 2014 dues are being collected**-\$15-reminded by Sarah Laughlin, checks and exact cash accepted.
- V. Betty Vermeire-Certification, recertification, and milestones** are usually announced and pins handed out. However, certificates and pins have not arrived to be handed out yet. Alberto Manterola from most recent class received his certificate of completion for last year's (2013) training class.
- Certification for first time**-Katharine Cupps, Melissa Kamberbeek, Sue McBeth-Welfel, Sandy White, Cynthia Stephens, Elrey Ash
- Recertification**-(Betty said to send in 2013 hours) Jim Anding, Kitty Anding, Jo Anne Bates, Dwight Bohlmeier, Madge Luquette, Jackie Girouard, Terry Juneck, Charlene Lusk, Betty Vermeire, Mary Dabney Wilson, Amanda Chau, Molly Harris, Jay Pritchard, Olivia Ash, Bruce Neville, Janet Quiram, Jim Balthrop, Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Sarah Laughlin, Charlene Manning, Greg Pitts
- Milestones-250 hours**-Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Sarah Laughlin
- 500 hours**-Joyce Conner, Jay Pritchard, Mary Dabney Wilson
- Betty has print out of blank forms and list of 2013 volunteer and AT hours so that we can view and send in our hours. She needs signatures on forms.
- VI. Old Business**
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- VII. New Business**
- A. Millican Nature Reserve** forms passed out by Olivia Ash and Sarah Laughlin encouraged our chapter to volunteer. Will discuss at next board meeting. No deadline known. (V approved)
- B.** Sarah Laughlin brought **Texas Homebuilders Expo Feb 22 and 23**-want speaker for 30 minutes to one hour to speak on composting, bird watching, water conservation, etc. Need to know by tomorrow. Good way to reach out to public and get exposure (via handout with BVTMN listed and topic of presentation). Joyce Conner, Olivia Ash and several others volunteered. Laura Biddle also suggested finding out what Master Gardeners are presenting on so that BVTMN doesn't present on the same thing, such as composting.
- C.** RBAS-looking for school contacts to be able to talk to local students about purple martin houses, lessons for students. Will otherwise make cold calls. Contact Rick Laughlin.
- D.** Melissa Kamberbeek-Snack sheet for rest of 2014 monthly meetings passed around.
- E.** Dwight Bohlmeier offered 2014 calendars of Lick Creek Park flowers.

Four door prize drawings-winners were Michael Stecher, Janet Quiram, Greg Pitts and Katharine Cupps

Before adjourning for food, Sarah Laughlin said to review committee sign-up sheets and sign-up, mentioned calendar (Dwight Bohlmeier said to take pictures to send to him in future for next year's calendar.)

Sarah adjourned at 7:20 PM.