



**Texas Master Naturalist Brazos Valley Chapter
Meeting Agenda for November 13, 2014
Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History**

I. Officer and Committee Reports

- A. President - Sarah Laughlin –
- B. Vice President - Bruce Neville –
- C. Secretary- Amanda Schwede - Sign in; approval of October 2014 meeting minutes
- D. Treasurer- Amanda Chau – propose to raise our membership fee to \$25 for a single person and \$40 for a couple
- E. Committees
 - 1. Outreach – Joyce Conner and Cheryl Lewis, Co-Chairs –
 - 2. Membership – Betty Vermeire, Chair – submit your October hours
 - 3. Advanced Training –Joyce Conner, Chair –
 - 4. Volunteer Service Project – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 5. Host/Social – Jim Balthrop, Chair –
 - 6. Historian – TBD, Chair –
 - 7. Web – Mike Conner, Chair –
 - 8. Program – Bruce Neville, Chair –
 - 9. New Member Training – Olivia Ash, Chair –

II. Old Business

- A.
- B.

III. New Business

- A. Volunteer hour discussion-Sarah Laughlin
- B. Dues discussion-Sarah Laughlin
- C. Possible upcoming projects and events: Kyle Field Day, Adopt-a-Greenway, Enchanted Rock field trip and volunteer, L.A.N.D.S. participation-Sarah Laughlin
- D. Reminder: December meeting/Holiday social - food sign up-Sarah Laughlin

IV. Announcements

Upcoming Programs Dates/Calendar Items

- 1. **TMN Fall Meeting Schedule:** (Second Thursdays at 6:30 PM, BVMNH)
November 13
- 2. **Monthly Meeting speakers** (each monthly meeting counts for one hour of AT credit)
Nov 13-*Houston Toads in 2014* with Dr. Michael Forstner
- 3. **Greater Houston: Prairie Month: Oct 8 - Nov 15**
- 4. Texas Pollinator Pow Wow Sat, Nov 15. Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 W Debbie Lane, Mansfield, Texas 76063. Website registration is at <http://txpollinatorpowwow.weebly.com/> (AT approved)

- 5. Urban Riparian Symposium, Feb 11-13, Austin.** We're looking for abstracts to be submitted for presentations. You can find out more at <http://texasriparian.org/urban-riparian-symposium-feb-11-13-2015-austin-tx/>
- 6. Dec 1 Early Bird Special- Children & Nature Network Conference, Apr 7-9,** Hyatt Lost Pines Resort. <http://www.childrenandnature.org/site/conference2015/> (AT approved)
- 7. AT Comm** added list of pre-approved advanced training activities on BVTMN website <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/membership/2013-committees/advanced-training-committee/preapproved-at/>. Can also find this list by going to Advanced Training Committee webpage. Please check it out. May give you some new ideas for advanced training & also help reduce your need to request approval for activities.
- 8. Did this** to reduce amount of email sent out to membership about advanced training & reduce load on next year's AT committee.
Note that any AT opportunity that is NOT on this list, must still be submitted for approval.
- 9. Ongoing activity-** Public educational presentations on TV, radio, or group settings that members give on the Texas Master Naturalist Program, or on the following naturalist topics: Texas native plants; water conservation & fresh water management in Texas; Texas invasive plants; Texas wildlife; Texas wildlife habitat management; & endangered/threatened species in Texas. Members would receive credit for time actually presenting & for work such as preparation and travel, that supports the presentation. (V approved)
- 10. Pre-approved volunteer projects list:** <http://txmn.org/brazos/members-area/volunteer-projects/projects/>. Note that you must report the data to the appropriate website for a collecting activity to count for volunteer time. Collecting and reporting data for iNaturalist is approved for volunteer credit. This includes organizational projects such as the development of a iNaturalist guide to a Texas area. Collecting and reporting eBird data is approved for volunteer credit.